FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, SIXTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 3 February 1992, at 26 Swan Spring Avenue, Edinburgh

Present:

Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, Colin Inverarity, Pakit Hyman, Jane McIntyre, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton

Apologies for absence were received from Eva and Ynske Riemersma.

1 Introduction

Charlie welcomed everyone to the Meeting, but announced the sad news of the untimely death from meningitis of Jim Doig, a former member of the Club.

2 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of 9 December

Apart from the fact that the last Newsletter was Colin's third production (rather than his second), the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

3 Secretary's Report

A letter had been received from Derek Allison, regarding the distribution of funds from Southern Uplands '91. In a telephone call to Graham McFadyen, the Day 5 Organiser, it was agreed that, because of the likely scale of the funds available, it would be quite acceptable to simply divide the sum between the four Clubs involved on the Day (INT, MAROC, STAG, and PO).

Cathy Tilbrook had written, in her capacity as Development Officer for Holyrood Park, asking local Clubs to respond with views on how the Park should be managed, and indicating their interest (if any) in its development. Charlie would contact Cathy to ask if we needed to respond formally to express our interest in the use of the Park for orienteering and, if so, we would write a letter.

ACTION: Charlie

A letter had been received from Fiona Hendrie, asking for Clubs to respond to an SOA Computer Usage survey.

A copy of the final Scotlandsgaloppen results for 1991 had been received. These were passed to Colin, who would extract suitable bits for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Pakit asked that forthcoming fund-raising events for the British Squad be advertised in the next Newsletter.

It was pointed out that the proposed "Fit 'n Funday", to be held to raise money for the Sick Kids appeal, clashed with the Scotlandsgaloppen 2 event at Ballater on 29 March. John promised to ask Derek Allison if he had received any further details about this proposal.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

The bank balance at the time of this Meeting was £1527.27. The proceeds from the SOA Championships Weekend had not yet been allocated, but it was expected that these would be shared between Interløpers and ESOC in a rough proportion of 4 to 3.

Andrew passed over money he had collected at the circuit training evenings.

Last year's Club Weekend at Kingussie had made a profit, but only because no bill had so far been received for the accommodation.

Pakit presented a claim for maps of Calder Wood, the area to be used for the Club's Lothian O-League event on 12 April. The maps were being made available by LINOC at a unit price of 30p.

Jane mentioned that the financial year was due to end on 31 March, and she would like to have money matters tidied up by this date. It was hoped to ask the same person as last year to audit the accounts.

5 Equipment

The only point mentioned was that the Club equipment loaned to EUOC for their LOL at Corstorphine Hill on 10 November 1991 had not yet been returned.

6 Events

Pakit mentioned that a successful British Squad fund-raising event had been held at Mugdock.

6.1 BOF Relays

It seemed that there would be enough members travelling to the British Championships to justify entering 4 Open Teams, and 1 Women's Open Team. There were five other members not so far catered for in these teams. However, Pakit agreed to coordinate entries, and John handed him the entry form.

ACTION: Pakit

6.2 JK Relays

A notice would be placed in the next Newsletter, asking members to contact John if they wanted to run in this event.

6.3 Lothian O-League 1991/92 event 7 - 12 April 1992

The venue for this event had been chosen as Calder Wood. Pakit was to be the Organiser, Andy Kitchen would Plan, and Graham Ackland (in his capacity as a member of JOK) would Control. Maps were available from LINOC, and permission was agreed, subject to there being no conflict between planned control sites and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The car park would be in a new area at the north end of the map, connected by a footpath under the road.

John agreed to let Pakit have information about prospective numbers on each of the courses, based on the Beecraigs event in January 1991. He would also provide a set of Guidelines for the Lothian O-League.

ACTION: John

It was mentioned that extra care should be taken with providing good Yellow and Orange courses for Juniors.

John would inform Robin Strain of the details. It was suggested that a flysheet for the event be prepared for distribution in time for the ESOC event at Penicuik on 1 March.

6.4 Summer Series 1992

David Lane had informed the Club that the suggested dates and venues (6 May at Colinton Dell, and 3 June at Holyrood Park) were acceptable. The only problem was that ESOC were staging the LBOA Championships in Holyrood Park on Sunday 31 May, 3 days before the Summer Series event at the same venue.

Subsequent to this Meeting, it transpired that ESOC had hoped to stage events in the Series on the same dates, but that Interløpers had applied for these dates beforehand. After some negotiation, it was agreed that Interløpers would keep the date of 6 May (while ESOC would accept that of 13 May), while ESOC would take the date of 3 June (at Blackford Hill), and Interløpers would take the following week, 10 June. This had the added advantage of being further away in time from the planned event at the same venue on 31 May.

Organisers would need to be found for these two events, but it was hoped to arrange this at the next Committee Meeting.

6.5 Lothian O-League 1992/93

The LBOA were to circulate Clubs with a suggestion that the Series for 1992/93 be settled earlier than in previous years, so that a coordinated plan could be constructed, involving a follow-up after the 1992 Summer Series.

There followed some discussion on the Club's involvement in the 1992/93 Series, and which event we should try to stage. A suggestion was that we could use Devilla, although it would be more suitable in springtime (because of brambles). Concrete ideas would be solicited in time for the next Committee Meeting.

It was suggested that we ask the LBOA for a date in the Series, trying to avoid September or March; any date chosen would influence when we could stage our proposed alternative event.

It was mentioned that ESOC were seeking to use Archerfield for the 14-man Relay in the early Autumn. If this were successful, it might be possible to use the area again some time in 1993.

7 LBOA

There had been no LBOA Committee Meeting since before our last Meeting, so there was no new business to discuss. The next LBOA Meeting was to be on 19 February.

The date of the Championships had been agreed; they would be held in conjunction with the ESOC badge event at Penicuik on 1 March.

8 Newsletter

It was agreed that a copy deadline for the next issue should be set as soon as possible. Colin mentioned that his other commitments might mean that the appearance of the issue might slip slightly.

Among other things, it was suggested that the next issue should contain a reminder of the SOA Development Conference, to be held in Stirling on 18 February. Also to be included were congratulations on the respective engagements of Lorna Boyd and Colin Eades, and of Lesley McFarland and John Kenworthy; it was expected that Lucy Patterson and Robin Galloway would be getting married sometime towards the end of May.

John suggested that a note should be included about members who had joined the Club recently. It was also agreed that the next issue should be the last for those members who had not paid subscriptions for 1992; John would annotate the address list accordingly, and provide Colin with a copy to be distributed with the Newsletter.

9 Socials

There had been a good attendance at the Christmas party, held at the Riemersmas' house on 19 December. Thanks were offered to Rudolph and Eva. A good time was also had by all who attended the Burns Supper at Lucy and Robin's flat on 24 January.

The skittles alley at the Sheep Heid in Duddingston had been reserved for the evening of Sunday 16 February (the same weekend as the Carnethy hill race). To try to offset the cost (£40) of hiring the alley, attendees would be charged £1.50 per Adult, and 50p per Junior.

A pancake night would be held chez McIntyres on 3 March, after the Meadows session.

Andrew also mentioned a possibility of holding a French evening on 25 March at his flat (3 Heriot Hill Terrace). This suggestion met with general approval.

Andrew asked members to think of future social event possibilities, including the format of the post-AGM meal.

10 Training

Nothing to report.

11 Juniors

Nothing to report.

12 A.O.B.

13 Club members had been registered with the Moray House Sports Injury Clinic. The current subscription lasts until the end of the academic year (June 1992). The next year would be from September 1992 until June 1993. Pat would inform those registered of the method of applying to the clinic for treatment, and of access information.

The World University O Championships were to be held from 27 to 30 July 1992 on Deeside. Graham McIntyre was heavily involved in the organisation, and several other Club members were helping. Public races would be held on the days after the closed championship events. Volunteers to help would be welcome.

It was mentioned that the BOF and SOA were holding a Training Weekend for Juniors and Seniors in conjunction with the Solway badge event at Penninghame on 14-15 March. It might be possible to arrange for accommodation for anyone from the Club wanting to attend the training sessions on the Saturday.

It was also suggested that members would appreciate having some sort of training session held more locally. Pakit and Rob Lee were hoping to arrange some training on good terrain on 23 February, and it was suggested that this appear in the Newsletter. One idea would be to stage a local training day for basics, perhaps in a morning, and see what the response is. For instance, Dechmont Law could be used: maps were available (through LINOC, who could be involved), and a local school could be used for car parking and shelter. A tentative date of Saturday 7 March was suggested. If there were insufficient interest, the date of 4 April could be tried instead. It might be an idea to involve the local schools, as well as George Watson's. It was proposed that Colin Eades be asked to organise this session. Details would be put in the Newsletter, and Charlie's name would appear as a contact.

There was some discussion of the SOA's Computer Usage survey. It was suggested that Graham McIntyre's name be included in the Club's response. Several people mentioned that they used computers for various functions associated with orienteering, including the holding of the Club's address list, the writing of these Minutes, and preparation of the Newsletter, but there was no coordinated activity Club-wide. One suggestion for a package that would be welcomed was a total event registration/control card/results package, such as that used by Roxburgh Reivers.

The Club had been drawn to meet Roxburgh Reivers in the CompassSport Cup at the Tentsmuir LOL on 9 February. There was some discussion of the composition of the team. John agreed to telephone a few key members, and let Charlie know the outcome. Charlie agreed to coordinate entries on the day, by being present at Registration to advise Club members which course to enter.

There was a short discussion on the preparation of an information sheet to be made available to novice Juniors wishing to join the Club. It was pointed out that there must exist suitable material published by BOF. Pat agreed to follow up the suggestion with the Riemersma family.

The next Meeting would be held at 5 Summerhall Place, Edinburgh, on Monday 30 March 1992 at 8 pm.

The Meeting closed at 11.10 pm.