SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, SIXTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 30 March 1992, at 5 Summerhall Place, Edinburgh

Present:

Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, Colin Inverarity, Pakit Hyman, Eva Riemersma, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton

Apologies for absence were received from Ynske Riemersma and Jane McIntyre.

1 Introduction

Charlie welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of 3 February

The Minutes were accepted as a true record, with no amendment.

3 Secretary's Report

Several communications had been received regarding the breakdown in negotiations between BOF and the Forestry Commission. Since the Club had no plans at present for events on FC terrain, there was no action necessary other than to note the points mentioned in the correspondence.

Several papers had been received from the SOA, including Minutes of recent Committee meetings, information about grants available from the Foundation for Sport and The Arts, and a notice of the 1994 World Veterans Championships (to be held in Scotland).

Notice had been received from BOF of the 1992 AGM, further information about the state of play with the Forestry Commission negotiations, and details about National Event applications for 1994.

Charlie had been in touch with Cathy Tilbrook regarding her letter in her capacity as Holyrood Park Project Officer for Historic Scotland. He had drafted a reply, and John agreed to type it up on Club notepaper.

John mentioned that no action had been taken on manning a stand at the "Fit 'n Funday" in the Meadows on 29 March. He had been in touch with the Organisers of the event, and eventually had had to inform them of the clash of date with the Inchmarnoch badge event which a large proportion of Club members would be attending.

Charlie mentioned a few amendments to the address list, and John promised to apply these to the list.

4 Treasurer's Report

Charlie had some bank statements to give to Jane, and there was also some money to be passed over at the next opportunity. The importance now was to finalise the accounts for auditing for the financial year end. It was pointed out that there was still no final settlement of the accounts for the 1991 SOA Championships or for the 1991 6-Day Event.

5 Equipment

The Club equipment loaned to EUOC for their LOL at Corstorphine Hill on 10 November 1991 had now been returned.

Derek Allison had made a general enquiry of Clubs to try to track down some SOA equipment. It was agreed that, to our knowledge, Interløpers had none.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup

The Club had beaten Roxburgh Reivers by 69 points to 57 in the tie held at Tentsmuir on 9 February. For the next round, the Club would face ESOC (who had defeated FVO); the tie had to be completed by 5 July. After a brief scan of the fixture list, it was tentatively suggested that the tie could be held at the Tinto event near Forth on 17 May. Although theoretically ESOC should approach us first, John would be in touch with ESOC's representative, Alan Robertson.

6.2 BOF Relays

It was reported that the Club's first M21 team was placed 4th in the Open event (and that Rob Lee came 4th in the Individual event).

6.3 JK Relays

7 teams were finally entered for this event (3 Open, 1 Women's Open, 1 M45, and 2 Short Open).

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

Pakit reported that planning was well advanced. All control sites would be taped on 1 April, maps were available, and permission had been granted. Tents would be needed for Start and Finish, and boards were required for Master Maps. Pat pointed out that he had stocks of these, among other things. Leaflets about the event had been circulated at Penicuik and Hillend on 1 and 8 March. All help on the day would be appreciated. Pakit would get in touch nearer the event with specific requests for help.

6.5 Summer Series 1992

Some discussion was had on the two events the Club had agreed to stage in the Series, viz. 6 May at Colinton Dell and 10 June at Holyrood. Charlie agreed to approach Scott Balfour to see if he could undertake to organise the first event. There were several offers of help, but it really needed an organiser who was free in the later part of a weekday afternoon. John had received two copies of an Organiser's Handbook from David Lane, and would make these available to those who eventually agreed to take on the events.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1992/93

Some further discussion was had on the preference for a date in this Series, and it was eventually decided to go for January (though there was no great antipathy to any other event in the Series, apart from October or April). The choice of venue was still undecided, although Devilla was again suggested; WFO held stocks of the map, but it was pointed out that it was FC-owned, so that there might be hefty access charges to pay. A form needed to be completed and returned to Robin Strain. and Pat suggested that his name be entered on the form as a Club contact for the event.

6.7 SOA Relays - 25 May 1992

No action needed to be taken yet, except to note that the closing date for entries was 25 April.

7 LBOA

The next meeting was to be held on 8 April. After some discussion, it was agreed to contribute again towards the expenses of running the Junior Squad, and to make the amount £60 this year. John and Charlie would prepare a cheque at the end of this meeting for Pat to take to the next LBOA meeting.

8 Newsletter

Yet another well-received issue had appeared in February. The copy date of the next issue was dictated by the notice required for the AGM, which was 6 weeks in advance.

9 Socials

Andrew had no further plans to report on at present, although there was some discussion on the holding of some form of Treasure Hunt (whether in cars or on bikes). Any new plans would be held over until after the AGM.

10 Juniors

Eva suggested that another cake/confectionery stall be run during the Summer Series, in aid of the LBOA Junior Squad.

11 Training

It was mentioned that, with the advent of lighter evenings, an informal session in Holyrood Park would be held on Wednesdays at 6.15 pm, starting at Colin Eades' flat in East Preston Street.

12 AGM

It was agreed to try to arrange to book the Meeting Room in the Pleasance once again, and the date settled on was Thursday 4 June, from 7 until 9 pm. It was also suggested, to overall agreement, to reserve a table at the Koh-i-Noor restaurant in Nicholson Street for 9 pm on the same evening.

As far as existing Committee members were concerned, Colin, Andrew, Pat, John, Eva, and Ynske were all prepared to stand again for election. Charlie also said he would be prepared to stay on as Chairman, if necessary (!). Given Jane's situation, it was realised that she might want to stand down, and that therefore a new Treasurer might be needed. Pakit suggested that a new face as "M21 representative" might be a good idea. There was also a suggestion that the appointment of a Minutes Secretary might be appropriate.

13 A.O.B.

A note would be put in the next newsletter, regarding a re-order of Club O-suits.

Eva suggested that an information board be prepared, aimed at attracting more Juniors to the Club; it should contain details of the Club and various suitable introductory leaflets. John would look out what leaflets he had which were provided by the SOA and BOF.

The date of the next Meeting would be left for the new Committee to decide, after the A.G.M..

The Meeting closed at 10.50 pm.