THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 9 October 1995, at 22 East Preston Street, Edinburgh

Present: Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy, David Simmons, Charlie Walton

Also present, to comment on financial arrangements for the Club, was Peter Dymoke.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21 August 1995 were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings.

There were no Matters Arising (that would not be discussed later during this Meeting).

2 Secretary's Report

John had discussed with Scott Balfour his claim for expenses in attending the First Aid course as part of his qualification as a BOF Club Coach. It was expected that attendance at such a course would be required every three years to maintain the qualification, and the current claim was for £40 course fee and £5 travel expenses. It was agreed wholeheartedly that Scott's status as a Club Coach was a distinct advantage for the Club, and that therefore his claim should be treated sympathetically. It was decided to provide him with half the course fee.

Various BOF papers had been received. Included with these was a Vacancy notice for the post of BOF Office Manager (with the impending retirement of Hilda Gregson).

The SOA had distributed the annual Statistical Return to clubs, with a request for it to be completed and returned by 31 October.

A flier for the 1996 Welsh 6-Day Event had been received.

The draw for the 1996 CompassSport Cup had also arrived. Interløpers had been drawn against FVO in the second round of the Small Clubs competition, the tie to be completed by 3 March 1996. It was mentioned that ESOC had won the 1995 competition.

A letter had been received from Anthony Squire, asking if the Club would be prepared to offer any further financial support for his continuing representation in BOF teams. This was discussed, and it was agreed to provide a further £50.

John distributed a draft of a letter to the SOA, with the Club's response on the question of 'Club-only' membership for 1996 and beyond. This was discussed, and various amendments suggested. John would prepare another version, incorporating the amendments, and discuss it with Colin E., before sending it to the SOA.

3 Treasurer's Report

Charlie reported that there were three remaining financial items to be resolved for the SOA Relay Championships, viz. the Controller's expenses, the maps, and the cost of building stiles. Currently, the excess

of income over expenditure was £1675.46, but would be lessened considerably once the three bills had been paid. It was agreed that the event accounts be published in the Newsletter.

The situation with the Anagach Scotlandsgaloppen event was that £1354 had been paid in, but that several accounts remained to be settled (including the levies and the Planner's expenses).

Registrations had been made with the Moray House Sports Injuries Clinic, but no invoice had yet been received.

The bill for Woodlands for the Scotlandsgaloppen weekend had also not yet been received, but efforts should be made to settle it promptly.

Peter Dymoke then spoke about the possible reorganisation of the Club's accounts, to its benefit, and some other matters associated with the annual accounts. Firstly, he queried whether map stocks should be shown as assets; it was agreed that they should be, but as a consequence the stocks should be available for inspection by the auditor. As a general rule, it was agreed that assets should be defined as items which were available for sale, in particular to other clubs. Consequently, equipment should be considered not to be an asset. Secondly, Peter suggested that, as a general principle, Debtors and Creditors should be shown on the Balance Sheet, e.g. Club subscriptions paid in one financial year but which pertained to a different year should appear as a Creditor item. Thirdly, the possibility of opening some sort of deposit account should be investigated, since the current account held quite a lot of liquid funds which could be earning interest; as a safeguard, the account should provide the freedom to transfer funds in and out easily.

4 Equipment

The Club had the use of 70 control trestles at the Anagach event, on loan from the 6-Day Event Company. There will eventually be a signed agreement defining the terms of the loan. Pat Squire would be asked if there was room in his attic for them (they were currently with Colin McNeil).

Charlie reported that he had now managed to check over the Club's timing clocks; the Finish clock was OK, while the Start clock, although functioning accurately, had a rather intermittent display. It was suggested that Ken Ovens be consulted to see if this problem could be rectified easily.

5 Mapping

It was still intended to update the map of Colinton Dell and, if possible, to extend it to include the grounds of Merchiston Castle school. John mentioned that he now knew the identity of the TA representative (referred to in the Minutes of the last Meeting); this person (Peter Adams) was in fact a member of WFO. However, it transpired that the TA hall was already on the map in an area shown as built-up, and there would not be any extension to the mapped area. Peter had said, however, that some support might be forthcoming from the TA to produce a revised map.

Charlie mentioned that public access was now allowed to the new Napier University campus at old Craighouse Hospital (adjoining Craiglockhart Sports Centre). It was also mentioned that most development work at the Heriot-Watt campus at Riccarton, which was in progress when the current map of the area was prepared, was now finished; consequently, the area was a good candidate for an updated map. Liaison with WATTOK should be followed up. Some other small areas around the city were mentioned as possibilities for mapping. It was pointed out the Graham McIntyre had a copy of OCAD, so that it might be possible to pursue such mapping projects using this facility.

It was suggested that the Club should try to register an interest in holding an event on one of this year's 6-Days areas, in particular Craigbui, with a view to gaining a foothold in any possible allocation of the copyright of the map of the area.

The subject of Glenearn and Berryknowe was raised once again, with the stumbling block of the multiplicity of landowners in proceeding with any update. John Kenworthy, being a new member of the Committee, was given a summary of the situation; he offered to pursue the question of the current land

ownership on the area. It was suggested that advice on how to proceed might be available from Donald Petrie and Jonathan Musgrave. It was stressed that Steve Terry should be kept informed of any progress with this project. John B. agreed to try to give John K. as much information about the land ownership as he had available.

6 Events

6.1 Strathspey '95

Pat Squire had attended a "post-mortem" meeting after the Anagach badge event on this year's series. A complaint had been made about the number of Club seniors competing on the Club's own Day. It was suggested that the Club's policy on this should be made clear to everyone before any future 6-Day Event, and to allow on-the-day entries if manpower requirements (as determined by the Day Organiser) permitted. It was recognised that the situation would be made easier if all the entries for the Club were not restricted to one 40-minute block of start times, but were, for instance, split evenly between early and late starts.

6.2 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 17 September 1995

This event had taken place as planned, with 334 finishers. The event levies had yet to be paid, but it was expected that the finances would be settled soon. The event would almost certainly make some profit.

6.3 Lothian O-League 1995/96

This event would now take place on 3 December 1995 at Saltoun and Humbie. Ken Daly was the Planner, and David Simmons the Organiser. Ewart Scott of ESOC was the Controller. The event was registered, and would appear in the fixture list in the next issue of 'Score'. A flier would be distributed at LOL 2 at Vogrie on 5 November.

7 LBOA

John reported that nothing further had been heard about any planned Meetings of this Committee. He would contact the Chairman, Alan Robertson.

He had now received Pat Squire's file of LBOA papers.

8 Newsletter

Colin suggested that at least one, maybe two, issues would appear before Christmas. A copy of the latest address list would be included with the next issue, together with details of re-affiliation for 1996.

9 Juniors

An addition to the ranks of younger Club Juniors had been announced, with the safe arrival of the Haleys' second son in September.

10 Socials

A training event had been organised during the Woodlands weekend of 16/17 September.

The Hallowe'en Night would take place at 22 East Preston Street on Tuesday 31 October. Catering and Games organisers would be needed. Everyone was asked to telephone Colin E. to find out what food to bring. Fancy dress would be encouraged, and there would be children's games.

At this stage, it wasn't clear on which night the Riemersmas would have their Christmas party.

Other suggestions for social events were for a laser quest, or a Eurobowl, evening, perhaps during November.

11 A.O.B.

It was suggested that a directory of e-mail addresses be published, now that this form of communication was becoming more widespread. John made a note of the addresses of several of those present.

Rudolph Riemersma had been asked if he still had details of the supplier of the material for the current O-suits, but had not yet found them.

It was agreed to pursue the idea of a new T-shirt for Club members.

Colin and Lorna were thanked for their hospitality.

The next Meeting was arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 4 December 1995, to be held at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin. John promised to send out maps of how to get there.

The Meeting ended at 10.55. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) - 13 November 1995