FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 4 December 1995, at 13 Grange Loan, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Inverarity and John Kenworthy.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9 October 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

Further discussions had taken place since the last Meeting about the Club's response to the new SOA membership structure. It was felt that there were, among our current "Club-only" members, some who, because of their level of interest, should be persuaded to subscribe to the SOA in the new category of "Associate" membership. However, there were several others who, because of residence abroad, or membership of other BOF-registered Clubs, or simply because they only wanted to retain social links with Interløpers, should be deemed to be true "Club-only" members, and who therefore would be welcomed by the Club, but whose names would not be forwarded to the SOA as falling into the new SOA category. Accordingly, John would write (a) to the SOA to explain our views on this subject, and (b) to all current Club-only members, inviting those active orienteers to contribute the additional fee to join the SOA as well as the Club.

ACTION: John

The Organisers of BOC96 had written to all Clubs, asking which areas of responsibility they would be interested in taking on during the Championships weekend in May 1996. After some discussion, it was agreed to seek to take responsibility for the Start, preferably at the Individual, then at the Relay; if these areas were already allocated, then Results would be acceptable.

ACTION: John

Information had been received for the 1996 World Veterans Championships in Spain, the 1996 Swedish 5-Days (O-Ringen), and the 1996 Swiss 6-Days.

Rudolph Riemersma had sent all the information he had on the supplier of the material for the last production of Club O-suits.

Donald Petrie had written, asking for details of Permanent Orienteering Courses in the Club's area. It was felt that this would be better answered by the LBOA, since it was hard to judge whether Interløpers or ESOC could be judged to be responsible for such matters in the Edinburgh area. However, there would be no harm in drawing up a list of such courses as were believed to exist.

3 Treasurer's Report

Scott Balfour and Anthony Squire had each been paid the amount agreed at the last Meeting.

Charlie reported that he needed £26 as the balance which he had had to pay for the hire of Eurobowl on 30 November, at which only 8 members turned up.

One O-top had been sold.

£91 had been received for attendances at Circuit Training this term; the hire charge had been £112.50, so the required subsidy was quite small. It was agreed to book the gym for the Spring term, but the future was quite uncertain since the gym had been put up for sale by Moray House.

Charlie presented the Meeting with accounts for the SOA Relay Championships, both a detailed written version, and a printed version suitable for inclusion in the Newsletter. The event showed a small profit of £105.46 (thanks to the generosity of Rambler Systems Ltd.).

Most expenses for the Scotlandsgaloppen event at Anagach had now been paid. However, the cheque for expenses for Colin McNeil had gone astray. Steve would liaise with Colin about making sure he received his expenses. It was expected that the event would make a profit in the region of £400.

Dave reported that he had an ice cream carton containing the entry fees from the LOL held yesterday at Saltoun. Steve offered to take it away and count the money.

Steve had made some investigations into the possibility of opening a bank deposit account. However, it transpired that the interest being paid on the Treasurer's Account, with the current balance of more than £2500, was greater than that of any deposit account, so that there would be no purpose in transferring any funds to such an account.

There had not yet been word of any dispersal of funds from the 1995 6-Day Event. John had not yet written to the other Day 3 Clubs, but would do so; it was expected that EUOC would be happy with the scheme of distribution proposed by Interløpers but, until a reply was received, it was not known what STAG's views were.

ACTION: John

4 Equipment

It was hoped that the trestles, owned by the 6-Day Event Company, and used at the Scotlandsgaloppen event at Anagach, could be stored in Pat Squire's loft.

It was suggested, and agreed, that 20 control markers be purchased to bring the total held by the Club to about 70; this number matched the number of trestles on loan to the Club. Colin E. would organise the purchase.

ACTION: Colin E

Otherwise. it was felt that stocks of consumables were at acceptable levels.

5 Mapping

John reported that Donald Petrie had offered to make enquiries on the Club's behalf about land ownership on the Glenearn & Berryknowe area. John would send him details of what was already known.

ACTION: John

It was suggested that tentative enquiries should be made of professional map makers as to what a re-draw and print would cost.

6 Events

6.1 6-Days 1995

Nothing had yet been heard about any dispersal of excess funds for Day 3.

6.2 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 17 September 1995

Most matters had now been tidied up for this event. One financial item not yet settled was the cost of printing the results organised by Colin I.

6.3 Lothian O-League 1995/96 - 3 December 1995

This event had taken place at Saltoun, and was judged a moderate success, with 174 finishers. Some obstacles placed in the path of smooth organisation, such as the need for alternative car-parking, and no access to the forest on the Saturday, were overcome with plenty of helpers available. Dave was congratulated for his efforts, and Ken and Darina for their course planning. Steve and Dave would liaise over the production and distribution of results.

6.4 Summer Series 1996

This series would be discussed at the LBOA's next Committee meeting in the New Year.

6.5 Late-Spring Colour-Coded event

A tentative suggestion had already been made to stage a colour-coded event in May, between the British and Scottish Championships, timed to coincide with any impending deadline for the CompassSport Cup. Venues discussed included Beecraigs (using the new map), or Devilla (perhaps a more suitable area). The CompassSport Cup deadlines, and the fixtures list, would need to be checked.

ACTION: John

7 LBOA

John had made contact with Alan Robertson, only to find that a Meeting of that organisation's Committee had been scheduled for the same evening. He duly attended the Meeting, and also went to the AGM on 14 November. The major discussion at the latter was the allocation by the SOA of the 1997 Championships weekend to the LBOA for 1997. Colin E offered to attend the next Committee meeting, to be held on Tuesday 9 January at Project Management International, 10 Rothesay Place. John would write up some notes of business discussed at the AGM, and get them to Colin.

ACTION: John

No word had been heard about any developments with regard to the SOA Inter-Club competition (the Scottish 'CompassSport Cup').

8 Newsletter

In Colin I's absence, there was no discussion, save to mention that an issue was imminent.

Brief mention was made of any proposed notification of amendments to the Club's Constitution which might be required to cater for the SOA's modified membership structure.

9 Socials

There had been a good attendance at the Hallowe'en party on 31 October. Thanks were due to Colin and Lorna for their hospitality and catering.

An evening at Eurobowl was held on 23 November, but only 8 members turned up. This was partly due to difficulties in communication caused by the postal strike, but attempts had been made to pass word around using e-mail.

The Riemersmas' Christmas Party would be held from 7.30pm on the evening of Wednesday 20 December. People were to be asked to bring drinks and snacks.

There followed some discussion as to what social events succeeded in attracting members; one clear conclusion was that socials held in people's homes were usually successful.

For the New Year, a Burns Night gathering was suggested. Potential hosts would be sounded out at the Christmas Party.

Other possibilities included a street orienteering event, a Club Championships, a skittles evening, and just going out for a meal. However, it needed to be remembered that there were several families who now had quite young children, and baby-sitters would be needed.

10 A.O.B.

There was some discussion on what should be done about producing a new O-suit, made from thinner material than before (a 'Summer issue'). Now that the suppliers of the original material were known, some contacts could be made to find out prices and delivery. It was agreed that the design of the current version should be retained.

Possible designs of a T-shirt were now available, and would be displayed at the Christmas party for members to choose. Charlie had some names of possible printers. It was agreed that, once a design had been chosen, a stock of 40-50 should be ordered.

Dave was thanked for his hospitality, at extremely short notice.

The next Meeting was arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 29 January 1996, to be held at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin.

The Meeting ended at 10.08. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) - 5 January 1996