FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 29 January 1996, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

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

Apologies for Absence were received from John Kenworthy.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4 December 1995 were approved (after noting the incorrect spelling of John K's surname!).

There were no Matters Arising which would not be dealt with later under their appropriate agenda item.

2 Secretary's Report

As discussed at the last Meeting, a letter had been written to the SOA, explaining the Club's view of the revised Membership Structure as it affected our "Club-only" members, and offering to register members in the new "Associate" category. A letter had also been sent to all current Club-only members, explaining the Club's attitude towards the revised structure, and asking those members who felt that they qualified under the "Associate" category to pay the additional SOA fee.

Scotlandsgaloppen certificates had been received for 1995 winners, and these had been distributed. A list of certificate holders would be published in the Newsletter.

A letter had been sent to the BOC 96 Organisers, with the Club's preference for duties during the Weekend. No reply had yet been received.

No word had yet been received from the 6-Day Event Company, regarding the dispersal of any excess funds from the 1995 Event. John would contact the Company Secretary, Donald Petrie, to find out what was happening in this regard.

ACTION: John

3 Treasurer's Report

Colin E. had produced draft accounts for Scotlandsgaloppen 7 at Anagach. The excess of Income over Expenditure was expected to be in the region of £427. Colin McNeil had been given a replacement cheque for his expenses.

The Lothian O-League at Saltoun on 3 December was expected to bring in a surplus of about £110.

In the period from the start of the Financial Year to date, the accounts showed a surplus of about £500. However, one or two cheques needed to be written for recent events.

4 Equipment

The 6-Day Company trestles were currently in Dave Simmons' flat. It seemed that it would not be practicable to store these in Pat's attic. The 6-Day Company had written, asking the Club to sign a Loan Agreement. There was some discussion of this, but no adverse comments were made; John was asked to reply, accepting the terms.

ACTION: John

The stock of control cards was now rather low, but as a contrast there were plenty of plastic cups!

No new control markers had yet been purchased.

ACTION: Colin E.

5 Mapping

Details of what was currently known about land ownership on the Glenearn & Berryknowe area had been sent to Donald Petrie.

In response to a query from ESOC regarding numbers of Archerfield maps, Steve said he thought that the current stock was about 1440.

Some discussion ensued about an update to the map of Colinton Dell (for which it was thought that there were now very few maps left). It was agreed that the existing map should be used as the basis for an update, and the possibility of extending the area to include the grounds of Merchiston Castle school should be investigated. It was suggested that a weekend be identified when Jon Musgrave could be asked to lead a Mapping Day for the Club on the area. Colin E. would contact him.

ACTION: Colin E.

It was pointed out that Steve Terry should be kept informed of any progress with Glenearn & Berryknowe.

6 Events

6.1 1995 6-Day Event

It was agreed that STAG and EUOC should be contacted for their views on the dispersal of any funds.

ACTION: John

6.2 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - Anagach

Nearly all matters relating to this event had been settled.

6.3 Lothian O-League 3 - Saltoun

Arrangements for winding up this event were also nearly completed.

6.4 Summer Series 1996

John explained the LBOA's plans for this series, and that originally Interløpers had been asked to organise the first and last events, on 24 April and 26 June respectively. (As was understandable, ESOC had tired of arranging the last event, particularly the feature of being responsible for the barbecue.) However, ESOC had asked if the Club would be willing to swap the date of 24 April for that of 15 May (since they would be in the throes of winding up arrangements for BOC 96). This Meeting was happy to accede to this request. For convenience, the last event including the barbecue was usually held at Bonaly (since it had the necessary facilities). It was agreed to hold the May event at Colinton Dell once again, provided there were sufficient maps remaining. John would check this position, and also if Scott Balfour would be willing to organise the event. John would also arrange to register the two events, and to allow his name to be included as a contact.

ACTION: John

6.5 CompassSport Cup 1996

A first contact had been made with FVO (with whom we had been drawn in the first round, the tie to be completed by 3 March), and the suggestion had been to hold the tie at the ESOC L O-L at Penicuik on 11 February. However, no further word had been forthcoming. Colin E. offered to take over arrangements for the tie, and John would send him copies of the draw, and up-to-date rules.

ACTION: John, Colin E.

6.6 Scottish Inter-Club Competition

Details of this event had been distributed by the SOA to all Clubs. Since no direct action was required by this Club, we would wait with bated breath for any developments.

6.7 Late-Spring Colour-Coded event

An inspection of the Fixture List revealed only two possible dates for such an event (viz. 12 May and 19 May). After some discussion, it was decided not to proceed with any plans for an event at this time.

6.8 J.K., BOF Relays

Significant dates for receipt of entries for these two events were approaching. Details would appear in the Newsletter, and Colin E. would coordinate entries.

ACTION: Colin E.

6.9 Lothian O-League 1996/97

The LBOA had asked Clubs for requests for dates in this series, so that publicity would be available in plenty of time to be distributed at the Summer Series. Some discussion ensued, and it was agreed that we should ask for an event in either October or November 1996 (perhaps on a LINOC area if one were available).

6.10 ESOC November badge event

As referred to under "Mapping", ESOC had enquired about the availability of Archerfield maps. The reason for this was that they would like to use the area for a Badge event on 17 November. This was readily agreed to by the Meeting.

7 LBOA

John summarised the business at the last LBOA Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 January.

It had been decided to seek permission to hold the 1997 SOA Championships on Craigbui and Strathmashie. The Area's clubs were to be formed into two groupings for the purposes of organising the two major events. Interløpers had been linked with LINOC and RR. After some discussion, it was decided to ask if we could be responsible for the Individual event (having organised the Relay in 1995). It was suggested that it might be possible to stay at Woodlands over the weekend (24/25 May 1997), and John would sound out Pat about this possibility.

ACTION: John

The next LBOA Committee Meeting would be held on 27 February at the offices of Project Management International.

8 Newsletter

An issue should be prepared for release by the end of February, so that due notice could be given of the AGM. It was agreed to set a final date for submission of 19 February.

Several amendments to the Address List were mentioned. The revised list would be included with the Newsletter.

Also to be included would be a note of certificate winners in the 1995 Scotlandsgaloppen series. John would provide Colin with these.

ACTION: John

9 Socials

The Christmas Party was well attended, as usual, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks were again due to Eva and Rudolph.

A hastily arranged Burns Night was held on 25 January, with some significant contacts being made by e-mail (as well as the usual word-of-mouth). Jane and Graeme were thanked for their hospitality.

No further definite arrangements had been made for future social events. However, an impromptu Pancake Night would almost certainly take place after the Meadows session on 20 February.

Some sort of meal might be arranged during March.

It was also suggested that some sort of Club Championships could be held during the weekend of 11/12 May, perhaps at Kinneil Wood.

10 A.O.B.

Some discussion was had about arrangements for this year's AGM. It was eventually agreed to hold it on Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Pleasance. An announcement in the forthcoming Newsletter would provide the necessary statutory six weeks notice to members.

The subject of a T-shirt design was discussed. Some printers had been approached, and it seemed that a price of about £5 could be expected for an order of 50 or more. It was agreed to arrange for some proper artwork to be prepared for the chosen design(s).

The SOA had asked if the Club was happy with the format of the Fixture List in "Score". The Meeting agreed that, by and large, the layout was satisfactory.

Some publicity for the Midlothian Sports Award had been received. However, since very few members were actually resident in Midlothian, it was decided not to pursue this.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 25 March at 7.30pm at 161 Dalkeith Road.

The Meeting closed at 10.05pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 22 February 1996