FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 27 May 1996, at 22 East Preston Street, Edinburgh

Present: Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Peter Dymoke, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 25 March 1996 were approved.

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

2 Secretary's Report

The question of the distribution of 6-Day Event money had been discussed at the AGM, and it had been agreed to write to the Company expressing the Club's views on the existing policy (briefly, that the current distribution policy was very unfair to University clubs, and that the policy also made no allowance for the huge amount of effort which was put in by the major Day Officials).

It was suggested that the views of CUNOC and Moravian be sought on this policy, since these Clubs, together with Interløpers, were to be responsible for Day 3 of Breadalbane '97. The usual possible major officials within the Club would also be consulted as to whether any of them would be prepared to volunteer for the 1997 Event, knowing the details of this distribution policy.

ACTION: John

Colin E. reported that he had completed and returned the questionnaire on Junior development, and the Club's attitude towards it.

John had not yet replied to Low Port Centre in Linlithgow, although details of the Club had been circulated to several instructors at the Centre (including Barry Owen, who had in fact joined the Club). It was agreed that, nevertheless, a letter should be sent to Low Port.

ACTION: John

3 Treasurer's Report

There was very little to report at present, with the AGM being held so recently.

Colin E. was still in the process of chasing up members who owed Relay event contributions.

4 Equipment

The new control markers were now in Pat Squire's attic.

5 Mapping

Colin E. reported that he had been in touch with Donald Petrie recently, regarding progress with seeking permission to use Glenearn & Berryknowe. Donald had managed to elicit the information that 11 landowners were involved in the area. So far, he had had positive responses from 8 of these, while 2 had yet to reply. The remaining owner had denied access, but this only affected the extreme south-west part of the map.

Colin had also spoken to Jon Musgrave, who recommended that the new map should be prepared professionally. There were some misgivings expressed about this view, although it was realised that the cost ought to be less than for a fully forested area. Once Donald had completed the access permission process, action would need to be taken on preparing tenders for re-mapping. Advice would be sought from both Donald and Jon on the appropriate procedure for going about such an exercise. Their experience would also be sought on possible avenues for seeking sponsorship, or local council grants, for the production of the map.

Provided the whole process proceeded smoothly, it was suggested that Jon could be asked to hold a mapping course for Club members on the area, and that expertise thus obtained could be used for updating the map of Colinton Dell. Scott had made some suggestions for re-mapping the latter area, and it was agreed that Merchiston Castle school should be approached to see if they might be willing for the school grounds to be included in the new map.

6 Events

6.1 Summer Series 1996

The event of 15 May had taken place, and was considered to be a moderate success. Some equipment had gone missing during the event, but all but one marker had been recovered.

There was some discussion on how to organise the BBQ at the event of 26 June, including a suggestion that the LBOA Junior Squad might like to take it on as a fund-raiser. Planning was underway; in this connection, John B. would send copies of relevant BOF Guidelines on Technical/Physical Difficulty to John K.

ACTION: John B.

6.2 CompassSport Cup 1996

From a perusal of a pre-release copy of the event results, it seemed that the Club had beaten both FVO and Clyde at the Devilla O-League event on 28 April. It was likely that, in the next round, we would be drawn against CLARO (based in Harrogate). A scan of the fixture list had shown that an appropriate event for meeting them would be on 16 June, near Ullswater. Colin E. would follow this up.

6.3 J.K., BOF, SOA Relays

These events had taken place. Most success had been gained at the SOA Relays at South Achray, where the girls had won the W. Open, and the boys were second in M. Open. The only other (moderate) success had been for the Short Open class, which came third at the J.K. and second at the British.

6.4 LBOA Inter-Club Championships

It transpired that Interløpers were beaten into second place by one point in this event, by LINOC (held in conjunction with the Devilla O-League event).

6.5 SOA Inter-Club Championships

The southern area tie in this new competition (the SOA equivalent of the CompassSport Cup) was to be held at Fauldhouse on 2 June. It was agreed to try to raise a team.

6.6 11-Person Relay

This annual event was to be held on 18 August at Blackhall Forest, near Banchory. The entry fee was £35, and the entry closing date was 31 July. No entry form had yet been received.

6.7 Lothian O-League 1996/97

The schedule for this series had been amended somewhat, with the inclusion of the SOA Junior Squad as an organising body. It had been suggested by the LBOA that Interløpers move their event forward to 22 September, while the Squad take on the date of 13 October. It had been checked that Kinneil was still available on the earlier date. John would confirm with the LBOA that we would hold our event as suggested.

ACTION: John

6.8 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

A potential bombshell had been dropped in that the open area near the Finish of Day 4 of Speyside '95, and the car parking field, had been sold, and it would not be known until about October whether these areas would be available for the Relays in 1997. Lorna Eades had offered to be principal Planner for the event, with a certain amount of help from her spouse. However, an Organiser had yet to be identified.

6.9 Breadalbane '97 - Day 3 - Leachdann Tom na Croich

Interløpers had been allocated this Day of the 6-Day event next year, as lead Club, together with CUNOC and Moravian. Jonathan and Alison Oxley, as Day Co-ordinators, had suggested that the 5 principal Officials (2 Planners, 2 Day Organisers, and 1 Assistant Controller) be chosen soon, preferably by the end of June.

7 LBOA

The last Meeting of this Committee had been held on 21 May (although this Club had not been formally notified of the date). There was nothing else to report that had not already been discussed. The next Meeting would be on 3 July, at Alan Robertson's house in Swanston Avenue.

8 Newsletter

Colin I. mentioned that he could do with a significant flood of copy for the next issue, which he hoped would be prepared and distributed well before the end of June.

9 Juniors

A letter from Anthony Squire had been received on the morning of the AGM, and was re-read aloud at this Meeting, to much amusement. The gist of it was that he had been selected for the JWOC team, and could do with some subsidy (since the overall cost was £160). The Meeting was most impressed with this selection, and had no hesitation in agreeing to fund Anthony the sum of £50 (the maximum allowed by precedent).

10 Socials

13 members went for a meal at Harry Ramsden's after the AGM, and all enjoyed the experience.

Colin E. had spoken to Darina about the possibility of her becoming Social Secretary; she didn't say no!

It was suggested that the opportunity be taken of having an impromptu Club BBQ at the last Summer Series event at Bonaly on 26 June.

It was also suggested that a Club Weekend be held, hopefully at Woodlands, on the weekend of 28/29 September; there was a Scotlandsgaloppen at Inshriach on the Sunday, and Rob Lee had offered to organise some training on the Saturday. John would ask Pat to investigate the availability of Woodlands.

ACTION: John

11 A.O.B.

There was some discussion on acquiring another Club tent. It was reported that Ultrasport were now marketing tents made in at least two colours. It was suggested that some investigation into pricing be made, and the results brought to the next Committee Meeting, with a view to acquiring one in time for next year's 6-Day event. Anticipated cost was in the region of £500.

The existing tent had been returned by ESOC after the BOF Championships. It was agreed not to seek a hire charge from the organisers.

The saga of the T-shirts was proceeding. Proper artwork now needed to be submitted to the chosen printer.

Anders Brelind had reported that his Swedish club was able to obtain O-suit material at about half the usual quoted price. He would be asked to make enquiries in Sweden on the Club's behalf, particularly to include mesh on the back of the top, but with the same design as for the existing suit top.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Monday 5 August, to be held at 105 Greenbank Road.

The Meeting closed at 10.20. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 30 May 1996