SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 5 August 1996, at 105 Greenbank Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Caban and Darina Cunnane.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 27 May 1996 were approved.

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

2 Secretary's Report

A letter of apology had been received from Phil Smithard (WFO), regarding the calculation of the results of the CompassSport Cup tie against CLYDE held at LOL-7 at Devilla on 28 April. It transpired that a crucial entry had been omitted from the Results, and the inclusion of this finisher, a member of CLYDE, in the Results would have altered the result of the tie. However, given that Interløpers had based their calculations on the published Results, and had then competed in the following round against CLARO in good faith, and had beaten them, CLYDE had expressed themselves satisfied with the situation.

A circular on Coaching had been received from the SOA. Colin E asked for a copy.

A missive had been received from BOF, regarding the proposal to establish a qualification system for event Planners and Organisers, analogous to that already in existence for Controllers. The plan was to have the system in place by 1 January 1998. However, there had already been expressions of misgiving in letters in CompassSport, and this Meeting expressed the view that such a system was more likely to deter potential Planners and Organisers, rather than encourage them. Colin E asked for sight of copies of relevant papers, and John promised to get these to him. In any case, a considered Committee stance on this matter did not need to be arrived at in the immediate future.

A letter had been received from Alistair Lessells, regarding the operation of the new SOA Membership scheme, and requesting a response from Clubs. John had replied, making a few pertinent points about the scheme as seen from the Club's perspective.

At this point in the Meeting, John McNee (the 6-Day Event Company Treasurer) arrived to discuss the issue of the dispersal of excess funds from 6-Day Events.

Various points were considered, some with more heat than others. The principal issues were the dispersal of funds to University clubs (who might or might not make a significant contribution to effort at the Event, and who also might or might not be in a position to undertake any significant mapping projects with the help of 6-Day money), and arrangements for the dispersal of funds between Clubs in some sort of proportion according to effort. John said that significant factors in assessing how such dispersals were made were (a) whether each Open club contributes an on-the-Day Official (who might be a principal Controller), and (b) the proportion of helpers who run as well as help. The Committee was particularly unhappy about the latter point since, as an example, it felt that the smoothness of the organisation of Day 3 at Craigbui in 1995 was not affected by the fact that approx. 50% of Club members competed as well as helped.

It was agreed that any settlement of 1995 Day 3 funds upon EUOC was a matter of negotiation between Interløpers, STAG, and ELO.

It was eventually agreed that more communication from the Company to the Clubs was necessary so that Clubs were fully aware of what the Company expected from them. It was appreciated that, although the operating principles had not changed much from the first days of the Event, Club Committees had changed in composition significantly, and many were not now aware of the principles. John agreed to communicate the Committee's views to the Company.

3 Treasurer's Report

A significant outlay since the AGM had been the level of Relay entry fees (about £420). Contributions from members would only amount to a maximum of £166.

Scott Balfour had submitted accounts for the Summer Series event at Colinton Dell. John K reported that, with an entry of 68 competitors at the Bonaly event, the competition had made a profit of £40.84.

4 Equipment

The proposed model of tent, discussed at the last Meeting, was likely to cost about £450; it was known as a Tempest Team Shelter.

5 Mapping

Colin reported that Donald Petrie had at last established permissions from all current landowners; one was withholding permission, but this only affected a part of the north west corner of the area, and should leave plenty of scope for planning testing courses on the remainder. There might be some further slight restrictions, such as the need for some stiles as crossing points on sensitive fences. Colin also had obtained a copy of a draft Contract to send to mapping companies. He would try to contact Steve Terry about the location of the original artwork for the 1977 map, in case this would be of any use in keeping costs down when preparing the new version. If possible, he would like to be able to send to each company a copy of the original map; John promised to see if he had any more copies. It was suggested that a "house style", or logo, should be included on the new map; negotiations would need to be carried out with the companies on this point.

ACTION: Colin E, John B

It had still not been possible to arrange with Jon Musgrave to hold a mapping course for Club members.

6 Events

6.1 Summer Series 1996

The Bonaly event took place as planned, and 68 people took part. John K was thanked for his organisation and planning, and John B for organising the BBQ. One LBOA punch was lost, and replaced with a Club one. John K wondered to whom the equipment should be returned, but no-one had an immediate answer. It was suggested that an update would be needed for the LBOA Guidelines for the Series, to cover the organisational requirements for the barbecue.

6.2 CompassSport Cup 1996

The Club competed in the third round on 16 June at Gowbarrow, near Ullswater, and beat CLARO to qualify for the Small Clubs Final, to be held on 27 October at Brown Clee Hill, near Birmingham (on the same day as the TINTO Twin Badge Event). At this stage, it wasn't clear which other clubs would take part, although the names of ESOC, Essex Stragglers, and ERYRI were mentioned.

An entry form had been received for the 1997 competition, and it was agreed to enter. Steve supplied John with a cheque for £4.50.

6.3 SOA Inter-Club Championships

The Club participated in this competition, held at Fauldhouse on 2 June, and was placed 3rd in the Small Clubs competition (being beaten by SOLWAY and RR).

6.4 11-Person Relay - 18 August 1996

An entry had been sent off for this competition. People wanting to take part should contact Colin E or Darina.

6.5 Harvester Relays - 15 September 1996

From interest made known so far, it was hoped that there might be sufficient people to make up two teams (one Men's of 7, and one Women's of 5).

6.6 Lothian O-League 1996/97 - 22 September 1996

John presented a draft copy of a flier. With one or two amendments, the layout was approved. It was agreed to send copies to relevant Club Secretaries, and to leaflet-drop cars at the 11-Person Relay.

ACTION: John B

6.7 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

The main Officials for this event had now been agreed: Lorna Eades would Plan, John Biggar and someone from RR would Organise, and Brian Bullen (FVO) would Control. Lorna had already prepared some draft courses. It was suggested that Ann Haley might be able to process entries; John would check.

ACTION: John B

Some concern was expressed about the coordination of effort between the Individual event and the Relay, as regards common facilities. Questions such as this would need to be decided, particularly to assist in completing the Event Registration form. It was the Committee's view that these questions ought to be resolved by the LBOA Committee.

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

Most main Day Officials had now been pencilled in; however, an Assistant Controller was still needed. As a last resort, the central organisation might be able to provide one.

6.9 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

Donald Petrie had expressed a willingness to Control this event (on the proposed new map of Glenearn & Berryknowe), partly because of his knowledge of certain requirements of the various landowners. An Organiser and a Planner would need to be identified in due course.

7 LBOA

The last Meeting of this Committee had been held on 3 July. The business mainly concerned the 1997 SOA Championships weekend.

The SOA Inter-Club final would be held in the LBOA area on 13 October; the current suggestion was to hold it on the larger Hillend map.

There was a feeling at this Meeting that the organisation of the Summer Series had become too fragmented; it was felt that the Series should be arranged by a Coordinator appointed by the LBOA (as used to be the case), and that all event profits should be retained by the Association.

Colin E mentioned that he had offered to organise a Training Day for the LBOA Junior Squad on 16 November at Kinneil Wood.

The next LBOA Meeting would be held on 2 September, at Alan Robertson's house at 8pm. It was suggested that the Club Representative go to the Meeting prepared to set out the Club Committee's views on (a) the overall organisation of the 1997 SOA Championships, and (b) the organisation of the Summer Series.

ACTION: LBOA Rep.

8 Newsletter

An issue would be prepared for release shortly into the new school term.

9 Juniors

Anthony had written to the Club, gratefully acknowledging receipt of the grant towards his expenses in attending the JWOC.

10 Socials

Colin reported that Darina had agreed to be the Club's Social Secretary.

The proposed Club Weekend at Woodlands on 28/29 September was now definitely on. Gordon Ross was arranging a course at Docharn & Deishar on the Saturday morning, and there would be a short conventional course at the same venue the same afternoon. On the Sunday, there would be a Scotlandsgaloppen at Inshriach.

Other possibilities for social events were a night at Eurobowl, and the usual Hallowe'en party, at a venue to be decided.

11 A.O.B.

Charlie intended to submit the final artwork to a printer, and it was expected that the unit cost would be just over £6. He proposed to order 10 medium, 20 large, and 20 extra-large. He suggested that the Club re-sell the shirts to members at £5, and absorb the difference. The Meeting agreed with these proposals.

Reports had been received that Anders Brelind had acquired an O-top in Sweden, in club colours, and would bring it back to Scotland for perusal.

John B currently had the Club "cube" in pieces in his garage; John K offered to resurrect it, and John promised to get it to him.

ACTION: John B

Steve was thanked for his hospitality, particularly in view of the length of the Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Monday 30 September, to be held at 88 Barnton Park Avenue.

The Meeting closed at 11.00. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 21 August 1996