THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 30 September 1996, at 88 Barnton Park Avenue, Edinburgh

Present: Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 5 August 1996 were approved.

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

2 Secretary's Report

Gordon Shiach had written, with details of a new address and membership status. The letter also contained sad tidings, in that his daughter Katherine, at one time an active member of the Club, had died in Aberdeen in June. A letter of condolences would be sent.

There had been various communications from BOF and the SOA.

The SOA had sent, together with Minutes of the latest Executive Meeting, the annual Statistical Survey for the Club to complete.

BOF had distributed various papers, including the annual request for details of the Club's membership fees for 1997.

Pending the arrival of Steve, the Treasurer's Report was held over.

3 Equipment

There had been a rumour that, last year, ESOC had been given a share of the profits from the CompassSport Cup Final (which they had won). If this were true, it was suggested that, if the same practice were adopted this year, the Club (who had won through to the Final) might use any such share to purchase the proposed second Club tent.

4 Mapping

Colin E. had invited several organisations to submit tenders for the mapping and printing of Glenearn & Berryknowe. Five responses had been received, not all of whom offered estimates for every facet of the project. Details of the tenders were circulated and discussed, and it was eventually agreed to accept the offer by Graham McIntyre; his work would only be for the survey and cartography, while the preparation of the photogrammetric plot and the printing would be sub-contracted to Stirling Surveys and to Peel Land Surveys respectively. The total tender value was £2195.

5 Treasurer's Report

There had been very little financial activity since the last Meeting.

The net profit made at the Colinton Dell Summer Series event was £22.

There was some discussion on various purchases and assets. For instance, it was suggested that ESOC might like to buy the polythene bags, originally bought for our Archerfield badge event, for their event in November. John would contact Janet Clark.

ACTION: John B.

Colin E. asked for cheques for the purchase of polythene bags for the Kinneil Wood maps, and also for the Harvester entry fees.

There was some discussion on the purchase and sale of the new stock of Club T-shirts. The invoice total was £359.55, which gave a unit cost of just over £7, slightly higher than anticipated. However, it was agreed to re-sell the shirts to members at £5, as originally proposed. There had already been a significant number sold, and there were now only 2 left in the Medium size (of an original 10), whereas there were still 10 and 16 in Large and Extra Large respectively (from the original 20 and 20). It was agreed to try to find out if a re-print could be obtained (and if our original artwork still existed); if so, a further 10 Small and 10 Medium should be ordered.

ACTION: ?

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1996

It was noted that the Final would be held at Brown Clee Hill, near Ludlow in Shropshire, on 27 October. Colin mentioned that a minimum of 12 members would be needed to take part, although more would be a good idea. There was a suggestion that we could hire a mini-bus. Colin would investigate.

6.2 11-Person Relay - 18 August 1996

The Club had taken part in this event, and was placed 8th out of 13 teams. There was some concern over the length and nature of the Yellow course, and an overall feeling that, once again, the courses were too long for a Relay event. There were also misgivings about the practice of some teams in selecting faster, more experienced, orienteers to run the shorter courses, thus somewhat contravening the spirit of the event.

6.3 Harvester Relays - 15 September 1996

The Men's team was place 5th in this event, while the Women's team were 2nd fastest although being non-competitive (since both Lorna and Darina ran twice).

There was some discussion on the format of the event, with one significant alteration being suggested: that the night legs be started earlier, and then the competition be stopped until dawn, and then re-started. With this change, every competitor would be able to get some sleep, rather than some wait up most of the night, then run in the early morning.

The 1997 event would be held at Longmore, in the South East of England.

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

This event duly took place, and the overall feeling was that the Hagaby format for the Brown and Blue courses was very successful. 170 competitors took part in all.

6.5 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

There had been little progress on this event since the last Meeting. A decision on the sale of parts of the area was still awaited.

Ann Haley had agreed to be responsible for taking entries.

The Organiser from RR had now been named as Robert Cranston.

The LBOA had agreed to coordinate the Weekend, and would arrange for officials from both the Individual and the Relay to get together to discuss matters of joint concern. An entry form for the Individual would be sent out to all BOF members with the 1997 affiliation renewal forms, while copies of the Relay entry form would be sent in the New Year to all BOF-registered Club Secretaries.

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

All Officials for Day 3 were now appointed.

6.7 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

No further action required yet.

There followed some discussion on possible sources of income in the near future (given that, in an average year, with no events, Expenditure outstrips Income by approx. £500). There were no potentially profit-making events until next year, although the Club would be involved in 3 major events, viz. the SOA Relays, the 6-Days, and SG7 in October. Of these, only Day 3 of the 6-Day Event could be expected to produce any significant income for the Club. However, some income would accrue from ESOC's badge event at Archerfield in November. In addition, Colin had suggested to LINOC that Interløpers might be willing to help out at the SOA Score Championships at Devilla. It was also suggested that the proposed purchase of another Club tent be deferred until 1997/98.

7 LBOA

The last Meeting of this Committee had been held on 2 September.

The SOA Inter-Club final would no longer be held at Hillend, although it would probably still take place on 13 October.

The allocation of events to Clubs for the 1997 Summer Series was discussed. Interløpers would be asked to organise the events on 21 May and 11 June, possibly at Inch Park and Colinton Dell/Corstorphine Hill. ESOC would stage the final event at Bonaly on 25 June.

The next Meeting would be the AGM, to be held at 8pm on 24 October at the offices of Project Management International, 10 Rothesay Place, Edinburgh.

8 Newsletter

The September issue had recently hit the streets.

9 Juniors

It was suggested that a major effort should be mounted to try to persuade as many Juniors as possible to take part in the CompassSport Cup Final on 27 October.

10 Socials

Darina had organised a night at Eurobowl on 12 September, at which 12 members turned up.

A Hallowe'en party would take place on 31 October, chez Eades.

Other plans involved the Christmas party at the Riemersmas, a Burns Night at Paul Caban's, and perhaps a Bowling night in February. Another possibility was a car Treasure Hunt, a route for which might be obtainable from John Mitchell's other connections. Other topics suggested were ice skating (perhaps popular with Juniors), and Laser Quest (although, at £7 per head, the latter might be considered somewhat expensive).

11 A.O.B.

The T-shirts had finally appeared (as mentioned earlier).

It transpired that the material for our O-tops was no longer made in Sweden.

Paul would take delivery of the trestles from Graeme in due course, for storage.

The multi-memory watch still existed (despite no mention in Meeting Minutes for some time).

The Club "cube" was now at 88 Barnton Park Avenue, and an attempt would be made to restore it.

Committee members were asked to give some thought to a "corporate image" for the Club, to be incorporated in the proposed new map of Glenearn & Berryknowe.

The issue of the Qualifications for Event Officials was deferred again to the next Meeting. There had been a rumour that BOF might decide to think again on this matter. It was suggested that current Organisers and Planners within the Club be canvassed for their views.

John and Lesley were thanked for their hospitality.

The date of the next Meeting was originally fixed for Monday 2 December, to be held at 50 Buckstone Road at 7.30pm. However, this date was subsequently found to be unsuitable (for one reason or another), so the date was moved forward one day, to SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER, at the same time and venue.

The Meeting closed at 11.00. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 28 November 1996