FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Sunday 1 December 1996, at 50 Buckstone Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Dymoke.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 30 September 1996 were approved.

With regard to the Action item on reordering T-shirts, it seemed that the intention had been to ask Charlie about this. John would now do so.

ACTION: John B

2 Secretary's Report

There had been various communications from BOF. These included requests for input from the Fixtures Working Party and from the CompassSport Cup Working Party. There was also a Summary of business at the Council meeting of 28 September. At this meeting, it had been agreed to defer the introduction of compulsory qualifications for Organisers and Planners (originally to have been introduced with effect from 1 January 1998); however, it was agreed to provide courses to enable such officials to receive training in these skills.

John asked if the renewal of the Club affiliation to the BOF should include an optional element of £2 to receive copies of the Ranking List. However it was agreed not to choose this; since Ranking Lists had been distributed to Club Secretaries, John had not received a single request from a Club member for sight of one.

3 Treasurer's Report

At the time of this Meeting, there was a deficit over the financial year of approx. £180. The only income to be expected in the remainder of the year was 1997 affiliations and for the sale of maps of Archerfield to ESOC. Likely expenditure were Newsletter production expenses, secretarial expenses, and purchase of maps of Kinneil Wood for the LOL in September.

Steve mentioned that he had been trying to ascertain whether two SOA affiliation cheques sent to the SOA Database Coordinator in May had been cashed. At first, it seemed that these had gone astray, and a replacement cheque had been sent (albeit for only half the year, since the members in question had received no benefit). A letter had been sent with the replacement cheque, asking that the original cheques be returned if traced. It transpired that, despite this letter and cheque, the original cheques had subsequently been cashed; however, it was not clear what had happened to the replacement cheque. Steve had received an assurance from the SOA that the replacement cheque would be returned in due course, together with half of the total of the original two cheques; however, there had not yet been any evidence of this happening.

It was suggested that there might be some concern at the AGM next year about the overall deficit for the financial year. However, the Meeting was quite happy with the explanation that there had been no significant income from events during the year, and that, with the SOA Relays, the 6-Days, and a Scotlandsgaloppen, the situation in 1997/98 should be somewhat different.

4 Equipment

The Club had not yet heard if there would be any sharing of profit from the CompassSport Cup Final, and that therefore it could expect to fund any equipment purchases from such income.

In the mean time, it was agreed to defer the purchase of a second Club tent until 1997/98.

The trestles, on loan from the 6-Day Event Company, were currently in Paul's garage. He would have a spare key cut, and would give this to Pat. One trestle had been stolen at Kinneil Wood, and arrangements would be made to replace this in due course.

5 Mapping

Colin E had informed both Stirling Surveys and Graham McIntyre of their successful tenders for their part in preparing the new map of Glenearn & Berryknowe, although Peel Land Surveys had not yet been contacted. It was suggested that the current Club logo be used on the map.

A query was raised about the whereabouts of the stock of Club badges which had been produced a few years ago; it was suggested that either Eva or Pat might have them.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1996

More than 20 members travelled to Brown Clee Hill in Shropshire to contest the final of this event. In the semi-final, the Club defeated ERYRI 31-29, while in the Final we defeated Essex Stragglers 32-28.

6.2 CompassSport Cup 1997

The Club had been entered for this competition and, in the recently received draw, had been paired with Roxburgh Reivers, the tie to be completed by 9 March. A brief review of available fixtures provided only one or two suitable events, the most likely being the O-League at Beecraigs on 19 January. Colin and/or John would negotiate with the RR representative.

6.3 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

Apparently, the sale of parts of the area had fallen through, although attempts were still being made to sell. Most courses had now been submitted to the Controller, who had yet to visit the area. It was agreed to complete another event registration form, and to change the Organiser's name to that of Robert Cranston.

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

No further progress to report.

6.5 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

The chosen tenderers to produce the new Glenearn & Berryknowe map had been informed, and it was hoped that a start would soon be made. It was recognised that a Planner and Organiser would need to be identified soon but, given the nature of the terrain, it was hoped that the Planner would be able to make a start using the old map.

7 LBOA

The AGM, which was to have been held on 24 October, was postponed at the last minute because the venue had become unavailable. At the time of this Meeting, no firm arrangements had been made to hold the AGM at another time.

8 Newsletter

Colin had recently suffered a potential catastrophe, when his hard disc had failed. He was currently awaiting a replacement, and had some hopes of recovering material from the old one (including the bulk of the next issue of the Club Newsletter). John would supply address labels. He would also provide a piece on BOF membership renewal, as well as a list of new members and changes to the address list.

ACTION: John B

9 Juniors

A Training Day for the LBOA Junior Squad had been organised at Kinneil Wood (using left-over maps from the Club's LOL) on 16 November. A dozen or so Juniors, and 6 parents, had taken part.

10 Socials

A most enjoyable Hallowe'en Night had taken place on 31 October.

The Christmas party would be held on Wednesday 18 December at 36 Buckstone Loan.

There would be a Burns Night at Paul's house on Saturday 21 January.

It was hoped to organise an event in February, perhaps a Treasure Hunt, or maybe an Ice-Skating night.

11 A.O.B.

Colin E asked for 3 T-shirts to take to Australia to sell to the antipodean members.

It was suggested that we ask U.K. suppliers of O-suits for quotations for making suits in the Club's colours.

John K reported that efforts had begun to try to repair the Club "cube".

Colin E suggested that an item be placed in the Newsletter asking members who wanted to take part in the JK and BOF Relays to contact him.

As a matter of Club policy, it was agreed to ask Senior members who intended to enter the 1997 Scottish 6-Day Event not to run on Day 3 (5 August 1997). The only exception might be for those who were not intending to enter all 5 of the other Days.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Monday 3 February 1997, to be held at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin, at 7.30pm. John would send details of how to get there to those that needed them.

Paul was thanked for his hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 6 January 1997