FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 3 February 1997, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

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 1 December 1996 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Douglas McKeith (the Sports Science representative of the SOA) had written to Clubs, asking if any qualified medical practitioners within the membership would be prepared to assist by providing some cover during the 6-Day Event this year. A quick survey of the membership list showed only 3 members who might be in a position to help out, but it was agreed that these people should be approached by the Club itself, rather than "out-of-the-blue" by the SOA (as suggested by Douglas).

A flier for a new quarterly orienteering magazine, called "Handrail", had been circulated. It was decided not to take out a subscription.

No action had been taken about providing input for the CompassSport Cup Working Party.

A full report of the Working Party investigating the BOF Fixtures structure had been circulated to Clubs, together with a brief Summary, and comments were invited from Clubs and Associations. Written submissions were to be made by 15 April. It was agreed to provide copies of the Summary to each Committee Member, and to discuss the matter at the next Meeting.

ACTION: John B.

The BOF had written to the Club to announce that an amount of £82 had been allocated to Interløpers as the prize for winning the CompassSport Cup Small Clubs competition for 1996. Unfortunately, current BOF Rules precluded the award of cash directly, but submission of a paid invoice for equipment or mementos for at least this sum would elicit reimbursement.

Scotlandsgaloppen certificates for place-getters in the 1996 Series had been received, and were being distributed. The winners would be announced in the Newsletter.

The question of a re-order of T-shirts was discussed. It was decided not to place a further order at present, but to try to assess demand by including a request in the Newsletter for members to respond if they wanted any. There were currently 10 XL and 6 L shirts remaining.

Information had finally been received from the SOA, explaining the method for renewing SOA (or Associate) membership. John had sent a letter with the details to all Associate members of the Club.

3 Treasurer's Report

Steve mentioned that the promised refund from the SOA of half the amount of two affiliation fees, for which the cheques had gone missing, had now been received.

In view of the fact that it had proved difficult to recoup even half of Relay entry fees from those taking part in events during 1996, it was decided to set a fixed contribution of £4 per team member for each of the J.K. and BOF Relay competitions in 1997.

The invoice for the photogrammetric plot of Glenearn & Berryknowe had been received from Stirling Surveys, and Graham McIntyre was now using the plot. It was agreed to pay the amount forthwith.

Steve asked that expenses claims be submitted by the end of the financial year (31 March), so that they could be included in the year's accounts.

4 Equipment

Paul now had a spare key to his garage, but had not yet seen Pat to give it to him. He mentioned that there was also some equipment with Dave Simmons which should be moved to the garage in due course.

5 Mapping

Graham McIntyre was now in the course of surveying on Glenearn & Berryknowe (and having the odd problem with cattle). Mr Reid, who used to own Lochelbank Farm where the parking and access to the area was planned, had recently sold out, and Graham was to check these matters with the new owner.

Steve Terry was happy to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative to the BOF for 1997.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1997

The Club had competed against Roxburgh Reivers at Beecraigs on 19 January, and had won 38-21. In the next round, the opposition would be either TINTO or CUNOC, but the tie did not need to be played until 25 May.

6.2 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

A Registration Form had been completed, and submitted to the SOA. Colin E. would meet Robert Cranston to decide the final layout of the Entry Form. An advertisement would appear in the April issue of "CompassSport".

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

There was very little progress to report, apart from the fact that Graham McIntyre (one of the Planners) had now visited the area.

6.4 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

Apart from the commencement of surveying on the area, there was nothing to report. It was pointed out that attendance at the event might be affected by the staging of the FRA Relays on the same day.

A suggestion was made that Graeme Ackland and Colin Eades could plan the courses jointly, together with an Assistant who would take responsibility on the weekend of the event (since Graeme and Colin would be at the FRA Relays). A plea should go in the Newsletter asking for volunteers for this position, as well as for an event Organiser.

The SOA had asked if the Club would be prepared to organise a Short Race event the day before. However, it was pointed out that this date clashed with both a Fell Running event and the East District Cross-Country Relays. John would get in touch with Robert Findlay (ESOC Secretary) and Donald Petrie to clarify the situation, but to stress that we would be happy to organise such an event if a more suitable date could be agreed.

ACTION: John B

6.5 1997 SOA Inter-Club competition

An entry had been submitted for this series (the SOA equivalent of the CompassSport Cup).

6.6 Lothian O-League 1997/98

The Club had been asked to choose a preferred month to organise an event in the next Series. In view of the Scotlandsgaloppen event taking place in October, the clear choice was for a date in the beginning of 1998, perhaps in January at Archerfield.

6.7 Major Relays

Colin E. would once again organise teams for the JK, BOF, SOA, and Harvester Relays in 1997.

It was pointed out that the 1997 SOA Score Championships were being staged at Anagach on the same weekend as the Moravian Bull badge event, and that this might prove to be a suitable occasion for a Club Weekend at Woodlands. John would check with Pat Squire about the availability of the accommodation for that weekend (7/8 June).

ACTION: John B.

7 LBOA

There had still been no news about the continuing existence of this Committee. Some activities continued to function, such as the O-League, and the 1997 Summer Series.

John would contact Alan Robertson to try to find out if there were any plans to hold a meeting in the near future.

ACTION: John B.

8 Newsletter

Colin was hoping to produce the next issue during the coming month. It was agreed to issue an updated address list, and John would supply this as well as the address labels.

ACTION: John B.

9 Juniors

The next LBOA Junior Squad training session would be held at Archerfield on 8 February.

The Inverarity family had provided two SOA Score Champions (in the persons of Niall and Ruaridh), while Ruaridh had won M10 at the LBOA Championships.

10 Socials

The Christmas party was enjoyed by all present, but Darina owned up to forgetting the pass-the-parcel parcel.

The Burns Night at Paul's house on Saturday 25 January went very well, with 26 members turning up.

A Pancake Night would be held at the McIntyre family's home on 18 February.

John Mitchell had been contacted about the Treasure Hunt route. It was hoped to arrange a Bowling night sometime in March, with the Treasure Hunt in April, and a meal after the AGM in May.

11 A.O.B.

The date of the 1997 AGM was discussed, and it was agreed to try to arrange the meeting for Thursday 15 May in the Meeting Room at the Pleasance. John would make the booking.

ACTION: John B.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Monday 24 March 1997, to be held at 161 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 28 February 1997