SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 24 March 1997, at 161 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Ambler, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Peter Dymoke, and John Kenworthy.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 3 February 1997 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

No action had yet been taken on approaching Club members who might be prepared to help in providing medical cover during the 6-Day Event.

Copies of the summary of the Peel Report on Fixtures Restructuring had been distributed to all Committee members, and there was some further discussion. It was hoped to provide some input on the matter to BOF by the deadline of 15 April.

John reported that there was still a significant number of members who had not renewed for 1997. He would chase these up.

The SOA had asked if the Club would be prepared to donate a trophy to the M65 class of the Scottish Score Championships. This request was considered, but it was felt that, in view of the Club's financial position for 1996/97, a decision should be left to the new Committee to be elected at the AGM in May.

The SOA had circulated a paper on the possible re-structuring of the JK Relays. Any response was to be submitted to Terry O'Brien by 30 April.

An application form to join Edinburgh District Sports Council as a corporate member was completed, and it was agreed to submit it with the appropriate fee, so that members could then enjoy the benefits of using the Council's facilities at a reduced rate.

3 Treasurer's Report

Graham McIntyre had been paid an instalment (20%) of his fee for undertaking the survey of Glenearn & Berryknowe.

It was agreed to pay the bill for hire of the Pleasance meeting room for the AGM on 15 May.

John reported that he had received some renewal fees of SOA members, and that these had been paid in. He would forward various pay-in slips, receipts, and vouchers to Steve in due course.

He also reiterated that expenses claims should be submitted to Steve by the end of the month, so that they could be included in the year's accounts. These would be audited by Peter Dymoke, as last year.

4 Equipment

Nothing to report.

5 Mapping

The surveying of Glenearn & Berryknowe had been progressing, but Graham had to juggle this job with his other commitments.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1997

In the next round, the Club would be competing against CUNOC, probably at Wilsontown on 11 May.

6.2 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

It seemed that the proposed sale of parts of the area had fallen through, so that the earlier fears about full access were unfounded.

An advertisement for the weekend was in the recent issue of "Score", and one would also appear in the April issue of "CompassSport". The Entry Form had been distributed to all Club Secretaries (except this one!).

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

There was nothing to report.

6.4 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

There was some discussion about the allocation of Planning and Organising responsibilities for this event.

It seemed that the SOA would prefer that a Short Race be held on the day before the Scotlandsgaloppen (if one were to be held at all). However, it was generally agreed that, given the clash of date with several other important athletic events, and the consequences for both organising strength and likely participation, the Club should not attempt to stage such a competition.

6.5 1997 SOA Inter-Club competition

The Club had competed against Clyde at the L O-L at Elibank on 16 March in the first round of the Large Clubs competition. Since neither Colin E. nor JB had attended the event, the outcome was unknown; this would have to await the issue of the event Results.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1997/98

The Club had applied to stage the January 1998 event in this Series, probably at Archerfield, although confirmation from the Series Organiser had yet to be received. It was suggested that Rob Lee might want to plan the courses, since it was rumoured that he would like to overprint them.

6.7 Major Relays

The entries for the JK Relays were now submitted. The form for the BOF Relays had become temporarily mislaid, while the format for the SOA Relays was still under discussion.

John handed Colin the recently-received entry form for the Harvester Relays.

An entry form had also been received for the Peter Palmer Relays, to be held this year in Norfolk. Since the Club now had very few Juniors, it was not thought practical to consider entering a team for this event, particularly in view of its remoteness.

6.8 Scotlandsgaloppen 1998

The SOA had distributed a form for this Series, inviting Clubs to apply for a date. It was suggested that we should make efforts to obtain one of these dates, to try to avoid the situation that arose in 1996 when the Club staged no major events, and consequently suffered somewhat from lack of income. It was suggested that Donald Petrie be approached to find out whether any of the Breadalbane '97 areas might be available, or perhaps a Sub-National map, or even Craigbui or Alvie.

ACTION: John

6.9 LBOA Summer Series 1997

It seemed that the Club would be expected to stage two events in the Series, those on 28 May, and either 7 or 21 May, with probable venues of Inch Park and Colinton Dell. The decision on the allocation of the earlier date depended upon which date LINOC preferred; Colin was expecting to hear soon from John Biggar as to the outcome.

7 LBOA

The Summer Series was discussed at the recent Committee Meeting of this body, held on 11 February, which Colin E. attended. Colin had tried to get the LBOA to accept overall responsibility for the Series, including both publicity and event registration, and also perhaps to coordinate the distribution of any income from the Series. It was agreed that, if no action was likely to be taken to register all the events together, the Club's two events in the series should be registered independently.

8 Newsletter

The eagerly awaited issue had hit the streets, to much amusement.

9 Juniors

The LBOA Junior Squad training session took place at Archerfield on 8 February. The SOA Squad had also taken part in the Day, organised by Bill Stevenson.

10 Socials

A Pancake Night was held at the McIntyre family's home on 18 February, and another was held a week earlier.

At this stage, the style of meal to take place after the AGM had not been decided. Colin would discuss it with Darina.

11 A.O.B.

The date of the AGM had been fixed as 15 May, and John had made a telephone reservation of the Meeting Room at the Pleasance.

Of the current Committee, only JB and CI were definitely prepared to stand for re-election; Steve Ambler would be prepared to continue for another year, if no-one else could be found to take on the position. Of those not present at this Meeting, only Peter Dymoke was definitely not standing. Colin expressed the opinion that it would be to the Club's advantage to have Graeme Ackland's abilities available to the Committee; in addition, it would be worth sounding out a member of the Hartman and McIntyre families, or even to find out if Pat Squire had enjoyed a sufficiently long retirement from the Committee.

Hopes of trying to book Woodlands for the weekend of 7/8 June had been dashed, since the house was already reserved on those dates.

The date of the next Meeting would be determined by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

The Meeting closed at 10.15. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 18 April 1997