FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 26 May 1997, at 50 Buckstone Road, Edinburgh

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity, Barry Owen.

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Ambler.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24 March 1997 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

The question of spending the allocation of £82 for winning the 1996 CompassSport Cup was raised; the issue was discussed further under 'Equipment'.

The issue of donating a trophy to the M65 class at the SOA Score Championships was also raised, and it was agreed to purchase such a trophy, probably from 'Emslie's'.

Notice had been received from the Edinburgh District Sports Council of their impending AGM.

Steve had asked, in view of the practice at some recent events, what the recommendations were for providing colour-coded courses at Scotlandsgaloppen events. Some Guidelines were unearthed, and it seemed that the range should include Yellow, Orange, Green, and Blue; the recent events Steve mentioned had not kept to these Guidelines.

3 Treasurer's Report

At this early stage of the Financial Year, there was very little to report. However, there would be significant activity on the bank account in the next few weeks, while the affairs of the SOA Relay Championships were tidied up. In that connection, John mentioned that he had the proceeds of the collection made for car parking, and would pay it into the account as soon as possible. Colin would see Steve soon about winding up the Relay accounts.

4 Equipment

It was agreed that, with the start of a new Club year, the question of acquiring a second Club tent should be pursued. Darina would make some enquiries about delivery times, and the possibility of buying a tent in at least two tones of material. If a purchase was to be possible in the near future, this could be used in order to benefit from BOF's offer of the sum of £82 for winning the 1996 CompassSport Cup.

ACTION: Darina

5 Mapping

The surveying of Glenearn & Berryknowe was still progressing.

Colin reported that, while rummaging in the Squires' attic, he had come across the stock of maps of The Meadows (of vintage 1983). There followed a discussion on what areas in the vicinity of Edinburgh would be suitable to be mapped, at a level which would make them possible venues for at least a Summer Series event, or even a Lothian O-League. Areas mentioned included the grounds of Napier University (at Craiglockhart), the area near Craigmillar Castle, the Gore Glen (near Gorebridge), and Buckstone. Paul felt that the latter would be suitable for a Street-O event, and would check with the Residents Association about the possibility of some form of collaboration. There were still about 100 maps left of Colinton Dell, but this area was in need of re-mapping, and possibly extending. There was also a contour-only map of the City Centre, which Colin would try to unearth.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1997

The Club competed against CUNOC at Wilsontown on 11 May, and overcame their challenge by 35 to 25. In the subsequent round, ESOC would provide the opposition. It would be appropriate if an additional event could be found to stage this tie, possibly in July.

6.2 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

This event had taken place on the day before the Meeting, with no significant hiccups. There were some minor problems, particularly with the inability of ScotLoos to find the assembly area on the Saturday evening, and hence being late in making the facilities available on the Sunday morning. A highlight of the day was the winning of the Open Event by the Club's M21 team of Andy, Gordon, and Rob.

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

The Day Organiser, Bob Climie, had written asking if the Club could nominate members to take charge of the two Starts and the Drinks stations. To assist in this, it was suggested that a list of Club entrants be obtained from the Entries Organiser.

ACTION: Colin E.

6.4 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

There was now some urgency in allocating the tasks of Planner and Organiser for this event. Some names were suggested which would be followed up. Paul offered to be responsible for Entries. It was suggested that members of EUOC might be prepared to help with the organisation. It was also suggested that a Controller be sought through the new SOA Controller of Controllers.

ACTION: John

6.5 1997 SOA Inter-Club competition

It seemed that the Club had defeated Clyde at Elibank in this competition. However, neither we nor our next opponents (FVO) were willing to travel all the way to The Bin (beyond Huntly) to take part in the next round on 1 June. After some discussion, the Club would suggest (with FVO's approval) that the tie could take place at L O-L 2 at Binning Wood on 5 October.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1997/98

The Club had been allocated 8 February 1998 to stage its event in this Series at Archerfield. Some names were suggested as principal officials. A Controller would need to be sought.

6.7 Major Relays

Teams had been entered for the Harvester Relays, to be held in the Reading area in conjunction with a significant social event.

Another date to note was for the 11-Person Relays, on 21 September.

Graeme floated the idea of trying to form a team to go to the Jukola relay, in June 1998. While a nice idea, it was felt that at this stage it might be wiser to let individuals to pursue the suggestion if they wished, rather than make it a Club venture.

6.8 Scotlandsgaloppen 1998

The Club would still want to take on an event in this Series, but it wasn't clear if any dates were still free. It would still be worthwhile to consult Donald Petrie over the availability of Breadalbane '97 areas. John would check with Graham McFadyen if any dates were still available, preferably in June 1998.

ACTION: John

6.9 LBOA Summer Series 1997

The Club's first event in the Series had taken place at Inch Park on 21 May. White, Yellow, and Orange courses had been set up, and 32 competitors had participated. Some concern was expressed about the poor publicity for the Series (once again), and the apparent inability to obtain appropriate listing of the Series in the 'Score' fixture list.

7 LBOA

The next Meeting of this Committee was due to be held on 17 June.

8 Newsletter

The next issue should appear within the next fortnight. John provided Colin with address labels, and a note of address changes and new members. He would also provide a list of e-mail addresses for inclusion in the issue.

9 Juniors

Nothing to report.

10 Socials

Darina suggested dates of either 15 or 29 June for the John Mitchell car Treasure Hunt. These were Sundays with no orienteering events on the Fixture List. She would liaise further with John to try to fix the date.

There was also a suggestion to hold a canoeing evening, perhaps on a Wednesday in late July or August.

Another suggestion was for a Hallowe'en Party in conjunction with a Street-O in the Buckstone area. Paul said he would pursue this idea.

11 A.O.B.

It was reported that some accommodation might be available to Club members for the Highland Fling weekend on 7/8 June.

Graeme said he would update the Club's WWW page (at URL http://www.ed.ac.uk/~graeme/int.html).

In connection with a request made at the AGM, Barry mentioned that he had obtained a list of approved First Aid courses from Peter Leach. It was suggested that details of these be inserted in the Newsletter, to enable members to choose which course might suit them in their efforts to become qualified BOF Club Coaches, and to contact Barry if interested.

The next Meeting would be held on Monday 28 July at 7.30pm at Barry's home (8 Merchiston Place, Edinburgh).

The Meeting closed at 10.25. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 21 July 1997