THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 29 September 1997, at 22 East Preston Street, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Ambler and Graeme Ackland.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 July 1997 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Notification had been received regarding BOF Mapping and Coaching Conferences.

John had still to put together a piece for the Newsletter regarding the Data Protection Act, and its implications for the Club.

ACTION: John

A trophy for the M65 class at the SOA Score Championships had yet to be bought.

3 Treasurer's Report

Steve had provided some papers for the meeting, including an Income and Expenditure statement for the current year. There was some confusion over the level of the Club's resources, until it was realised that the word "balance" in the statement should really have read "surplus", and that the outstanding balance from the 1996/97 Year needed to be taken into account when calculating the true position.

Paul asked about the payee's name on cheques to be received for SG7; it was noted that this should read "Interlopers O.C.". It was also suggested that all entry fee cheques be retained until the event.

The Summer Series event held at Colinton Dell on 28 May had realised a net profit of £26.

4 Equipment

The new Club tent had arrived. Darina (wearing her "Ultrasport" hat) asked for a cheque for the sum of £458.50. The receipted invoice would be sent to BOF to claim the "prize" of £82 for winning the 1996 CompassSport Cup for Small Clubs.

Paul was now in possession of the Club's trestles.

It was noted that the Club watch was currently in Darina's pocket.

5 Mapping

The map of Glenearn & Berryknowe had now been printed, and it was thought that there were 2000 copies of each of the 1:10000 and 1:15000 versions. No bill had yet been received from the printers, so it was not clear what the unit cost was likely to be. Donald Petrie had provided a summary of arrangements which would need to be made regarding access to the area.

It was hoped to organise a Club mapping "event" using the Colinton Dell area, although it wasn't certain if Jon Musgrave could help.

The future of Archerfield was briefly discussed; it was thought that the area might still be under threat from proposed housing development and also from the golf course. There was a need to assess how much work needed to be done to update the map.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1997

The tie against ESOC had finally been played, at Bowhill on 13 September. The Club had lost, but both clubs fielded significantly weakened teams, since the event clashed with Home Internationals.

6.2 1997 SOA Inter-Club competition

The next round in this competition, against FVO, would be played at Binning Wood on 5 October. The Final would be held on 9 November.

6.3 SOA Relays - 25 May 1997 - Strathmashie

There still remained a few loose ends to be tied up, but it was hoped to do this soon.

6.4 Breadalbane '97 - Day 3 - Leachdann Tom na Croich - 5 August

Club members turned out in force for this Day at Breadalbane '97. Most Seniors forewent a run, thus making the organisation significantly easier. Comments were made about problems with Drinks controls at the other events, although it was felt that our efforts on Day 3 in this regard were quite satisfactory.

It was suggested that information about Highland '99 was to be found on the SOA WWW page (at URL http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/). (However, a recent scan of the SOA home page revealed no links to any information about Highland '99.)

6.5 11-Person Relay - 21 September 1997

The Club team came second to FVO at this event. There was considerable disquiet about the tactics of several clubs in "bending" the rules by setting off one of their fourth lap runners on the return of another of the fourth lap runners; this was apparently because one of the third lap runners took a long time to finish. Fortunately, none of these teams managed any better than third place.

6.6 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

Courses were now planned. In addition, as previously mentioned, the maps were available, so overprinting could commence. Some entries had already been received. Pat had distributed a plea for help on the day to the e-mail list. Paul was happy to organise the preparation of the Results. An Assistant Controller was now available to oversee the immediate pre-event arrangements. Fliers would be distributed at Lothian O-League 1, and at the Long-O at Glen Dye. All matters were thus well in hand.

6.7 Lothian O-League - 8 February 1998

Paul asked for a copy of the map of Archerfield. Attempts were still being made to find a Controller.

It was noted that Events 2 and 3 in the O-League were to be staged by WFO and ESOC, at Benarty Hill and North Pentlands, on 16 November and 7 December, respectively. Event 3 would be a Score event.

7 LBOA

The AGM of this Committee was to be held at 8pm on Tuesday 14 October in The Southsider.

The SOA had made it known that the Area was to be responsible for the SOA Night Championships on 8 November 1998. The Club immediately saw the prospect of using Glenearn & Berryknowe for this event, and would recommend this to the Area.

There was some discussion on the Summer Series for 1998. It was recognised that very few maps of Colinton Dell remained, so it would probably be necessary to select another venue for one of the events; a joint venture with EUOC using Corstorphine Hill was suggested. There was also a suggestion that organising some Saturday events might be worthwhile. Some new planners would be needed for 1998, and Paul and Barry hinted that they might be able to help out (albeit with some time restrictions for Paul either side of the Victoria Weekend). Dates for the Club's events were not yet known.

8 Newsletter

Various difficulties had conspired to prevent the next issue from appearing earlier. Colin had now set a copy date of 10 October. John would provide address labels and an up-to-date address list for distribution.

9 Juniors

Anthony was currently in Denmark, competing at the Nordic Championships (along with Lorna and several other Brits.).

At the 6-Day event, the Club was approached to put on a Training Day for Juniors. Because of the dearth of Juniors in the Club, it was suggested that Juniors from other clubs be invited to attend. The LBOA might be involved in setting this up. It was realised that the better Juniors in the Area tended to get involved with the SOA Junior Squad, so it was felt that more youngsters might be attracted to Area training events if the emphasis were not so much on the "Squad" nature of the group. It was expected that Colin E. would take on some responsibility for training Juniors within the LBOA, and it was hoped to try to organise one such Training Day each month, perhaps on a Saturday before a Lothian O-League event. The training should be aimed at those competing at Yellow/Orange level, not at a Squad level; this would conflict with the aims of the ScotJOS.

10 Socials

It was agreed by all who attended that the Canoeing evening on 27 August was a great success.

The Hallowe'en Party was still due to be held at Paul's house on Friday 31 October. Paul wondered, just for his benefit, what form the party would take. Attendees were expected to bring a bottle, etc., and nibbles would be distributed around the house. Some party games would need to be organised, in order to keep the Chairman amused.

The Bowling night had turned into a Skittles night, possibly at the Sheep Heid in November.

It was hoped to hold the usual Christmas party, *chez* Riemersmas. It was suggested that it take place on Thursday 18 December.

11 A.O.B.

It was realised that the Moray House gym was now closed, so that circuit training could no longer be held there. However, Messrs Lee and Eades intended to arrange for the use of facilities at The Pleasance at 6pm on Wednesdays, at a cost of approx. £2.50, perhaps starting on 15 October.

Charlie and Janet were congratulated on the safe birth of Heather on 23 August.

The existence of the Club's e-mail list has been notified to the ESOC Secretary, for his information. Paul announced that anyone acquiring an e-mail address could register the name on the list by sending a message to majordomo@lists.ed.ac.uk, consisting simply of the two lines:

SUBSCRIBE interlopers
END

Alternatively, an e-mail should be sent to Paul (Paul.Caban@ed.ac.uk) for further information.

The next Meeting would be held on Monday 24 November at 7.30pm at 112 Relugas Road.

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 17 November 1997