FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 2 February 1998, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

Present: Graeme Ackland, Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Colin Eades, Colin Inverarity, Barry Owen.

Apologies for absence were received from Darina Cunnane.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

In the Treasurer's Report, paragraph 2, the sentence "It was agreed to value each map..." is misleading. It should be replaced by the following text:

"It was agreed to value each map, for the purposes of the calculation of assets, at 50p. However, in assessing the amount of expenditure on maps for the event accounts, it was agreed that each map should be charged at £1, producing a total for this cost element of approx. £500."

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 24 November 1997 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Janet Clark had forwarded a copy of a planning application for the future use of the Archerfield Estate; this envisaged 3 new golf courses, 80 houses, shops, an observatory (!), etc.. Unfortunately, comments on the application had to be with East Lothian Council by Saturday 31 January.

The SOA had forwarded a paper on assistance with possible future sponsors.

BOF had announced the establishment of a Veterans National Event series, to be held in conjunction with the existing National Events.

There had been two requests, received by e-mail, one from Hungary and one from Sweden, from orienteers keen on making contact with the Club during their visits to Scotland later in the year. John would reply appropriately.

ACTION: John

Paul asked for a copy of the current Certificate of Insurance for the BOF Public Liability policy, in case any of the Archerfield landowners wanted to see it.

3 Treasurer's Report

Steve anticipated that the overall position for 1997/98 would show a shortfall of approx. £200 (although the accounts for SG7 remained to be finalised).

He stressed that the accounts for LOL6 at Archerfield on 1 March would need to be settled within the month. He mentioned that he would be unable to attend the event, but would provide a float.

He asked that all claims for expenses from Committee members be submitted well in advance of the end of the Financial Year. Outstanding items included the "donations" from members of the 11-person Relay team, and the expected distribution from the 6-Day Event Co. for Breadalbane '97.

The net income from the 1997 SOA Individual and Relay Championships had been combined, and the total distributed between the five organising clubs; ELO, INT, ESOC, and RR received 3/13ths, while EUOC received 1/13th. This resulted in a sum of £107.78 for the Club.

4 Equipment

The impending LOL at Archerfield had elicited a review of some equipment. As a result, it was expected that a further stock of map bags would be required. In addition, the desire to provide pre-printed courses meant that a local overprinter needed to be traced.

5 Mapping

In view of the current planning application for the Archerfield Estate, it was felt that no action should be contemplated in upgrading the map of the area.

It was thought that approx. 70 copies of the Colinton Dell map remained. Colin was still trying to fix a date with Jonathan Musgrave to hold a mapping course on the area.

There was some discussion on the area around Craigmillar Castle; it had been established that the Liberton Trust owned part of the area. It was suggested that a letter might be sent to the Trust to try to gain further information.

Barry wondered about the possible use of the Dalmeny Estate. He offered to draft a letter.

John agreed to prepare a letter of enquiry to be sent to both organisations, on Club letterhead paper.

ACTION: John

6 Events

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

There had still been no communication regarding the distribution of any funds from this event.

6.2 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

Final accounts for this event remained to be drawn up.

6.3 CompassSport Cup 1998

The tie against ELO in the first round would be held at Archerfield on 1 March. There ought to be no problem in raising a team.

6.4 Lothian O-League - 1 March 1998

Paul had received positive replies from 4 of the landowners. A flier was ready for distribution at LOL5 at Corstorphine Hill on 8 February.

6.5 LBOA Summer Series 1998

The suggested fixtures structure was discussed. In particular, the implication of the decision of RR not to participate in the Series was considered, with the effect that Interløpers would need to take on an additional event.

Decisions on venues for the Club's events needed to be made promptly; it was intended to have an overall listing of the entire Series included in "Score", for which the official deadline was the day before this meeting! After some discussion, it was agreed to stage the events at Inch Park, Colinton Dell, and Kinneil Wood respectively (providing access was no problem). Organisers were to be Paul, Colin E., and Barry respectively. John would communicate these decisions to Robin Strain, and also to Graham McFadyen for registration purposes.

ACTION: John

The proposed dates, organising clubs, and venues then became as follows:

Date	Club(s)	Location
29 April	EUOC	Holyrood
6 May	LINOC/FVO	Beecraigs
13 May	INT	Inch Park
20 May	ESOC	Blackford
27 May	INT	Colinton Dell
3 June	ESOC	Hillend
10 June	INT	Kinneil Wood
17 June	ELO	Saltoun
24 June	ESOC	Bonaly

6.6 Lothian O-League 1998-99

Preference was initially expressed that the Club not be allocated a date in November 1998 for this Series, because of the commitment described next. However, a counter-suggestion was made that, provided 8 November was available, the Club could stage a double-event weekend. Clearly, the dates for the Series, to be proposed by the LBOA, would need to be definitely known before such a decision could be taken. If 8 November were not available, then it was to be preferred that our O-League event take place in February or March 1999.

6.7 SOA Night Championships - 7 November 1998

The Club had informally offered to stage this event, on the Glenearn & Berryknowe map. If the offer were accepted, planning would need to begin quite soon. In addition, the landowners affected would need to be contacted very soon. Colin would provide John with a list.

ACTION: Colin, John

6.8 Highland '99

A letter had been received from the central organisation, asking if the Club would stage Day 6, in conjunction with RR and ELO, on Saturday 7 August 1999.

6.9 Scotlandsgaloppen 1999

It was queried whether the Club should organise an event in this Series. However, the view was expressed that the Club would have sufficient commitment in 1999 (with Highland '99), and that it might be preferable to wait until 2000 before applying for a Scotlandsgaloppen date.

7 LBOA

This Committee had met on Tuesday 27 January. Apart from the Summer Series and the 1998/99 Lothian O-League, the only other issue of concern to the Club was the intention to establish a programme of Junior training, based on ESOC's series of low-key Saturday events. Clubs would be asked for a list of suitable Juniors to be contacted, and also for names of club members who might be able to assist with training. It was agreed to supply the LBOA with the names of the junior members of the Mason, Inverarity, Balfour, and Squire families.

The next meeting of this Committee would be held on Tuesday 24 March, at John's house.

8 Newsletter

Colin I. was hoping to compile a new issue for distribution in the near future.

9 Juniors

It was suggested that appropriate junior members of the Club should be informed about the training events being staged by ESOC on Saturday mornings (although the LBOA would be doing the same thing in a more coordinated way).

Barry and Colin E. would get together to consider the issue, discussed at the last meeting, of Junior Development, and the possible part-time employment of a Schools Liaison officer.

10 Socials

The Christmas party duly took place on Thursday 18 December, at the Riemersmas' residence, and there was a splendid turn-out.

A poetry recital was held *chez* Ackland on 25 January.

A Pancake Night would take place on 24 February at 7pm at 22 East Preston Street.

11 A.O.B.

There was some discussion on recent changes to the membership list. New members would be announced in the Newsletter.

Colin E. agreed to organise teams for the forthcoming J.K. and BOF Relays; John handed over the entry forms.

The next Meeting was to have been held on Monday 30 March 1998.

However, the Secretary later admitted that this was a significant date in his family's history, and accordingly everyone magnanimously agreed to a change of date. Hence, the next Meeting will now be held on SUNDAY 29 MARCH 1998 at 7.30pm at 105 Greenbank Road, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 10.53. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 9 March 1998