SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 6 April 1998, at 105 Greenbank Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

In the Treasurer's Report, paragraph 1, "shortfall" should read "shortfall to date".

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 2 February 1998 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

An entry form for the Harvester Relays had been received. John would forward a copy to Colin.

ACTION: John

Minutes of the recent SOA Executive meeting had also been received, including a request for information on the whereabouts of the SOA overprinter. This meeting confirmed that it was not in the Club's possession.

John summarised the position regarding renewal of SOA memberships. Only four remained to renew, of whom one had apparently returned to the USA. The other three would be reminded.

3 Treasurer's Report

The accounts for LOL6 at Archerfield on 1 March showed a net income/expenditure figure of approx. £350.

In addition, on the day after the last Committee Meeting, a cheque for £469 had been received from the 6-Day Event Company, representing "expenses" incurred by the Club in helping to organise Day 3 of Breadalbane '97.

Cheques remained to be drawn for the Secretary's expenses, and for SOA members' subscriptions.

Over the Year, it was anticipated that the net income/expenditure would be in the region of £600, although the accounts remained to be finalised. This was despite significant outlays, in the form of the new Club tent, and the production of the map of Glenearn & Berryknowe. There remained about 2000 copies at each scale of the maps of this area, which were valued at 50p for the purpose of determining assets.

4 Equipment

The Club watch was still in existence, but the buttons operated only intermittently.

The equipment used at LOL6 was still in Paul's floored loft. He also had the tent, which he would take to the JK. A final trestle, left by accident at its site at Archerfield, was eventually recovered.

5 Mapping

No-one had any news of the current planning application for the Archerfield Estate. (Subsequent to the Meeting, Steve reported that he had seen an item in "The Scotsman" to the effect that the application had been approved.)

Barry reported that he had had no reply to a letter which he had sent to the Dalmeny Estate. He had received a sympathetic reply to a similar letter sent to the Hopetoun Estate, but this organisation had refused permission for use of its area.

Colin had asked Donald Petrie if he had a standard letter which could be sent seeking permission for use of new areas. He would pursue this.

6 Events

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

As reported earlier, the expected income from this event had now been received.

6.2 Scotlandsgaloppen 7 - 19 October 1997

Accounts for this event were now finalised.

6.3 CompassSport Cup 1998

The Club defeated ELO by 36 to 24 in the first round held at Archerfield on 1 March. ESOC would be the next opponents, although the completion date for the round was 3 May, and there were no suitable events in Scotland before that date. It was suggested that it might be possible to play the tie at an LBOA Summer Series event, perhaps at Beecraigs on 6 May. John would contact Norma Coutts to sound her out.

ACTION: John

6.4 Lothian O-League - 1 March 1998

This event had taken place satisfactorily. Thanks were due to Paul, Graeme, and Jane, and to Robin Strain of ELO. Thank-you letters had been sent to the landowners.

6.5 LBOA Summer Series 1998

Barry reported that he had already prepared draft courses for the Club's third event in this Series, at Kinneil on 10 June.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1998-99

Attempts had been made at the recent LBOA Meeting (on 24 March at John's home) to derive a list of possible dates for this Series. The dates needed to be checked with Graham McFadyen. However, it seemed that 8 November would not be possible, and accordingly the Club's second preference, for a date in February or March 1999, was noted. In any case, RR had asked for a date in November 1998.

6.7 SOA Night Championships - 7 November 1998

Colin would draft a letter to be sent to the primary landowner at Glenearn & Berryknowe.

ACTION: Colin

6.8 Highland '99

The central organisation had written, stating that it was not yet possible to officially announce the venues for the events; this was because of IOF rules. Names would soon need to be pencilled in for the 5 major officials for Day 6, to be drawn from the memberships of INT, RR, and ELO.

7 LBOA

This Committee had met on Tuesday 24 March.

It had been announced that the Club had won the Inter-Club championships, held in conjunction with LOL7 at the Eildon Hills on 22 March (narrowly defeating ESOC).

A poster had been produced for the Summer Series events. It would be sent to all Primary and Secondary schools in the Lothians during the Easter holiday. Darina asked for a few copies.

8 Newsletter

Colin I. asked for articles to continue to flow. He hoped to produce the next issue during the first week of the Summer Term.

9 Juniors

There was considerable discussion about the possible involvement of the Club in supporting the appointment of a part-time Junior Development Officer (JDO), to be located in Edinburgh. Such an appointment would attract equal funding from the Scottish Sports Council, and it transpired that both ESOC and the LBOA were keen on providing funding for a JDO. (Similar JDOs had already been appointed in the Inverness, Deeside, and Ayrshire areas.) Colin E. felt strongly that such a financial commitment could not be entered into lightly, certainly not by a decision taken at a Committee Meeting; he considered that the whole Club should be consulted on the issue, and that a motion to this effect should be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

As a related issue, he asked John to send him a copy of the current Club Information Sheet.

ACTION: John

10 Socials

The Pancake Night was duly held, but at the McIntyres' flat.

There was a possibility that a Slide Evening might be held *chez* Weir.

Darina suggested that the post-AGM meal be held at the Bar Napoli, in Hanover Street. She suggested a starting time of 9.15 for 9.30, and asked that those interested contact her; e-mail would be quite satisfactory. John would confirm the date with her, once the Pleasance had been contacted (see next section).

ACTION: John

Barry offered to arrange another Canoe evening at Low Port, perhaps on a Wednesday in June.

It was suggested that a Club Weekend could be held, in conjunction with SG4 at Drumashie, on 15/16 August at Woodlands if it were available. John would try to find out from Pat.

ACTION: John

11 A.O.B.

Some discussion was held about the date for the AGM. It was noted that sufficient time should be allowed for the issue of the statutory six weeks notice. It was hence decided to aim for Thursday 4 June. John would check the availability of the Meeting Room at the Pleasance for that date, at 7pm for two hours. He would also arrange for the issue of the AGM notice.

ACTION: John

Both Steve and Colin E. intimated that they were not prepared to stand for re-election to the Committee in their current offices. The remaining members said nothing, which usually meant that they would be prepared to be re-elected.

It was reported that both John Kenworthy and Karen Dobbie were recovering well from their injuries, suffered at Corstorphine Hill on 8 February.

Steve was thanked for his hospitality.

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

The Meeting closed at 9.42. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 6 May 1998