FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 29 June 1998, at 112 Relugas Road, Edinburgh

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Colin Eades, Dave Godfree, Colin Inverarity.

Apologies for absence were received from Barry Owen.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 6 April 1998 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

The Organisers of Highland '99 had asked if any Club members might be travelling abroad over the summer and, if so, whether they would be prepared to take and distribute copies of the 6-Day Event brochure. Several names were suggested, and John would communicate these to the H '99 office.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul had not yet had the books from Steve, although this was about to happen.

He was also intending chasing up Relay entrants for their contributions.

The Summer Series events had made profits of £49 (Inch Park), £44 (Colinton Dell), and £11 (Kinneil).

Graeme and Paul needed to have their signatures approved by the Bank of Scotland.

4 Equipment

A need had been identified for some small-sized control markers, for use at Summer Series (and other small) events. Darina, in her capacity as Ultrasport representative, would be asked to acquire a set of 30.

ACTION: Darina

There had been some discussion with Brian Bullen over the possibility of using the Emit electronic punching system at the SOA Night Championships in November (although the system had not yet been used in earnest by the SOA). A fairly careful analysis of costs had been made for the use of the system, based on 200 entrants (somewhat speculatively), and the upshot was that the entry fee would need to be increased by about £6 to cover the hire costs. It was agreed by all that this was grossly excessive; the Club would be happy to assist in providing a trial for the use of the system, but the costs as they stood at present were unacceptable.

5 Mapping

Paul had been in contact with Mr Trotter regarding mapping Mortonhall, and he had received a favourable reply. He expected to hear later in July about the access situation. Paul would arrange with Dave for a base map to be prepared, and Colin E. would scan it into a PC; this machine-readable version could then be input by Graeme to OCAD.

There was no further word about any plans Barry might have for mapping other local areas.

Dave suggested that, if another area suitable for a Scotlandsgaloppen event were felt worth pursuing, he could re-map Firbush.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1998

The Club defeated ESOC by 31 to 28 in the second round held at Douglas on 24 May. FVO would be the next opponents, and it was expected that the tie would be played at the FVO colour-coded event in the Trossachs on 20 September.

It was pointed out that the Final of this competition was due to be held on the same day (18 October) as the Fell Runners Association Relays; this may affect whether some Club members can take part in the Final, should we qualify.

6.2 LBOA Summer Series 1998

All 3 events took place as planned. Thanks were due to Colin, Paul, and Barry (and any others who helped).

6.3 Lothian O-League 1998-99

The Club had been allocated the date of 8 February 1999 for their event in this series. It was hoped to hold the event at Archerfield. It was rumoured that Ken Daly might be prepared to plan such an event (i.e. a straightforward cross-country event, not a night or a relay event). Paul offered to check the permissions with the landowners, but would prefer to run at the competition (having never yet competed at Archerfield).

ACTION: Paul

6.4 SOA Night Championships - 7 November 1998

It was now quite urgent to register this event. Dave had offered to plan the courses. However, an Organiser was needed, as well as a Controller (to be sought through the SOA). Permission for use of the area was still to be sought.

ACTION: John

6.5 LBOA Championships 1998/99

It was the Club's turn to organise this event. It had been hoped to stage a badge event the day after the Night Championships, but this would clash with a colour-coded event being held by Clyde on 8 November. Possibilities were either that it be held in conjunction with the Tinto Twin weekend on 31 October/1 November, or else held back until perhaps 28 March 1999. Graeme would check the former suggestion.

ACTION: Graeme

6.6 Highland '99

The five major officials for Day 6 were now known: as well as the principal Controller (Jim Heardman), the Assistant Controller would be Lynn Walker (ECKO), the Planners would be Graeme and Jane Ackland, and the Organisers were to be Lindsey Knox (RR) and Ian Moir (ELO).

7 LBOA

This Committee had met on Tuesday 12 May.

One unexpected result of the meeting was the announcement that the Club had won the inter-Club championships, held in conjunction with the O-League event at the Eildon Hills on 22 March.

8 Newsletter

Colin I. asked for articles to continue to flow. He hoped to produce the next issue towards the end of the week. John would supply address labels, as well as a copy of the text of the JDO advert, about to appear in "Score".

9 Juniors

A draft of the Job Description for the proposed Junior Development Officer was discussed. It was suggested that an extra "Responsibility" be included, to the effect that the JDO should coordinate transport to local events.

The advertisement would appear in "Score" in the July/August issue, asking for interested people to contact John by 31 July; such people would be sent a copy of the detailed agreed Job Description.

Colin I. asked for a copy of the "Score" advertisement, so that he could include it in the Club Newsletter.

Colin also announced that Niall had been invited to join ScotJOS.

10 Socials

There was a good turn-out of members at the Italian meal after the AGM.

Paul also expressed his appreciation of the canoeing evening at Linlithgow.

Darina was apparently interested in people's ideas for a Club Championships. It was suggested that the McIntyres (Ian and Jane) might be a source of inspiration (Ian having staged a Club Championships at Kinneil some years previously). Following on from this suggestion, it was pointed out that the map of Kinneil could do with updating, and that the Club might suggest to the remnants of LINOC that they take on the job. Dave remarked that the cost of printing two A4-sized maps was roughly the same as printing one.

11 A.O.B.

There had been no news on the health of John Kenworthy. However, Karen Dobbie was now back to gentle jogging, after her injury and bout of ill-health.

John mentioned that he had sort-of committed the Club to collaborating with ESOC in staging some Saturday local events during the Autumn. ESOC had already planned two events similar to the Summer Series immediately after the school holidays, but were also planning a Saturday event near the start of both September and November. Accordingly, it was agreed that Interløpers could put on a similar event at the beginning of both October and December. Dates would need to be checked, but Colin E. and Paul offered to help out with these.

ACTION: John

Graeme was thanked for his hospitality.

The next Meeting was to have been held on Monday 24 August at 22 East Preston Street. HOWEVER, owing to the absence of the Chairman, the date has been put back by one week, to Monday 31 August (at the same venue).

The Meeting closed at 9.43. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 17 August 1998