SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 31 August 1998, at 22 East Preston Street, Edinburgh

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

Paul pointed out that the profit figure for the Colinton Dell Summer Series event (£44) was in fact the total income figure. 40 colour photo-copies of the map had been made (at a unit cost of 50p), so the net income figure was actually £24.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 29 June 1998 were approved.

Darina pointed out that, with effect from 1 August, she was now the representative of Compass Point, and was no longer associated with Ultrasport.

2 Secretary's Report

A letter had been received from Barry Owen, apologising for non-attendance at the previous Meeting, and explaining that, for personal reasons, he no longer felt able to serve on the Committee. The Meeting agreed that, for the time being at least, it would not seek to replace Barry's Committee position.

A brochure and entry form had been received for the 1999 French 5-Days. Several people expressed interest in receiving copies of the entry form.

3 Treasurer's Report

30 small Ultrasport kites had been purchased, at a cost of £90.

Colin I submitted his expenses claim for newsletter production.

Co-signatures are now sorted out for the bank account.

A cheque for £50 was written, to be sent to the LBOA for their Junior Squad expenses.

4 Equipment

The small kites are now in Paul's garage.

The situation with regard to use of the Emit electronic punching system has gone quiet; it was not likely to be used at the original costs.

5 Mapping

Mapping of the Mortonhall area was now ready to be started; all access had been granted. The 1:25000 map of the area would need to be scanned in, and field work begun; Paul (surprise, surprise) volunteered; Dave also had his arm twisted. Paul would use his PC as a base for the surveying. Graeme offered to do the mapping.

Colin E has scanned the map of Colinton Dell and it was now on a CD.

It was suggested that the two areas should be printed together, so save costs.

6 Events

6.1 CompassSport Cup 1998

The Club was due to play FVO at Lothian O-League event 1 at The Trossachs on 20 September. The Final would be staged at Slaley in Northumberland on 18 October.

6.2 Autumn Saturday events

The Club would stage two events in this series, on 3 October in Holyrood Park, and on 5 December at Corstorphine Hill (organised by Pat Squire and Colin Eades respectively). They were both registered. ESOC would put on the event on 7 November at Bonaly.

6.3 LBOA Championships 1998/99

Tinto had agreed to run these Championships in conjunction with their Sunday event as part of the Tinto Twin weekend on 31 October/1 November at Newcastleton. Information would be included in the publicity for the Twin events, through liaison with Marjory Foreman. Janet Clark (ESOC), in her capacity as LBOA Treasurer, would arrange for the return of the trophies. The Club would organise the results for the Championships, in collaboration with the Tinto team on the day.

6.4 SOA Night Championships - 7 November 1998

Robin Sloan (RR) had agreed to control the event. Only 4 landowners were affected by the planned use of the area, and those at West Rhynd, Easter Moncrieffe, and Lochelbank were happy to allow access. The owner of the Balmanno Estate wanted more details of the area we hoped to use. Paul would do some of the pre-event organisation, but on the day would only be able to be there in the evening. John agreed to help with other on-the-day organisation.

6.5 11-Person Relay - 13 September 1998

The event was to be held at Culzean Country Park, but the owners wanted every competitor to pay an entry fee for use of the grounds (£3 per adult, £2.40 per child), on top of the event entry fee. For this reason, and because of the relative remoteness of the area, and because of a clash with the Senior Home Internationals, no team had been entered. However, some members had asked about taking part, and Darina said she would try to raise a team.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1998-99

Paul informed the Meeting that access to Archerfield in February was almost certain to be impossible, since development of the site may well have begun by then. However, at the recent LBOA Meeting, during attempts to sort out the O-League programme, it proved unclear about the state of the proposed EUOC event in the series on 6 December. In order to get at least the 1998 events clear, it was suggested that INT and EUOC should swap dates, so that the Club would now be holding their event on 6 December. Paul suggested that it may still be possible to use Archerfield before the end of the year, and he would try to find out from the owners if this were so.

It was suggested that Hilary Quick might be able to plan the event.

6.7 Scotlandsgaloppen 1999

Graeme had been liaising with Graham McFadyen about the staging of the second event in this Series on 28 March 1999. A new area near Kingussie (Uath Lochans) was being mapped by Ken Hall, and plans were now well advanced for the Club to put on an event there. Ken Daly would be Planner, while Brad Connor would Organise. Darina might be able to take Entries. Rob Lee offered to help Brad with the Organisation. It was pointed out that Woodlands would be useful as a base for the weekend; John would check with Pat about its availability.

ACTION: John

Graeme suggested that, to attract more punters, it might be possible to stage a short race in the area on the Saturday 27 March, possibly using the Emit system.

6.8 Highland '99 - 7 August 1999

All appeared to be under control for this event. The Meeting discussed the possibility of Club members taking part on the Club's Day. The consensus was to allow this, but it would be politic to announce the Committee's considered decision well in advance. In addition, it would be necessary to obtain a good spread of start times; it would be much more difficult for the organisation if all Club members who ran were allocated start times in one 40-minute block.

Co-organising Clubs were ECKO, RR, and ELO; it might be that an English Club would also help out.

The Club's Day (Day 6) is the same day as a World Championships event, so parking would already have been organised. This ought to allow plenty of time to set up for the event.

6.9 British Elite Championships 2000 - 12 June 2000

Colin E mentioned that he would be interested in planning this event. The Club had already made some representations with regard to staging the event.

7 LBOA

This Committee had met on Tuesday 25 August.

The principal business had been concerned with the timetable for the 1998/99 Lothian O-League, the holding of the AGM (on Tuesday 27 October at 12 Swanston Avenue), the appointment of a Junior Development Officer, and auditing of the Association's accounts.

8 Newsletter

Colin reported that he hoped to produce the next issue "sometime soon". There would be articles by Paul, Graeme, and Ian McLean.

9 Juniors

There had not been much progress on the appointment of a Junior Development Officer. Only one application had been received in response to the advertisement in "Score", from Cliff White (ESOC).

It was reported that the Galloway family had expanded once again.

10 Socials

The Car Treasure Hunt had taken place, and the four carloads which participated enjoyed the day. The finish was at Beecraigs Car Park, just as the heavens opened.

The Cycle-O took place on 25 July, with two courses (7km and 11km). Darina won the former.

Darina also held a house-warming party.

No events were planned for September, but perhaps a Club Championships might take place during October (Ian McIntyre was rumoured to be keen on this).

It had yet to be decided whether to hold a Hallowe'en Party (partly because the date clashed with the night event at the Tinto Twin.

It was hoped to be able to hold the Christmas Party once again, courtesy of the Riemersma family.

11 A.O.B.

There were some scurrilous rumours circulating that Compass Point might be persuaded to sponsor the Club's top teams next year. Kim Buckley had moved to Edinburgh, bringing some sponsorship with her; she was rumoured to be keen to join the Club.

It was suggested that the Harvester Trophy, as well as the LBOA Inter-Club trophy (a bronze elephant!), should be on display at any Club Championships which might be organised,

Dave let it slip that he and Gillian were planning to be married on 23 July 1999; Gillian would be moving back to Edinburgh in due course.

Colin was thanked for his hospitality.

12 Next Meeting

The next Meeting was to have been held on Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm at 30 Blackwood Crescent. HOWEVER, owing to the absence of the Secretary, the date has been put back by one week, to Wednesday 28 October (at the same time and venue).

The Meeting closed at 9.56. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 12 October 1998