THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 28 October 1998, at 30 Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Darina Cunnane.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

Graeme pointed out that he did not offer to do the mapping for Mortonhall.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 31 August 1998 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

BOF had made their annual request for a Mapping Representative to be appointed by the Club. Dave generously offered to accept the appointment. BOF had also asked for the names of other mappers within the Club; it was agreed to add the name of Graham McIntyre.

The SOA statistical return was required to assist in their annual submission to the SSC. The meeting discussed one or two questions posed on the return. It was suggested that a note could be made of Donald Petrie's help in making the Uath Lochans area available to us for the proposed Scotlandsgaloppen event in March 1999. Mention could also be made of the Club's performances in the CompassSport Trophy competition in the last three years.

3 Treasurer's Report

There had been very little financial activity since the last meeting, with the net income/expenditure close to zero.

4 Equipment

The small kites have had their first outing, at the local event on Arthur's Seat on 3 October.

5 Mapping

Graeme and Paul had been putting together an application to the "Awards for All" programme for a Lottery Grant to assist in the mapping of Mortonhall and Colinton Dell, and perhaps the western part of the current Archerfield map. The form proved to be quite complicated to complete. Quotes for mapping all three areas from scratch (apart from provision of aerial photographs) had been requested from Dave Peel and Jonathan Musgrave, with the intention of printing 1500, 800, and 1200 copies respectively of each area. The application would be submitted to Donald Petrie, who would vet it as an independent referee. The Club would offer to pay for half the costs of the proposal (approx. £2000).

As far as actual work was concerned, it was agreed to make a start on Mortonhall and Colinton Dell. Colin E. has scanned in the original map of the latter. A 1:10000 O.S. map would serve as a base map for

Mortonhall. Graeme and Paul would be able to find some time from December onwards, and Pat Squire and Hilary Quick had offered their services.

Dave recommended getting the dunes area at Archerfield prepared professionally using OCAD, and asking the mapper to let us have the OCAD file once it was done. It was suggested that a start could be made at some field work of the area, after the Lothian O-League event on 6 December. There was also the previous day, on which Colin E. was putting on a local event at Corstorphine.

It was also suggested that enquiries be made at East Lothian Council to inspect the planning application for Archerfield, to see which parts of the area would be worth re-mapping.

ACTION: Colin E.

6 Events

6.1 11-Person Relay - 13 September 1998

In the end, no team took part in this competition.

6.2 CompassSport Trophy 1998

The Club just managed to triumph over FVO at The Trossachs on 20 September, by 31 to 28.

In the Final, staged at Slaley in Northumberland on 18 October, Interløpers defeated Essex Stragglers (otherwise known as SOS) 35 to 25 in the semi-final, but lost narrowly to CLARO in the Final by 28 to 32. Graeme wrote to NATO, the event organisers, to thank them for the successful way the Final was put on.

6.3 Autumn Saturday events

The first event was held on 3 October in Holyrood Park, organised by Pat Squire. There was income of £14 from this event. Pat was thanked for his help.

The next event staged by the Club was to be on 5 December at Corstorphine Hill.

It was agreed that the series should continue into the New Year, but with start times being brought forward from the 13:00-14:30 range to 11:00-12:30. John would consult with Janet Clark, and would suggest that Interløpers put on the second event (probably on 6 February).

ACTION: John

6.4 LBOA Championships - 1 November 1998

It had been agreed that the Trophy presentation should be held at the event, not at the Score Championships (as suggested in an LBOA flier). The Club would, as promised, help with the results for the Championships, in collaboration with the Tinto team on the day.

6.5 SOA Night Championships - 7 November 1998

On the Saturday before the original closing date for entries, only 12 entries had been received, and cancellation was definitely in prospect. However, by the time of this meeting, there were 34 definite entries, and it had been agreed to proceed with the event.

Graeme offered to investigate the possibility of hiring a room in a local pub, or even a private house, as a venue for the Assembly. There was considerable discussion on deriving a cancellation strategy, dependent on the weather situation during the Saturday. Colin I. offered to have his telephone number published as an information contact point.

At this stage, Paul pointed out that the only committed expense was for the St. Andrews first aid team. If cancellation became necessary because of bad weather, it was agreed that £1/50p of the entry fees should be retained to cover costs.

As for during-the-event safety, as recommended by the Controller, the Police needed to be informed of the event. In addition, plans should be made for a search-and-rescue team to be on standby.

6.6 Lothian O-League 1998-99

There was apparently only one official Receiver for one half of the Archerfield Estate (the other half was owned by Hamilton and Kinneil). Provided the Receiver still owned the area, there would be no problem with access on 6 December; if not, the new buyer's lawyers could be contacted to ascertain the access situation.

All things considered, it was agreed to try to proceed with holding the event at Archerfield, either on a restricted part of the area using a car park at the Gullane end, or else on the entire map if access was OK. An appropriate flier would be prepared and distributed at LOL-3 and at the Scottish Score. Hilary Quick, the planner, would be able to visit the area in mid-November. John would try to find a Controller from ELO, and would also register the event.

ACTION: John

As for an Organiser, Paul offered to do the letter-writing, and Graeme would do on-the-day organisation.

6.7 Scotlandsgaloppen 2 - 28 March 1999

It was suggested that a Training session could be arranged in the area on the Saturday. Woodlands would be available from noon on Saturday 27 March. The event is now registered, but without entry fee information pending a further investigation into the effect of the large increase in BOF levy with effect from the turn of the year. There was a rumour that Brad Connor might be moving to London, but it wasn't clear whether this would take place before or after the event.

There was some discussion on the level of entry fees to be set, given the large increase in BOF levy with effect from 1 January 1999, and its effect on net income for a given entry fee. Committee members were asked what they thought a satisfactory figure for net profit should be; the consensus was about £200, and Paul pointed out that this implied a total income in the region of £2200.

He had done some calculations, and presented the results of setting various levels of fees (assuming an attendance at a Scotlandsgaloppen of the order of 270/80 badge event entries at Senior/Junior, and 40/20 colour-coded). For fees set at £6/£3, the event would lose money; for fees of £7/£4, it would probably break even. There was a lot of discussion about the setting of colour-coded entry fees; it was pointed out that the expenses per competitor were just the same as for a badge event entrant. The final suggestion was to make badge event fees £7/£4, and colour-coded fees £6/£3. All these calculations assumed a unit map cost of £1.25; if this turned out to be any different, it was agreed to charge twice the difference on the entry fees.

6.8 CompassSport Trophy 1999

An entry had been sent off for this competition.

6.9 Highland '99 - 7 August 1999

The central organisation had decreed that 105 people would be needed to help with Day 6 (which was felt to be somewhat over the top). Given approx. 13 from RR and 12 from ELO, this meant that 80 would be required from Interløpers! It was hoped that perhaps a University club, or even an England-based one, could be persuaded to provide some manpower. It was suggested that the Club should take responsibility for all three Starts and for Car Parking. It had been agreed with Lindsey Knox that some members would be allowed to run (other than Juniors, who could anyway). The rough criterion could be that people could run, provided they were not entered for every other Day. This probably only applied to Elite runners, anyway. Those that did run should be made aware that they were expected to help before and after their run.

6.10 British Elite Championships 2000 - 12 June 2000

This event was now pencilled in for a Scotlandsgaloppen date of 12 June 2000.

7 LBOA

The AGM of this body had been held on 27 October, and 9 people attended. Most of the proceedings were formalities.

The next ordinary Committee meeting was to be held on 17 November.

8 Newsletter

Colin hoped to produce an issue before Christmas.

9 Juniors

The only applicant for the post of Junior Development Officer, Cliff White, had subsequently withdrawn. It wasn't clear what the next move should be.

10 Socials

Darina would ask the Riemersmas if they would be happy to host this year's Christmas party.

Colin and Lorna would be hosting a Hallowe'en Party on 29 October.

Several people attended a curry night at Mother India, after the CompassSport Trophy Final.

11 A.O.B.

There was no further information on the possibility of sponsorship for the Club's Open teams. Any proposed arrangements should be subject to Committee approval.

Dave was thanked for his hospitality, and for Gillian's cake.

12 Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held on Monday 18 January 1999 at 7.30pm at 161 Dalkeith Road.

The Meeting closed at 10.11. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 29 November 1998