FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 24 March 1999, at 29/4 Prestonfield Avenue, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Donald Petrie.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 18 January 1999 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

The BOF Office had requested that the Relay Championships Ad Hoc Trophy be returned in time for this year's event. The trophy's whereabouts were uncertain, but it was thought that one of Barry Owen, Donald Petrie, and Graham McIntyre should be able to shed more light.

There was some discussion of various matters in the Minutes of the last SOA Meeting. One revolved around a suggestion to establish an events insurance policy, though whether this was to take the place of the BOF policy wasn't clear. Paul said he would make further investigations.

There was also some concern about the SOA's plans for Area Restructuring, with the apparent demise of the Midland Area. The 3 clubs in that Area (FVO, WFO, and PO) had all expressed a wish to join LBOA, but the SOA seemed to be trying to force FVO to join the West.

3 Treasurer's Report

The only activity since the last meeting was the income from the Cammo local event, thought to be £34.30.

Paul pointed out that the end of the Financial Year was approaching, and he wanted as much tidied up as possible by 31 March, including any outstanding expenses claims. Other anticipated items of expenditure included the new O-suits and the entry fees for the BOF Relays (although half of the latter should be recoverable from team members).

4 Equipment

At the time of the meeting, Brad Connor had almost all the equipment at his house, ready for Uath Lochan.

The outstanding stock of Archerfield maps had not yet come to light.

The LBOA Summer Series equipment had been unearthed by John Kenworthy in his garage; it seems that it had been there since summer 1996. The equipment is now in John B's garage.

5 Mapping

It was hoped to hear soon on the success (or otherwise) of the application to the "Awards for All" programme for a Lottery Grant to assist in the mapping of Mortonhall and Colinton Dell.

If such a grant were awarded, it was suggested that Mortonhall, and perhaps Colinton Dell, be mapped professionally.

It was intended to stage the Club's second Summer Series event at Braidburn Park (not Mortonhall) on 9 June. It was rumoured that Scott Balfour had a copy of an old map of the area. Paul would try to get hold of a copy, and have it scanned into OCAD by Colin.

There was also discussion on the future of Archerfield. Apparently, part of the sale of the area had fallen through. There was a suggestion that Tim Brand's company might be able to obtain a photogrammetric plot of the area, and that therefore it might be possible to re-map a significant fraction of the area.

There were some brief remarks about the area around Craigmillar Castle. It was felt that there were several barbed-wire fences around the area which made it not so attractive.

6 Events

6.1 Scotlandsgaloppen 2 - 28 March 1999

To date, there had been about 350 pre-entries. The map's unit cost was now known to be £1. It was anticipated that about 40 Club members would attend the event.

6.2 CompassSport Trophy 1999

The SOA round in this year's competition would take place at the ESOC L O-L at Dalkeith Park on 18 April.

6.3 LBOA Championships 1999

This event would be staged by ELO at Cademuir on 16 May.

6.4 LBOA Summer Series 1999

The Club was to stage two events in this Series: the first on 19 May at Colinton Dell, organised by Barry Owen, and the second on 9 June, organised by Gordon Riemersma.

6.5 SOA Relays - 30 May

The closing date for these was 30 April.

6.6 JOK Chasing Sprint

This event was to be organised by two members of the Club (Pat Bartlett and Nigel Wright) in the Lake District on 12 June.

6.7 Park World Tour

Donald Petrie had written, asking for helpers (60-70 in total from all Clubs). The event was to take place at 5.45pm on Tuesday 15 June.

6.8 Highland '99 - 7 August 1999

The Club had been allocated responsibility for the Starts and the Car Parking. Two Team Leaders would be needed, the names of whom should be communicated to Lindsey Knox in due course. It had been agreed that Club members would be permitted to run on the day. Graeme would try to obtain a list of members who had entered for the Day, to assist in manpower planning. The consensus of the Day 6 Clubs was for an even split of any profit; Interløpers would accept this, provided there were no glaring anomalies in relative manpower.

6.9 LBOA Summer/Autumn Series

Three events would be held, on 18 and 25 August, and 1 September. The Club (in the person of Paul) had agreed to organise the first event, probably at Hillend.

6.10 Harvester Trophy - 25/26 September 1999

It was agreed that a team should be entered for this event.

6.11 LBOA Winter Saturday Series

It was suggested that one venue to be considered for these events should be Cammo. Ann Haley had offered to organise such an event.

6.12 Lothian O-League 1999/2000

At the recent LBOA Committee Meeting, tentative plans were made for this series, for both dates and organising Clubs. Interløpers were pencilled in for the event of 19 March, which would be the last in the series as well as the Scottish round of the 2000 CompassSport Trophy.

6.13 JK 2000

It was noted that one of the principal areas was to be Drummond Hill.

6.14 BE2000 - 10/11 June 2000

A slight question mark had been raised over the quality of the area to be used for the Classic Race, to the extent that the concentration of mapping effort had been specifically for this year's World Championships courses, and that therefore the mapping might not be sufficiently accurate for any courses planned for BE2000. Further enquiries would be made. It was noted that the Elite event would be held in conjunction with the Scotlandsgaloppen event.

A more pressing need was to identify an area for the Short Race. It was suggested that Donald Petrie might have some ideas about suitable areas; perhaps Muir of Alvie might do.

6.15 6-Day Event - 2003

Interløpers were to be asked to be the lead Club for this event, to be staged in the Forres/Elgin area. It had been hoped that Donald would be able to give more details at this Meeting, but of course his unavoidable absence precluded this. As a first step, however, some idea of the list of principal jobs would be needed, and Donald (as Company Secretary) should be able to provide this. Graham McIntyre had already indicated that he would be happy to take on one such job. Further discussion with Donald would be needed before the Club could finally commit itself to this task.

7 LBOA

The last Committee meeting of this organisation, which John attended, was held on 16 March. The programme for the 1999 Summer Series was confirmed, and some dates for a continuation of the programme in August and early September were proposed. Tentative dates and organising Clubs were suggested for the 1999/2000 O-League, with Interløpers taking on the last event (and the SOA round of the CompassSport Trophy) on 19 March 2000.

The next Committee Meeting would be on 4 May (subsequently changed to 11 May).

8 Newsletter

The February issue had duly appeared, and was up to its usual high standard.

9 Juniors

There was some discussion on how much to charge Junior members for the new O-suits which were being ordered; this discussion also covered what to charge Seniors. Eventually it was agreed to set the prices at £20/£10 respectively for Senior/Junior tops.

10 Socials

The Burns-O took place at the Acklands' house on Monday 25 January. Most of those present took part first in the Street-O, despite tricky underfoot conditions caused by wet pavements which had frozen. This was followed by the traditional meal.

The Pancakes Night on Tuesday 16 February, at the Murray/Gobourn residence, was also well attended.

A Skittles evening had been arranged for Monday 12 April, at the Sheep Heid.

It was rumoured that Ken Daly, having cut his planning teeth on a Scotlandsgaloppen event, was now keen to organise a Club Championships.

11 A.O.B.

It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Club in the Meeting Room at 46 Pleasance, at 7pm on Thursday 10 June. John would book the Meeting Room for two hours.

Darina was open to suggestions for the style of meal to be held after the AGM.

It was noted that efforts should be made to find out what the SOA was planning for its AGM on Saturday 15 May. There had been various rumours regarding plans being made which might affect its position within the BOF.

Darina was thanked for her hospitality.

12 Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held on Monday 10 May 1999 at 7.30pm at 50 Buckstone Road.

The Meeting closed at 10.15. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 6 May 1999