SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 10 May 1999, at 50 Buckstone Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Godfree and Donald Petrie.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24 March 1999 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

A meeting is planned for 11 September for the SOA to discuss the its next Four Year Plan. The intention was to have two representatives from each Club attend the meeting. (It was pointed out that this was the same weekend as the Harvester Trophy.)

There was some concern over potential business at the forthcoming SOA AGM, particularly regarding the demise of the Midland Area and the future of its three Clubs, and any plans there might be to set up an Event Insurance Policy, independently of the BOF.

Some changes in membership were noted.

Pat Squire had reported that a complaint had been lodged by the group occupying Woodlands immediately after the Club's occupancy on the weekend of the SG2 event. It was alleged that the house was in an untidy condition, and that a mattress had been left outside on the grass. Paul mentioned that he and Ken Daly were the last to leave the house after the event on the Sunday evening, and as far as he was aware the house was in its usual good order after use by the Club (although he did say that a mattress was missing on arrival on Saturday). It was agreed that matters should be left with Pat for the time being, but that it should be stressed that as far as the Club was concerned its members were not responsible for any untidiness.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that the bank balance currently stood at approx. £4300.

The Uath Lochan Scotlandsgaloppen event made a net profit of about £30. 36 members of the Club competed as well as helped; hence entry fees for those members were not received. The Forestry Commission fee had not yet been paid; although an application for use of the area had been submitted months ago, no word had been received from the FC. (The profit figure had taken into account payment of £125 for the Forestry Commission fee.)

It was expected that the award of a Lottery Grant should have reached the bank.

Paul confirmed that the accounts would be ready for the AGM.

4 Equipment

The new O-suits had arrived; there were 32 tops and 26 bottoms. The invoice total was significantly higher than the original quote; it was agreed to query this anomaly with the supplier.

5 Mapping

As reported earlier, the Club had been awarded a grant under the "Awards for All" Lottery scheme. Initial quotations had been received from both Dave Peel and Jonathan Musgrave for production of new maps of Colinton Dell and Mortonhall; the quotes included work on a photogrammetric plot, field survey, use of OCAD, and printing. Subsequent quotes would be sought for both areas but without the photogrammetric plots.

There were now no original maps left of Colinton Dell, so colour photocopies would be used for the Summer Series event on 19 May.

The status of Archerfield remained unclear.

The revised map of Braidburn Park had been completed.

It was reported that the area around Craigmillar Castle was being given a facelift, with some fences being removed and new paths created. It was agreed that the area merited further investigation.

6 Events

6.1 Scotlandsgaloppen 2 - 28 March 1999

This event had successfully taken place, despite the weather.

6.2 CompassSport Trophy 1999

In the the SOA round of this year's competition at Dalkeith Park on 18 April, the Club was placed second behind ESOC.

6.3 LBOA Summer Series 1999

The Club's first event in this Series, on 19 May at Colinton Dell, would be organised by Jane Ackland, Paul would organise the second on 9 June, at Braidburn Park.

At this stage, it wasn't clear who would take on the first post-WOC Wednesday event, on 18 August at Hillend.

6.4 SOA Relays - 30 May

Teams had been entered.

6.5 Park World Tour - 15 June

It wasn't clear how many members would be able to attend this event, in Kelvingrove Park. However, those that did would almost certainly be willing to help.

6.6 Highland '99 - 7 August 1999

Two Team Leaders had still to be identified for Car Parking and the Starts. Colin E. offered to take on the Starts.

A work-in would need to be arranged soon, in order to convert the 6-Day trestles for use with the SPORTident electronic punching system. Sufficient base plates would be sent out by the central organisation.

6.7 Harvester Trophy

It was reported that the dates of this event had been changed to 11/12 September; it would be held somewhere near the Forest of Dean

6.8 Lothian O-League 1999/2000

Concern was expressed about possible problems with lambing in March, if it were decided to try to use Glenearn & Berryknowe for the Club's event in this Series. It would be suggested to the LBOA that the Club's date be moved forward to, say, November, if this proved to be a serious issue.

6.9 BE2000 - 10/11 June 2000

Donald Petrie had suggested that an area may become available for the Short Race; more areas would come on-line in due course.

As for the area to be used for the Classic Race, it was suggested that it be checked out for overall accuracy after the World Championships.

6.10 6-Day Event - 2003

In Donald's enforced absence, no more discussion could be held on this event.

7 LBOA

The next Committee Meeting of this Association would be on 11 May. It was hoped to be able to confirm the programme for the 1999/2000 Lothian O-League.

8 Newsletter

The next issue was in the offing.

9 Juniors

Some concern was expressed at the apparent lack of activity of the LBOA Juniors. Neither was there much action involving the ScotJOS. Carol McNeill had suggested that she might be able to put on something in the Lake District for the LBOA Juniors, possibly in September.

10 Socials

The Skittles evening on Monday 12 April duly took place at the Sheep Heid. 16 members were present, and a good time was had by all.

Darina would contact Ken Daly about organising a Club Championships.

Darina mentioned how difficult it had been to persuade members to commit themselves to attending the Skittles evening, and it took many telephone calls.

She suggested that a suitable venue for the post=AGM meal might be Pancho Villas in the Canongate.

She also thought it a good idea to try to get people together for a meal in Dumfries during the SOA Championships weekend.

On behalf of everyone in the Club, Graeme thanked Darina for her efforts during the year.

11 A.O.B.

All the present Committee were more-or-less willing to stand again for election at the AGM. Graeme, however, intimated that he might not be able to be present, depending on family expansion progress at the time. Colin E. offered to stand in if necessary. It was pointed out that there was a vacancy on the Committee, with Barry's resignation, and it was hoped to be able to fill it from the floor at the AGM.

Colin E. mentioned that he needed some form of official proposal to support his application to become a Grade 2 Controller.

It seemed that the LBOA overprinter had re-appeared from obscurity. Graeme put down a marker to reserve it for the JOK Chasing Sprint event on 12 June.

Paul was thanked for his hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.58. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 14 June 1999