FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 19 July 1999, at 112 Relugas Road, Edinburgh

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Dave Godfree, Colin Inverarity, Tim Lenton

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Eades.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 May 1999 (the Sixth Meeting of the 23rd Year) were approved.

In addition, the draft Minutes of the AGM of 10 June were basically approved, although Graeme felt that it should be recorded that the chances of identifying an overall Coordinator for the 2003 6-Day Event from within the proposed organising Clubs were very low.

2 Secretary's Report

A questionnaire received from BOF was discussed. Paul offered to complete it.

It was felt that, if possible (and despite the fact that it was the same weekend as the Harvester Trophy), someone should be identified to represent the Club at the SOA's 4 Year Plan meeting on 11/12 September at the National Centre. The draft proposals should be circulated.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that the bank balance currently stood at approx. £6000. However, this included the £1450 from the "Awards for All" Lottery Grant for mapping.

There was a lot of Club kit still available for sale. Prices of £18 and £25 for a top and a complete suit respectively were agreed. Juniors would be asked for half these amounts. Setting prices at this level meant an average Club subsidy of £10 per suit. After an approach to the suppliers, the original bill had been somewhat reduced. It was suggested that a further order for O-suits should be placed, perhaps at the 6-Days.

No request had yet been received from the Forestry Commission for payment of the fee of £125 for use of Uath Lochan.

Most contributions towards Relay team entries had been received. The outstanding amounts would be chased up at the 6-Days.

4 Equipment

An evening had been arranged to convert the 60 trestles the Club had on loan from the 6-Day Event Company to be able to use the SPORTident electronic punching system.

There was some discussion on how to transport required equipment (including tents) to the 6-Day event.

It was reported that 23 mini-kites remained (7 having been stolen at the five local events held since the original purchase). The Club also currently held the LBOA stock of similar equipment.

It was still felt worthwhile to try to find the remaining stock of Archerfield maps thought to exist.

5 Mapping

Dave Peel had been awarded the contract to map Colinton Dell and Mortonhall. If found feasible, he would be asked to map available parts of Archerfield as well.

An approach would be made to the owners of the area around Craigmillar Castle with a view to mapping that area.

6 Events

6.1 LBOA Summer Series 1999

Jane Ackland almost single-handedly organised the Club's first event in this Series, on 19 May at Colinton Dell, and was inundated with competitors. The total number taking part, and a set of results, would be needed in due course for completing statistical returns for the SOA and BOF.

Paul organised the second, with John's help, on 9 June at Braidburn Park.

It was hoped that Ann Haley might organise the first post-WOC Wednesday event, on 18 August at Hillend. John would ask her, and would register the event with the SOA.

There followed considerable discussion on the appropriateness of such events for experienced orienteers, and for those whose employment precluded their attendance until after 6pm, when the events were being wound up. It was felt that, at least at the height of the summer, the start time period could be extended until 7pm to attract the latter. The former could be persuaded to turn up if courses involving perhaps a mass start, or a short race format, were put on. It was suggested that circulating members by e-mail a couple of days in advance of the events should be tried.

6.2 Highland '99 - 7 August

There was some discussion on identifying team leaders for the Starts and the Car Parking. Dave offered to organise the latter, and to recruit the Club's elite members. Paul and Colin E. would take on Start duties.

A work-in had been arranged for Thursday 22 July to convert the 6-Day trestles for use with the SPORTident electronic punching system. This would be held in conjunction with a Short Race in Braidburn Park, followed by a barbecue at Paul's house.

6.3 Harvester Trophy - 11/12 September

The entry form for this event had been received. It was expected that 1 Men's team and 1 Women's team would be entered.

6.4 11-Person Relay - 19 September

It was agreed to enter a team when details of this event were announced.

6.5 Lothian O-League 1999/2000

The Club had agreed to organise the third event in this series, on 24 October. It was planned to use Glenearn & Berryknowe, and letters had been written to the relevant landowners requesting permission. On seeing a copy of the map, Tim expressed interest in planning for the event, but would need to check his diary; he would confirm his availability with John in due course. John would register the event with the SOA, and would also ask Evelyn Hall to try to find a Controller.

6.6 Post-WOC Saturday events

John had been liaising with Janet Clark on establishing a series for the Autumn. Graeme and Darina expressed interest in organising an event in the series.

6.7 CompassSport Trophy 2000

John had done a count of members to assess the Club's eligibility for this competition. Unfortunately, because of the rule that Families had to be counted as 3 members, the total came to over 100 (even though the 20 Families in the Club contributed only 42 members). Hence it was felt that the Club should not be entered in the full Cup competition; there was no way that the Club could compete satisfactorily, since it would be the only Scottish club in that category, and would have to travel significant distances to take part in each round. It was also agreed that a letter pointing out the anomalous counting of Family members ought to be sent to the competition's organisers.

6.8 BE2000 - 10/11 June 2000

It was hoped to identify major officials at or after this year's 6-Day event.

6.9 6-Day Event - 2001

Nothing had yet been heard about this event.

6.10 6-Day Event - 2003

This was discussed at the AGM, and the discussion recorded in the Minutes of that Meeting. There was somewhat of a feeling that the Club had been "dropped in it"; however, there was no word of any further developments.

7 LBOA

The next Committee Meeting of this Association would be on 24 August. It was suggested that matters for discussion should be the start time periods for the Summer Series events, and the arrangements for the Autumn Saturday series.

8 Newsletter

Colin expected that the next issue would not appear at least until the end of August. Darina asked that Rick Houghton (CompassPoint) be included in the distribution list.

9 Juniors

Colin would ask Niall if he would be interested in attending Committee Meetings as Junior Representative.

10 Socials

Those that attended the meal in Dumfries during the SOA Championships weekend enjoyed the experience, especially when the bill was received (it was much lower than expected).

A dozen members enjoyed the post-AGM meal at Pancho Villa's in the Canongate.

It was suggested that members be encouraged to resort to a local hostelry after the post-WOC Wednesday evening events.

It was hoped to hold a barbecue chez Murray/Gobourn later in the summer.

11 A.O.B.

Graeme was thanked for his hospitality.

The next Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 27 September at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 17 September 1999