SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 27 September 1999, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

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

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Eades.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 19 July 1999 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

John had written to the CompassSport Cup organiser, explaining why the Club had not entered next year's competition.

He had also completed the Annual Statistical Return for the SOA.

Graeme had provided a written submission to the SOA for consideration at the proposed 4-Year Plan meeting at the National Centre on 11 September.

Paul confirmed that he had completed and returned the BOF questionnaire on the Club's perception of the "value for money" of the Federation.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that the bank balance currently stood at £5951.

£30 had been received in entry fees for the Wednesday evening event at Hillend, and ESOC had been paid for the maps.

Nearly all the outstanding relay entry fees had been received.

It was agreed to solicit requests from Club members for a repeat order for O-suits. However, it wasn't clear what sizes were wanted, and who actually had some from the first order; indeed, some of these had yet to be paid for.

There had still been no request from the Forestry Commission for payment of the fee of £125 for use of Uath Lochan.

As a result of performances at the Harvester Relays, the Men were placed 2nd overall and the Women also 2nd overall in the UK Relay League, thus attracting prize money of £80 and £60 respectively.

It was agreed to subsidise the Harvester entry fees in full, as well as those for the 11-Person Relay.

It was suggested that the idea of full subsidy for all Relay entries be floated in the Newsletter.

4 Equipment

Currently all the equipment was at Paul's house (whether in the shed or the loft).

One SportIdent unit was lost on Day 6 of the 6-Days.

It was mentioned that the Compass Point sponsorship would continue for at least another year.

It was rumoured that Anthony was to be sent up into the loft to try to find the remaining stock of Archerfield maps.

5 Mapping

No word had yet been heard from Dave Peel about the starting of the mapping of Mortonhall or Colinton Dell.

A letter had been written to the City Council enquiring about the possibility of mapping the area around Craigmillar Castle. However, no reply had yet been received.

6 Events

6.1 Highland '99 - 7 August

This had taken place, with no apparent hitches.

6.2 LBOA late Summer Series 1999

Ann Haley organised a successful post-WOC Wednesday event on 18 August at Hillend.

6.3 Harvester Trophy - 11/12 September

The Men were placed 3rd and the Women 2nd in this event. Because of these results, they were both 2nd overall in the UK Relay League.

The competition would be held in July next year, near Manchester.

6.4 11-Person Relay - 19 September

The Club contrived to finish first in this event, but were disqualified for running the same person on two separate legs.

6.5 Lothian O-League 1999/2000

Tim reported on progress with planning, and negotiating with the Controller. John would prepare a flier, and would arrange for copies to be distributed at the SG at Devilla and the ESOL at Beecraigs.

6.6 Post-WOC Saturday events

Darina would organise one of these events at Braidburn Park on 16 October. Graeme agreed to put on the other, at Blackford Hill on 20 November. He would probably include a short race in the event.

6.7 Veterans Home International 1999

Lorna had agreed to plan this event, at Docharn and Deishar.

6.8 CompassSport Trophy 2000

As mentioned in the Secretary's Report, the Club had not entered next year's competition.

6.9 JK 2000

Keith Dawson had volunteered to plan Day 2 of this event, at Rannoch.

6.10 BE2000 + SG2 - 10/11 June 2000

Graeme would plan these events, and Colin E. would organise. Paul would take entries. John would arrange to register the SG event.

6.11 SOA Championships 2001

At the last LBOA meeting, it had transpired that the Area was to be responsible for the SOA Championships weekend in 2001. After some discussion, it was suggested that Interløpers could be the lead club for the Individual (having organised the Relays several times in recent years), while ESOC would take on the Relays. It was also suggested that the Individual could be at Craig a'Barns.

6.12 6-Day Event - 2001

The Coordinator had been appointed, in the person of Lynne Walker.

6.13 6-Day Event - 2003

There had been no word of any developments with regard to this event.

7 LBOA

The AGM would be held on 12 October at The Steading (in a bid to try to attract more people).

Proposals would be presented for a change of name of the Association and the O-League, to reflect the inclusion of two of the former Midlands clubs. The suggestions were ESOA and ESOL (where "ES" represented "East of Scotland").

There followed a discussion on the format of the Summer Series events. There was some debate about who these events were aimed at, and about whether the start times range was suitable. There was the usual problem of attracting school groups who could attend straight from school at 4.30, but also missing out on working orienteers who couldn't get to the venues by the current last start time of 6pm. There was also some unease about aiming the events at school groups who would happily attend such events but who were almost certainly unlikely to go to Sunday O-League events with parents. This Club would be happier staging, for instance, a short race on every Wednesday in the Summer term at, say, 7pm. John would communicate these opinions to the LBOA AGM.

8 Newsletter

Colin hoped that the next issue would appear "real soon now".

9 Juniors

Niall Inverarity would "consider" acting as a Junior Representative at Committee Meetings.

10 Socials

Darina apologised for the lack of social activity in recent months, owing to pressure of working towards exams.

The BBQ/Trestle conversion evening at Paul's after the short race at Braidburn on 22 July was well attended and much enjoyed (despite drilling going on well into the late hours).

Suggestions for future events included a visit to Dynamic Earth, and another Skittles evening at the Sheep Heid on a Thursday (a tried and tested winner).

It was hoped to hold a Hallowe'en/Guy Fawkes party at Helen and Guy's on the weekend of 5-7 November.

The Christmas Party might be hosted by Tim this year.

In addition, Alistair Lessells invited all and sundry to 40 Ormidale Terrace on 3 November, after a night event at Davidsons Mains park.

11 A.O.B.

It was suggested that it would be nice to christen the proposed new map of Archerfield with a major event in 2001. However, as was pointed out, the Club was committed to a major part in that year's SOA Championships, as well as a Day at the 6-Day Event, so it might not be feasible to organise a 3rd event in the same year. It was suggested, though, that JOK might like to use the area for their Chasing Sprint.

John was thanked for his hospitality.

The next Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 6 December at 50 Buckstone Road, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 2 November 1999