THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 6 December 1999, at 50 Buckstone Road

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

Apologies for absence were received from Tim Lenton.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 27 September 1999 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Notification had been received from BOF about (a) a Club Delegate Conference to be held in York on 29 January, and (b) a Personal Improvement Day, to be held at Great Tower in the Lake District on Saturday 1 April. ESOC had also circulated details of their Sprint-O event on 20 February, at Beecraigs. Colin I. would insert details in the next issue of the Newsletter.

There had also been a circular from Malcolm McIvor of Deeside, who was trying to assist the British Library in setting up an Archive of orienteering maps.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that some outlays would need to be made for the initial proofs of the new maps of Mortonhall, Colinton Dell, and Craigmillar.

The BOF had been reviewing their levy system and, after a lot of discussion at a Council meeting in November, had decided to replace the present system with a per-capita charge, to be introduced with effect from 1 April 2000. The rates will be £1.10 per Senior, and 25p per Junior, with a rebate of £50 per event of Category 4 and below (i.e. all non-age-class events). There was some discussion of the implications of this new system on future events the Club might organise.

Paul reported that only two participants had yet to pay their proportion of Relay event entry fees for 1999.

A further order for O-suits would be placed soon.

The Forestry Commission had still not submitted an invoice for the permit for Uath Lochan.

Cheques had been received, representing the prize money for the Club's successes in the UK Relay League.

The BOF "Value for Money" questionnaire, which Paul had completed, was now on the BOF WWW site. There had been some queries from SOA Clubs.

4 Equipment

The Club multi-memory watch was now known to be broken.

Almost all equipment was now at Paul's house.

There was some discussion about whether the Club should invest in a good quality headlamp for night orienteering, for use by Club members. It was pointed out that perhaps a better investment would be in the actual batteries which such headlamps used, since these had a limited lifetime. As a follow-up to this discussion, it was suggested that the Club might join with ESOC in putting on a series of small Wednesday evening night events in the city area. Paul would broach the idea with Janet Clark.

5 Mapping

The first proofs of the new maps of Mortonhall, Colinton Dell, and Craigmillar had been received. It was realised that a significant amount of ground survey was needed on each area. Scott, Paul, and Ben already had some corrections to Mortonhall. Colin E. offered to check Colinton Dell.

It was reported that Dave Peel would produce a proof of Archerfield once he had obtained a photogrammetric plot of the area.

Dave reported that, as the Club's BOF Mapping Representative, he had been sent a list of the Club's mappers. It was agreed that he would arrange to have Graeme's name added to this list.

It was recognised that Loch Vaa would need to be re-mapped for the BOF Elite Championships in June, and it would probably need to be extended somewhat both north and south. A further problem was that the area was not so good for shorter Junior courses.

6 Events

6.1 East of Scotland O-League - 24 October 1999

This event had taken place successfully at Glenearn & Berryknowe. 133 competitors took part.

6.2 Autumn Saturday Events

Darina and Graeme had staged the Club's two events in this series, on 16 October at Braidburn Park and on 20 November at Blackford Hill. The latter had featured a handicapped short race.

6.3 Veterans Home International

This event duly took place. It was reported that Lorna planned some very good courses.

6.4 Club Championships - 19 December

Ken Daly was to organise this event, at Barry Buddon. Details would be circulated by e-mail, and a trophy would be purchased and awarded.

6.5 Spring Saturday Events

The Club would stage three events in this series, on 29 January at Braidburn, 4 March at Craigmillar, and 1 April at Mortonhall. Ben had volunteered to organise the 4 March event, while Colin E. would put on the January event. Paul had offered to do the Mortonhall event, but the date clashes with the JOK Chasing Sprint event.

6.6 SUSF Relays

These would be held in conjunction with the Saturday event at Craigmillar on 4 March, with Ben planning and Graeme organising.

6.7 JK 2000 - 21-24 April 2000

The Club had now assumed responsibility for organising the String Course on both Individual days (22, 23 April). The areas were already known. It was suggested that Ann Haley might be prepared to coordinate the Club's effort - Graeme would ask her. There was a rumour that Keith Dawson was now unable to act as Planner.

6.8 ESOA Summer Series

The ESOA had asked Clubs if they would be prepared to stage events in the 2000 series in roughly the same order as in 1999. This would mean that Interløpers would be allocated dates of 17 May and 7 June 2000. It was suggested that we should stage these events at Inch Park and Mortonhall respectively.

6.9 BE2000 + SG2 - 10/11 June

Graeme had agreed to plan the Classic event and the Scotlandsgaloppen courses. It was suggested that Rob Lee might plan the Short Race - if not, then Graeme would take that on as well.

There was some discussion over the financing of the Championships. Apparently, it would be possible to either (a) assume total financial responsibility, or else (b) organise it on behalf of BOF. If the latter, then application had to be made to BOF soon, and a profit target would be set. There were pros and cons for each possibility. Eventually the consensus was reached that we should assume our own control.

6.10 SOA Championships 2001

There was considerable discussion over the proposed venue for this event. Several people felt that Craig A'Barns was unsuitable. There was a suggestion that the weekend (Relays included) should be held in the Glen Affric area (as used for the WOC Classic event). ESOC, as the lead Club for the Relays, would be contacted for their views. It was pointed out that the weekend was also the English Bank Holiday weekend, and that therefore there could be the additional attraction of a colour-coded or even a Badge event on the Monday.

6.11 6-Day Event 2003

Donald Petrie would be contacting people soon about setting up an Organising Committee for this event.

7 ESOA

At the last meeting of the ESOA (East of Scotland Orienteering Association, the successor to the LBOA) on 9 November 1999, discussion took place on the dates and organising Clubs for the 2000 Summer Series. It was agreed to ask if Clubs would be prepared to stage the same events on the corresponding dates as in 1999. For Interløpers, these would be 17 May and 7 June. There was also some discussion on the range of start times to be offered; this Club in particular felt that 4.30 - 6.00 did not offer anything for those potential participants, particularly experienced orienteers, who would prefer to see start times being available up to at least 7.00. This Meeting's attendees then held a long discussion on the pros and cons of continuing to stage such events, given the small return in terms of numbers of new members attracted by the events. However, it was also felt that staging such events in a regular fashion would eventually become recognised by a wider public, and could only be for the good of the sport; the effort required to put on a single event was quite small (although some were concerned about the need to take an afternoon off work to put on the event).

Dave offered to put on a course suitable for experienced orienteers at one of the Club's events; it would probably take the form of a massed-start event at, say, 7pm.

The ESOA meeting also agreed to ask Clubs to contribute £30 towards the costs of running the Area's Junior Squad.

There was also discussion about the staging of the SOA Championships in 2001, and two groupings of Clubs were agreed on to stage the Individual and Relay events respectively. This Club would be asked to act as lead Club for the Individual.

8 Juniors

Nothing to report.

9 Newsletter

Colin intended to produce the next issue in time for Christmas.

10 Socials

Both the Hallowe'en/Guy Fawkes evening and Hilary's "Toodle Pip" dinner had taken place.

The Christmas Party would be held at Fiona's flat on Saturday 18 December, followed the next day by the Club Championships, organised by Ken Daly at Barry Buddon.

Darina had organised a Skittles evening at the Sheep Heid on Thursday 20 January, and there would be a Burns Night at Paul's on 27 January, preceded by a Street-O.

11 A.O.B.

The future use of Archerfield was discussed. There was still a possibility of staging the JOK Chasing Sprint there on 25 March 2001, or perhaps the ESOL event in the 2000/2001 series. The idea of a UK Relay League event on the area was also floated (perhaps in the form of a Hagaby), possibly in collaboration with FVO.

The possibility of a Club trip to the Spring Cup in Denmark in April 2001 was briefly touched on, as was the Jukola 7-person relay in Finland on Midsummer's Day 2001.

The results of the Blackford Hill Saturday event were on the WWW. Darina would prepare the results of her Braidburn Park event for posting on the WWW.

The next meeting would take place on Monday 31 January 2000, to be held at 22 East Preston Street at 7.30pm.

Paul was thanked for his hospitality and comestibles.

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 21 January 2000