FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 3 April 2000, at 30 Blackwood Crescent

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Colin Eades, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Colin Inverarity, Tim Lenton

Apologies for absence were received from Darina Cunnane.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 31 January 2000 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

John mentioned some new members recently joined. These included Gordon and Kirsty Ross, Graeme Ross, Alison Laws, David Jones, and Rachel Oxburgh.

There had also been some communications from BOF concerning its proposed re-structuring.

3 Treasurer's Report

Another doomed attempt had been made to pay for the new maps of Mortonhall and Craigmillar. A further attempt will be made to pay the bill of £1071. It was agreed that the map of Archerfield should be paid for in advance. Under the terms of the Lottery grant, the award of £1450 had to be spent by 23 April.

The Forestry Commission fee of £125 for the event at Uath Lochan in March 1999 had now been paid.

The new batch of O-suits had arrived.

There had been outlays on entries for the JK and British Relay events. Tim would coordinate the SOA Relays, and it was hoped that Rob Lee might do the same for the Harvester.

The accounts were in the process of being prepared for the 1999/2000 Financial Year.

It had been agreed to buy a software licence to enable the Club to operate the SportIdent software in conjunction with the hardware, at a cost of £100.

The latest version of OCAD had also been bought at a cost of SFr488.

4 Equipment

This was currently widely dispersed. In view of some losses during recent local events, it was agreed to purchase a further stock of 10 mini-kites.

ACTION: Darina

5 Mapping

The Club was now the proud possessor of stocks of several new maps, all produced with the help of OCAD. The new map of Colinton Dell was also ready.

6 Events

6.1 Spring Saturday Events

Ben staged the event on 4 March at Craigmillar. Not many beginners attended, although 13 teams contested the Universities Relay Championships held after the beginners courses closed.

Gordon organised the Mortonhall event on 1 April, and there was a good mixed turnout.

(The day before the above event, Graeme and Lorna were involved in putting on some simple courses for a children's group at Braidburn Park.)

6.2 SUSA Relays

See above.

6.3 JK 2000 - 21-24 April 2000

There was still a need for people to help with the running of the String course on both Individual days.

However, at short notice, the Club had been asked to help Tinto and Solway with the Starts on the same days. On Day 1, there would be 3 Starts, and Interløpers were to organise one. On Day 2, we were to help with one of the 2 Starts. A drawback to obtaining enough manpower to do this was that the start times had already been allocated, in blocks, and it might prove difficult to have enough people available at all times for both the Start and the String course.

6.4 ESOA Summer Series

There was still a need for Organisers for the two events for beginners in this series, on 17 May and 7 June (although Dave was still intending to put on a massed-start event at both events at 7pm for more experienced competitors).

6.5 BE2000 + SG2 - 10/11 June

It had been agreed to hold the Short Race on Granish and Loch Vaa. This meant that the assembly areas for both days could be coordinated (although there was currently a problem with parking in that the originally planned parking fields were no longer available).

The question of start times on both days was discussed. It wasn't clear when the first start time on the Saturday was, but the plan was to start the Elite runners first (105 competitors at 2 minute intervals), followed by the non-Elite runners. On the Sunday, it was proposed to run the SG courses from 09:30 to 11:30, and then the British Elite courses from 11:00 to 14:00.

Outstanding queries included the final level of entry fees, and a problem over the printing of courses. Colin was working on re-printing the map with the courses included.

6.6 ESOL 2000/2001

The Club had been allocated the first event in the Series, on 17 September. It was proposed to hold the event, once again, at Glenearn & Berryknowe. Several names were suggested for Organiser and Planner. John would arrange to send letters seeking permission from the landowners.

ACTION: John

6.7 UK Cup Relay, March 2001

It was suggested that the Club should stage a Relay event on the new map of Archerfield, on the last Saturday of March 2001. It was hoped to include the event in the UK Cup series, but the format of the Relay wasn't yet decided. There would be a Scotlandsgaloppen event the following day, in The Trossachs. (This was also the same weekend as the Spring Cup in Denmark.)

The JOK Chasing Sprint event would take place the following weekend in The Lakes, possibly in conjunction with a Badge event at, maybe, Bigland.

6.8 SOA Championships 2001

It was now pressing to find an Organiser for this event. It was suggested that the other participating Clubs might be able to assist with this. Graeme and Paul asked to be informed abut who these clubs were.

ACTION: John

At this stage, it was assumed that the map and area were OK.

6.9 6-Day Event 2001

Ben and Heather would be planning the Club's day at this event (Day 5 at Arisaig). Peter Halling, the Event Coordinator, had been in communication with John Colls (ex-ESOC, now living in Melbourne), the potential Controller for the Day. All parties were happy with John's plans to be in Scotland for a significant part of this year so that he could fulfil his duties.

Two Organisers and an Assistant Controller were still needed.

6.10 6-Day Event 2003

A further meeting was to be held at Jim Heardman's house. Donald Petrie would circulate details. (The Meeting was subsequently fixed for Monday 29 May at 7pm, at 14 Bonaly Road.)

7 ESOA

At the last meeting of this Committee on 29 February, there were suggestions for establishing permanent courses on two areas, Cammo and The Hermitage. Ray Heyworth had checked the location of all control sites at Cammo, and had found that the markers were all still present. He had drawn up some suggested courses. The Committee were keen to see some formal Permanent Course material being prepared and made available for the general public, and hoped that Interløpers could bring this about.

The Committee would meet next on 8 May.

8 Juniors

Nothing to report.

9 Newsletter

Colin reported that the next issue was nearing completion, although he had had some printer problems. He asked John to supply the 2000 Affiliation Fees information, since this had been inadvertently omitted from the December issue.

ACTION: John

10 Socials

A Pancake Night was duly held on 7 March, at the Eades household.

It was suggested that members might like to retire to a pub (the Braidburn and/or The Stables) after the Summer Series events on 17 May and 7 June.

11 A.O.B.

There was some discussion about the holding of the AGM. It was agreed that this should take place on Thursday 22 June in the Meeting Room at the Pleasance at 7pm. John would book the room.

ACTION: John

There was also discussion about the future of SOA event levy (in combination with the new BOF levy system). The conclusions drawn were that events of C3 and upwards would become more costly, but that C4 and below would involve paying less levy.

The next meeting would take place on Monday 5 June 2000, to be held at 161 Dalkeith Road at 7.30pm.

Dave and Gillian were thanked for their hospitality and comestibles.

The Meeting closed at 9.58. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 16 May 2000