FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIFTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 28 August 2000, at 50 Buckstone Road

Present: Graeme Ackland, James Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Ken Daly, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Colin Inverarity, Niall Inverarity

Apologies for absence were assumed from Darina Cunnane and Tim Lenton.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 5 June 2000 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

John mentioned that Chris Godfree had joined the Club. There were mentions of movements of other Club members, including Kim Buckley.

3 Treasurer's Report

The bank balance was approx. £3000, now that bills for mapping had been settled.

4 Equipment

It was reported that about half the Club's trestles had yet to be returned. However, both sets of mini-kites had been retrieved.

The older club tent had been repaired by Fiona's mum. There was a rumour that an ELO tent, used by the Club at BEOC, needed repair.

Paul mentioned that all small and medium O-suits had now been sold. A request would be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter to try to find out what sizes should make up the next order.

5 Mapping

Dave reported that he now had the OCAD file of the map of Colinton Dell. Graeme had all the other areas, and would be given the Colinton Dell one in due course. It was agreed that all such files should periodically be backed up on to floppy disc.

Graeme mentioned that he had updated the Braidburn Park map to show recent planting and a broken bridge. He also had the Archerfield map on his computer, although Dave Peel still had some work to do on the area. John mentioned that there had been a report in the press recently to the effect that the area had now been sold to the Forte group; plans were to re-develop the House, as well as to build three golf courses, and some private housing.

Ken reported on a couple of areas he felt should be investigated, one north of Blairgowrie, and the other to the west of the Tay valley, near Pitlochry.

6 Events

6.1 ESOA Summer Series

Dave reported that the event on 7 June at Colinton Dell was quite well attended, with a dozen or so taking part in the Short Race at 7pm (although most started off facing the wrong direction, and a few waded the river). Used chip trays were employed instead of mini-kites, to avoid losing the latter; indeed, some of the former went missing (and one is apparently still out there).

On a more general point, it was felt that putting on a Short Race at a fixed start time would be an attractive feature for all the Summer Series events; the other Clubs should be consulted on the issue for next year. The races could be advertised along the lines of an "Edinburgh Park Orienteering" series.

6.2 Corstorphine Hill - July

It wasn't known for sure whether this event took place or, if it did, if anyone turned up to it.

6.3 Post-Summer Wednesday event

At short notice, John organised the event at Craigmillar on 18 August, with help from Ann Haley, Gillian, and Colin. Very few people turned up.

6.4 Autumn Saturday events

A programme for these events had been drawn up, and a flier was passed around, to general approval. The Club had been allocated dates of 9 September, 14 October, and 11 November, with venues of Braidburn, Cammo, and Mortonhall respectively. Darina and Paul had offered to organise the latter two, but someone was still to be identified to put on the first one. Graeme could update the map, and plan courses, but was unable to be there on the day, so a volunteer was needed.

6.5 ESOL 2000/2001

The ESOA had approved, with enthusiasm, the Club's suggestion to stage its ESOL event on Saturday 24 March 2001, in conjunction with a UK Cup race, at Archerfield. However, John mentioned that it had been suggested at the recent ESOL meeting that the Archerfield estate had once again been sold, this time to the Forte group, for re-development. Hence the future for orienteering on the area was uncertain. However, it was agreed to proceed with plans to hold the event there, to seek permission, and to register it with the SOA.

6.6 Club Championships

Paul still intended to stage a Club Championships, on a weekend in December (maybe 16/17).

6.7 SOA Championships 2001

Hilary had offered to organise this event. It was pointed out that entry fees should not be set until it had been established how (if at all) the SOA levy arrangements were to be changed. It was suggested that Hilary should liaise with the ESOC organiser of the Relays with regard to any coordinating matters which would need to be addressed for the weekend. The new Strathspey club, BASOC, would probably be holding a colour-coded event on the Monday. Dave offered to organise the SportIdent aspects of the event, and Graeme would set up the WWW page.

Subsequent to this meeting, it transpired that Roger Scrutton (ESOC) had volunteered to act as Coordinator for the weekend.

6.8 6-Day Event 2001

An Organiser was still required for this event. There was some discussion over the arrangements for getting equipment to the site; these were of particular concern, given that the venue was quite remote from the event centre, and even more so from the Day 4 venue. There was also discussion over whether Club members should be allowed to run on our Day. This would need to be discussed with the co-organising Clubs, TAY and KFO, both much smaller clubs. They would be consulted on the issue.

ACTION: John

Paul would speak to Jackie Riley, the Day Coordinator, at the Scotlandsgaloppen event on 3 September.

6.9 Scotlandsgaloppen 2002

Although no communication had been received from SOA soliciting applications to run SG events in 2002, it was agreed that the Club should apply for a date, preferably earlier rather than later to try to avoid problems with bracken. Gillian and Dave offered to plan such an event. It was also suggested that, in order to be able to use a suitable area, the Club should approach BASOC in order to jointly organise an event, probably in the Spey valley. Paul would approach Terry O'Brien at the forthcoming SG about any plans for the 2002 Series.

6.10 6-Day Event 2003

The next coordinating meeting for this event was to be held later in September.

6.11 Other Events

Ken expressed a desire to plan a colour-coded event, possibly on Glenearn & Berryknowe; this might fit in with plans for the ESOL in 2001/2002. He was also considering an idea for a long-O.

7 ESOA

This Committee met on 24 August. Most discussion revolved around events which had already been dealt with by this meeting.

The Committee would meet next on 10 October at its AGM, to be held at The Steading at 7pm.

8 Juniors

A welcome was extended to Niall, attending his first meeting.

9 Newsletter

Colin asked John to supply a set of address labels for the next issue, which was "imminent".

There was a discussion over the possibility of involving an English club in the organisation of Day 5 at Lochaber 2001. In view of Kim's connections, DVO was suggested as a possibility.

It was suggested that a note be put in the Newsletter, concerning the policy of allowing Club members to run at the Club's day at the 6-Days.

10 Socials

Tim's attempts to arrange nights out were commended; in particular, "Lulu" was described as "very good". It was suggested that an attractive event in the near future would be the Fireworks Night at the Festival.

Paul volunteered to provide the venue for the Hallowe'en Party on 31 October, unless a more central venue could be found. Solicitations would be made to the e-mail list.

11 A.O.B.

Ken suggested staging CATI events during the Festival, perhaps including one in Holyrood Park during Fringe Sunday; liaison with ESOC would be valuable. Clearly, this suggestion could not be implemented until next year.

Paul mentioned that, in order to place another order for O-suits, requests for at least 10 would be needed. An advert should be included in the Newsletter.

There was some discussion about re-joining BOF in the proposed new era of all active Club members also being BOF members. However, such a scheme would probably not be introduced until 2002 at the earliest. It was agreed that the draft BOF proposals needed some in-depth scrutiny.

There was some more discussion over whether we should enter the CompassSport Cup for 2001. It was agreed that another survey of our BOF members should be undertaken, to try to determine whether we still qualified as a "Small Club". If so, we should apply to enter.

ACTION: John

John distributed updated Address and Committee lists.

He also would let Colin know the dates of the 2000/2001 ESOL series for the Newsletter.

ACTION: John

The next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 30 October at 112 Relugas Road.

The Meeting closed at 9.25. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 5 October 2000