SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIFTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 30 October 2000, at 112 Relugas Road

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 August 2000 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Joanne Mein had joined the Club as a Social member; she was already a BOF member through her club in Northern Ireland.

There had been an enquiry from Tamas Toth, a Hungarian student at the Heriot-Watt. He had managed to join up with members at the Meadows session.

Janine Hensman had also joined us as a Social member; she would change her club affiliation to Interløpers upon rejoining BOF at the end of the year.

The Lardner family had been in touch; they wished to change their club from ESOC to Interløpers (a cue for much rejoicing), and would do so at the end of the year.

It was suggested that Murray Strain (ELO) might be interested in joining us, to benefit from being able to run with a competitive Open Relay team.

Copies of the draft SOA Four Year Plan had been distributed around some Committee members; the SOA wanted a completed consensus almost by return.

3 Treasurer's Report

There had been little financial activity since the last meeting.

There was considerable concern over the expenditure on the BEOC in June, which was approx. £2000 over budget; most of the extra costs were map-related. It was suggested that some of this might be recouped from the BOF Elite fund - Colin E. was following this up.

4 Equipment

About 30 of the Club's trestles had still not been returned, and it wasn't clear how many should be in the Club's possession. It was thought that the missing ones were still with Moravian - their numbers should be in the 90-150 range.

Paul thought that he had about the right sort of number of control markers in his shed; however some were quite tatty, and we probably ought to buy some more (perhaps 30).

Some more canes should be purchased in order to resurrect some mini-controls.

It was possible that some cash for mini-controls might be forthcoming from ESOA.

It was agreed that an inventory of all Club equipment should be taken in due course.

5 Mapping

Ben and Ken had looked at an area at Bridge of Cally. They weren't sure of its suitability as a Badge event area, although it was big enough. Tim felt he would like to look over the area. There was a general discussion on obtaining a photogrammetric plot (which could cost about £200). For comparison, preparing the map of Archerfield cost about £800 (including a PG plot), but this was before any printing was done. Dave thought he might also take a look at the area.

6 Events

6.1 Corstorphine Hill - July

Darina reported that this event did not take place in the end; the people she was to stage the event for eventually pulled out.

6.2 Autumn Saturday events

Graeme was eventually able to put on the event at Braidburn on 9 September, and Darina and Paul staged the Cammo event on 14 October. Paul was expecting no problems with putting on the event at Mortonhall on 11 November. Gillian suggested that it might be possible to circulate schools with details of the event, using internal mail.

6.3 Club Championships

LINOC had been asked if we could use Kinneil Wood for this event. There might be a problem, since ESOC were planning to use the area for their Sprint-O in February. It was agreed to proceed, assuming Kinneil was available. (Paul had a stand-in area, just in case.) There would probably be Long, Medium, and Junior courses; the event would be Closed, but there might be some invited guests.

6.4 New Year events

There were tentative plans to hold a Long-O at Boat of Garten in the week before Hogmanay. It was expected that INVOC would stage an event during the same week.

6.5 Spring Saturday Series

Paul would draw up a list of major cross-country events which might clash with suggested dates for this Series, in time for discussion at the forthcoming ESOA meeting.

There was some discussion on whether it was worthwhile to continue holding such events since, at the Club's two events this term, the response was very low. The discussion also included the format of the Summer Wednesday Series. It was agreed that, given the difficulty of finding Club members willing/able to put on events with start times from 4.30pm onwards, the Club should offer to stage massed-start Short races at 7pm at every Wednesday event (except, perhaps, those organised by RR!), provided they were held at City venues (and perhaps the ELO events).

6.6 ESOL 2000/2001

Graeme needed the up-to-date Archerfield file. John would try to find it, and would register the event.

ACTION: John

6.7 SOA Championships 2001

This event still needed a Controller; Evelyn Hall had tried unsuccessfully to find one. Graeme proposed advertising on the orienteering newsgroup; it was also suggested that Graham McFadyen might be willing to take it on.

6.8 6-Day Event 2001

An Organiser was still required for this event.

Gillian had written to DVO enquiring if they would be able to provide some manpower for the Club's day. Unfortunately, they were planning a trip to the Swiss 6-Day, which clashed with Lochaber 2001. Ken suggested approaching LOC.

6.9 Scotlandsgaloppen 2002

No details about this Series had yet been forthcoming from the SOA. However, Paul had been assured by Terry O'Brien that it was imminent. Once it had arrived, John would complete the form, asking for the Club to be given an event in the Spring.

ACTION: John

6.10 6-Day Event 2003

The last coordinating meeting for this event had been held on 29 September. The next activity would be a meeting between John, John McNee (the Six-Day Event Company Treasurer), and Donald Petrie, to discuss financial arrangements for the event.

7 ESOA

The AGM of this Association was held on 10 October. One outcome of the meeting was that the Association might be in a position to provide some funding to help with upgrading the maps of local areas.

The Committee would meet next on 7 November.

8 Juniors

Gillian mentioned that Edinburgh schools have a cross-country League (for which she is the Treasurer), which meets on Wednesdays at 4.30pm. It was suggested that this group might be keen to try out orienteering on a Summer Wednesday, as a variation on their usual activity over the Winter months, and the ESOA Summer Series events might provide such an opportunity. It was also suggested that details of these events could be posted on the Ranger notice boards at Local Authority areas - permission should be checked with the Rangers.

9 Newsletter

The next issue was on the stocks. Colin would appreciate a set of address labels, as well as an updated Address List. Tim promised to write an article on the Karrimor.

10 Socials

The Festival Fireworks, and the "Billy Elliott" evening, were successful. Brad had made some useful suggestions for future events.

Tim asked about funding the Hallowe'en evening tomorrow. It was suggested that people should be asked for a contribution, perhaps £1 a head; the Club should probably subsidise the remaining expenses.

There was a possibility that the Christmas party could be held at Fiona's, perhaps on 16 December.

Tim suggested that, to encourage communication within the Club, an updated e-mail address list be sent out with the newsletter.

A Curling Night was suggested as a possible social event, after the New Year.

Graeme offered to host a Burns Night, probably on Thursday 25 January.

11 A.O.B.

It was noted that, following an analysis of our BOF membership, the Club's entry for the Small Clubs CompassSport Trophy had been accepted. The Scottish knock-out stage would take place at Cademuir on 18 March 2001. As Club Captain, Ben agreed to organise teams for the event. John would let him have copies of relevant paperwork.

ACTION: John

The question of keeping informed those members without e-mail addresses was considered. It was agreed to maintain a list of such members, and devise a companion set of contact names (who could pass on messages by phone).

The problem of maintaining activity for KFO and TAY was briefly discussed. It was recognised that both these clubs suffered from having a small membership spread over quite a wide area. One suggestion was for Interløpers to provide Planners when they wanted to put on events.

The next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 15 January 2001 at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin.

The Meeting closed at 9.47. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 4 December 2000