FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY FIFTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 12 March 2001, at 29/4 Prestonfield Avenue.

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Colin Inverarity, Niall Inverarity, Graham McIntyre (in attendance), Hilary Quick (in attendance)

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 January 2001 were approved, with the following amendments:

- under "2 Secretary's Report", para. 5, for "Nigel Bartlett" read "Nigel Wright";
- under "5 Mapping", para. 2, line 3, "50/50" should read "shared".
- under "6 Events", "6.5 ESOA Summer Series", para. 3, the ESOA was not involved in contacting local Scout groups.

2 Secretary's Report

There was a discussion of recent membership changes.

John reported that Neil Marston had joined the Club as a Full member.

He had also confirmed that Keith Dawson's omission from the list of his family's members was an oversight.

Murray Strain and Scott Fraser had now joined the Club.

The new address for Graham and Morag McIntyre was now known.

3 Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that Colin Eades had been successful in persuading BOF to reimburse the Club to the tune of £1500 for the unexpectedly high costs of organising last year's BEOC.

This meant that the bank balance was now approx. £3500.

A query was raised as to whether we should reimburse MDOC for producing some preliminary maps of Archerfield on their high-quality laserprinter. This was agreed, the sum being £20.

A cheque written in favour of the National Orienteering Centre had not been cashed; Paul would chase this up.

4 Equipment

The saga of the missing trestles has continued. Paul tried asking Moravian, who claim not to have them. Colin Eades had never picked them up from Eddie Harwood, since when he went to his house to collect them they weren't there. Paul suggested an appeal to an all-SOA e-mail list. In addition, INVOC had not been approached as to whether they had them.

Dave suggested that an evening/weekend be identified to have a concerted effort to draw up an up-to-date Inventory of the Club's equipment.

5 Mapping

It was mentioned that the new map of Archerfield would be printed by Dave Peel. The cost of this had already been paid.

Dave reported that the revised map of Dechmont Law was progressing. The area was still apparently unaffected by foot-and-mouth restrictions.

6 Events

6.1 Spring Saturday Series

John had organised the event at Craigmillar on 27 January, with 18 participants.

Because of foot-and-mouth restrictions, the Mortonhall event on 3 March did not take place. However, it was expected that the Blackford Hill event of 17 March would go ahead.

Ronnie Brown would be organising an event at Braidburn Park on 24 March for the Woodcraft Folk.

6.2 ESOL 2000/2001

This event had fallen victim to the restrictions imposed by the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth disease.

6.3 ESOA Summer Series

Martin Hyman had offered to organise an event in this Series, at Dechmont Law on 16 May. However, he was concerned about the quality of the existing map. Dave Godfree had been in touch with him, and was confident about producing an updated map in time for the event.

6.4 SOA Championships 2001

Discussion on this event was deferred until after the completion of all other business of this Meeting, when Hilary and Graham should have arrived.

6.5 6-Day Event 2001

A meeting was taking place at the same time as this meeting, in order to try to decide policy on whether this year's event should go ahead (given possible foot-and-mouth restrictions).

6.6 ESOA Championships 2001

The meeting agreed to organise this year's Championships. However, they would almost certainly be held in conjunction with a colour-coded event, probably the Club's ESOL in the autumn (possibly at Glenearn & Berryknowe).

6.7 Scotlandsgaloppen 2002

There had been no word from the SOA on event allocations for this Series. It was suggested that, if the SOA Individual Championships could not be held this year, then we could stage an SG at Rogie next year.

6.8 6-Day Event 2003

There had been no significant developments. However, an overall Coordinator, as well as the positions of Publicity Officer, Secretary, and Web Site Designer/Maintainer, were now needed with some degree of urgency.

7 ESOA

At the last meeting of this Association, the allocation of events for the 2001/02 ESOL Series was discussed, as well as this year's Summer Series.

The next Meeting of this Association would be held on 20 March.

8 Newsletter

Colin confirmed that, school priorities permitting, an issue would soon be forthcoming.

9 Juniors

Gillian confirmed that she would be organising an event on Blackford Hill on 4 April for her schools cross-country league, from 4:15 to 6:00. John would e-mail her details of how to contact the Rangers at The Hermitage to check access permission.

10 Socials

The Burns Night duly took place at Graeme's on Thursday 25 January.

11 A.O.B.

There was some discussion on Edinburgh City Council's decision to charge for access to their areas for local events, albeit on a reduced scale from their original proposal. It was hoped that Donald Petrie would become involved, with a view to arriving at a more equitable solution to the problem.

The issue of available areas near the City was dicussed in the light of the current foot-and-mouth restrictions. Blackford and the Braid Hills were unaffected, as were most other areas within the City Bypass. Access to Blackford Hill was the remit of the Rangers, and the City Council were not involved.

The idea of a Club tour in the coming summer was mooted, with events such as O-Ringen, Tio Mila, and the Jukola relays being mentioned.

The next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 14 May 2001 at 161 Dalkeith Road.

Subsequent to this meeting, it was realised that the proposed date clashed with a meeting of the Moray 2003 Steering Committee (at which several Club members would be present). Accordingly, the date of the next Club Committee meeting was brought forward to Monday 30 April, at the same time and place.

This Meeting closed at 8.49. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 26 April 2001