SOA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING

8.50pm, 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, Hilary Quick

Hilary introduced the Meeting, and summarised the situation regarding the status of the Individual Championships, given the current restrictions imposed after the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease through the U.K..

Hilary and Graham had discussed the situation in the days before this Meeting, and were of the opinion that a good-quality event could proceed, given that access permission would be forthcoming. However, the decision to continue with the event might depend on whether the Relay Championships took place (although the holding of a suitable colour-coded event in its place might justify any decision to continue). In fact, the Relay organising team was meeting at the same time as this Meeting to try to decide how to progress.

Graham summarised the situation regarding planning and the state of the map. Basically, he felt that enough of the area was sufficiently well-mapped to allow the staging of the required number of courses, without a further visit. However, a significant part of the rest of the mapping would make other parts of the area unusable. The progress of the planning process would largely depend on the development of the F&M outbreak.

The Meeting agreed that, given the current situation, there was no reason to cancel or postpone the event, and that we should proceed as if it would take place. Hilary suggested a telephone call to the Relay meeting, to confirm our willingness to continue with planning the Individual. This was done, and it transpired that our decision was well received, and that, at this stage, both events were expected to take place.

It was expected that an announcement would be forthcoming from the Forestry Commission on Wednesday 14 March, regarding access to its forests; such an announcement might well have a bearing on the ability to stage the events.

A brief discussion was held on procedures to be followed in the event of any need to postpone or cancel the event. It was agreed that, if a decision to cancel had to be taken, any entry fees already received should be refunded in full.

Hilary would circulate by e-mail to relevant people an announcement explaining our decision to continue with the event. She would also seek confirmation from Graham McFadyen that he was still willing to control the Individual event.

She would monitor the situation day by day, and take any action required.

The Meeting closed at 9.15.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 27 April 2001