FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SIXTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 11 March 2002, at 30 Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane (later), Ken Daly, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Colin Inverarity.

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Godfree, Niall Inverarity, and Tim Lenton.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14 January 2002 were approved, with the following amendments:

- Under Section 5.10, "ESOA Summer Series", for "within Edinburgh" read "within reach of Edinburgh".
- under Section 11, "Monday 25 March" should read "Monday 11 March"!

2 Matters Arising

With reference (under "Secretary's Report") to the Sports Strategy meeting called by the City of Edinburgh Council, at the ESOA meeting Janet Clark (ESOC) agreed to attend.

Under 5.2, "Club Championships", it was agreed that it should be recorded that Ben Hartman is the new Club Champion.

Under 5.5, "ESOA Spring Saturday Series 2002", it was noted with grateful thanks that, at short notice, Hilary Quick organised the event at Colinton Dell on 2 March.

Under 10, "ESOA", it was noted that Ken had called for a volunteer from Interløpers to serve on the ESOA sub-committee to oversee the work of the JDO.

3 Secretary's Report

There had been the normal routine communications from BOF and SOA.

John summarised the situation regarding membership renewals. Several members (in various categories) hadn't yet renewed, and the names were briefly discussed.

4 Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence on "holiday", there was little direct business.

However, the issue of the Club subsidy of Relay entry fees was discussed. It was agreed that, for the J.K., BOF, and SOA Relay events, the sum of £4 should be collected from each competitor, while the Club would pay the remainder. But for the Harvester, the Club would pay the whole fee (the difference being that this was a stand-alone event, whereas the others were usually associated with individual events as well). (It was noted that, this year, the Harvester unfortunately clashed with the SOA 11-Person Relay.)

Ben announced that it had been decided to settle on entry fees for the SOA Individual Championships of £10 and £4 respectively for Senior and Junior entrants (and £4 and £2 for colour-coded course entrants). A decision had had to be taken in order to ensure that publicity would be available in time - however, the information about costs of toilets and other combined facilities with the Relay event were still not fully known.

The issue of map copyright and printing charges had recently been addressed by an SOA sub-committee (consisting of Peter Lamb, Mike Atherton, Donald Petrie and Marsela McLeod). This sub-committee was aware of the need to ensure that the National centre remained a viable financial entity, so that discussion of charges for laser-printed maps always had this in mind. However, the charges constituted somewhat of a problem for clubs proposing to put on events on SOA maps. The principal costs proposed were £1 per map, as well as a fee of 70p per competitor for copyright. Over and above these fees were possible land access charges.

5 Events

5.1 ESOA Spring Saturday Series 2002

The events at Cammo and Colinton Dell had taken place, with a dozen or so attendees at each. Thanks were due to Pete Tryner and Hilary Quick (who stepped into the breach at the last minute to organise the latter event).

Paul Caban was all ready to stage our last event in the Series, at Craigmillar Castle Park, this coming Saturday (16 March).

5.2 CompassSport Trophy - 10 March 2002

A skeleton team took part at this event, the Scottish knock-out round, in which the Club was drawn against CLYDE, ESOC, and FVO. After a lot of hard work negotiating Cademuir in awful weather, on courses which were a bit too long, by several hardy members some of whom (Ray Heyworth, Stephen Haley) ran up at least one if not two courses, the Club was narrowly defeated by ESOC by 1 point. At least it meant that we wouldn't have to try to persuade a team to attend the Final in the South Central later in the year.

5.3 UK Cup - 6 April 2002

Everything was apparently going according to plan.

5.4 BUSA Championships - 13/14 April 2002

Gillian mentioned that Club helpers would be welcomed. They would be rewarded with a free run (in the Individual at least). ESOC would be staging the Relay.

As an aside, it was suggested that the Club should adopt a policy on a scale of charges it should levy on the sale of its maps to other Clubs.

5.5 ESOA Summer Series

Dates and venues had been agreed for the events in this Series, as follows:

1.	24 April	EUOC	Holyrood
2.	1 May	ELO	Carberry Tower
3.	8 May	ESOC	Blackford Hill
4.	15 May	ESOC	Hillend
5.	22 May	RR	Eildon Hills, Melrose
6.	29 May	LINOC	Kinneil Wood, Bo'ness
7.	5 June	ESOC	Corstorphine Hill
8.	12 June	ELO	Saltoun, Pencaitland
9.	19 June	KFO	Fordell Firs, Rosyth/Inverkeithing

In general, the Club would offer to the Wednesday event organisers to put on a Short Race at 7pm, probably on the longest course already planned for the event. Gillian would coordinate these. There might be some doubt as to whether such races could be put on at the more remote venues, but all those within easy reach of central Edinburgh should be OK.

5.6 SOA Individual Championships - 1 June 2002

Ben reported that adverts for the Championships would be appearing in Score and CompassSport. Fliers would be distributed at the J.K.. The courses are now planned and controlled. As far as organisation was concerned, several people would be needed at the venue from the Friday afternoon onwards to help set up. A WWW site had been established, but there was no information on it yet.

It was noted that the Relay entry form had not yet appeared. John would notify Gillian upon its arrival.

5.7 Christmas Cracker re-run - Loch Vaa

A recent development which will potentially affect a significant amount of orienteering activity was the designation of the capercaillie as a Schedule 1 species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The implications were that any activity in any site declared to be inhabited by the birds would be banned during the nesting period March - July. The Seafield Estate had announced that they would be abiding by these new regulations, and that hence Loch Vaa would be unavailable for an event on 3 June. Thus, all plans for the event were to be put on hold once again.

In addition, the Forestry Commission would be undertaking a survey of all known nesting sites in its forests, so that several of these might be out-of-bounds as well.

5.8 National Orienteering Week - 8-16 June

It was noted that National Orienteering Week was scheduled for 8-16 June, and that Clubs were planning all sorts of extra events in that period. For instance ESOC were holding a CATI in Princes Street Gardens on Saturday 15 June. It was suggested that Interløpers should try to organise a similar event in Holyrood Park on the Friday evening; Gillian offered to put this on.

5.9 ESOA O-League 2002/03

The Club had been allocated the date of 17 November for its event in this Series. A provisional choice of venue was Glenearn & Berryknowe. As an added attraction, the Scottish Night Championships were due to be held at Tentsmuir on Saturday 16 November.

5.10 Moray 2003

There were still some COC posts to fill, in particular that of the Day Coordinator. The Brochure was now being put together, by Marion Moir, with the intention of launching it at the SOA Championships on 1 June. An event Budget had been agreed, with entry fees unchanged from Lochaber 2001. An Internet entry system had been approved by the 6-Day Company.

The Central Organising Committee was due to meet on 25 March.

6 Newsletter

Colin reported that he had just begun work on the next issue, and expected to be able to issue it within a couple of weeks. John gave him a set of address labels.

7 Socials

A Burns Supper was duly held on Friday 25 January at Helen's flat. In addition, a Shrove Friday party took place chez Haley on 15 February.

It was suggested that the Club should try to organise a social event after the planned CATI on the evening of Friday 14 June, and that perhaps a skittles night at the Sheep Heid would be appropriate. Enquiries would be made if the alley was free that evening.

Tim would be asked to look at other ideas for social events.

8 Juniors

Nothing to report.

9 ESOA

Ken reported that he had still not received lists of members' names from all Clubs to supply to Run & Become. In addition, that concern had not yet supplied its logo for inclusion on Club notepaper.

As far as accreditation of Peter Coutts as the new JDO was concerned, Anne Salisbury had agreed to undertake his assessment (but not until after 5 April).

The Club had yet to provide a representative to serve on the ESOA's sub-committee to oversee the work of the JDO.

The ESOA's next meeting would be on the evening following this one.

10 Club AGM

There was discussion on the staging of the Club's AGM. A date of Thursday 20 June was decided upon, to be held in the Meeting Room at 46 Pleasance at 7pm on that day. John would check the room's availability, and would reserve it for two hours from 6.30pm.

It was agreed that the Constitution should be amended, as follows:

- in the list of Officials (para. 4), after "4.2.5. Newsletter Editor", include "4.2.6. Club Captain"
- the present paras. 4.2.6. to 4.2.8. to be re-numbered to be 4.2.7. to 4.2.9.
- change "4.2.8. Two other Members" to read "4.2.8. Up to two other Members"

It was noted that 6 weeks' Notice needed to be given of the date of the Meeting, and that two weeks' Notice had to be given of Amendments to the Constitution, and provision of the proposed Agenda, to all Members. It was felt that inclusion of the proposed date of the AGM in the forthcoming Newsletter was sufficient to provide the former Notice.

There was brief discussion over possible re-election of existing Officials. Ben announced that he and Heather were planning another World Tour, starting in July, and would not return to the UK until March 2003. Hence a new Chairman would be required. Colin pointed out that Niall would be going up to University in the Autumn, and hence a Member representing Junior interests would probably be needed. Otherwise, it was expected that all current incumbents would be available for re-election.

11 A.O.B.

Darina suggested that members could adopt a policy of trying to persuade friends and colleagues to come along to CATI events. She commended a slogan to the Meeting - BAFO (Bring A Friend Orienteering).

Attention was drawn to Motions to be debated at the forthcoming BOF AGM. One in particular was considered to be worthy of suggesting to all BOF members that they vote in favour, if necessary by appointing a proxy to vote on their behalf. This concerned a suggestion that 50% of BOF Levy on multi-day events (of more than 3 days) be returned to the organising Area. However, members also needed to be made aware that, if they appointed a proxy, they should express a preference on EVERY motion, otherwise their proxy would be able to vote whichever way they (the proxy) chose on any motion on which the member had not expressed an opinion. It was agreed to e-mail the Club members, encouraging them to complete the proxy voting form included in the papers for the BOF AGM, and to return it to the BOF Office by the closing date of 25 March.

Ken mentioned that it was planned to review the functioning of the new Scottish Orienteering League, once the Spring events had taken place. Donald Grassie would be coordinating the results of the SOLs.

Ken also mentioned that, so far, there was no resolution of the query over SOA Levy. However, a template was being set up for Neil McLean.

It was pointed out that the Club was in possession of a BOF document entitled "Advice to Clubs on the Procurement of Orienteering Maps", and that members should be made aware of its existence.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 13 May 2002 at 7.30pm at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin.

Gillian was thanked for her hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.00. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 22 April 2002