SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SEVENTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 4 November 2002, at 161 Dalkeith Road

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, Gillian Godfree, Janine Hensman, Colin Inverarity.

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Godfree.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 26 August 2002 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Dave Godfree had not yet visited the grounds of Newhailes House. However, John reported that Paul Caban had explored them to some extent, and was of the opinion that they would merit further investigation. Gillian would nag Dave into taking some action.

There was further discussion on possible registration of a WWW address for the Club. John had ascertained that an application made through Lycos would cost £10.99 per annum, but it wasn't clear if this included web forwarding (which would be necessary if we wanted to simply re-direct address users to the real WWW pages, if these were to be hosted elsewhere). John would consult further with Paul and Graeme.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that a new batch of Club O-suits had been ordered. However, she had amended the order somewhat, given that the suits were usually larger than members expected. There was no news yet about the progress of the order.

The Club had offered its help to KFO in staging their ESOL at Benarty Hill on 10 November. However, recently KFO had mentioned that they felt they would be able to manage, although they were appreciative of the Club's offer.

Gillian mentioned that there had so far been no takers for the position of Club Captain. She was happy to continue to act in that rôle, but felt that, nearer the time of entries for the major Relay events in the Spring, someone else might be persuaded to take over the job. She was somewhat concerned, however, about whether the Committee was prepared to accept so many of the Club's office bearers residing at one address - the rest of the Committee present immediately reassured her on that point.

Gillian also announced that both the Club's Men's and Women's teams had won the UK Relay League (after the recent Harvester Trophy) (although there had not yet been confirmation of this from the League's organiser, Dave Peel). Gillian had asked Jenny Whitehead to see if a mention of these results could be included in the next issue of CompassSport, on behalf of both INT and NOC.

4 Treasurer's Report

Apart from the fact that the SOA Levy for Rogie had still not been sorted out, there was nothing to report.

5 Secretary's Report

John reported that he and Paul Caban had attended a Celebration for the life of Jane Dawson at Mortonhall Crematorium on Wednesday 30 October. It was agreed to send a donation to the value of £50 to the Marie Curie Centre.

John had received invitations from the Belgian 3-Days, the French 5-Days, and the Swiss O Week, all taking place next Summer. Colin asked if the relevant WWW addresses could be sent to him, for inclusion in the Newsletter.

ESOC had enquired about the status of the map of Colinton Dell. John had already spoken to Janet Clark, to say that he thought the Club had already prepared a new map of the area. The Meeting confirmed this.

Mike Atherton had circulated Clubs with a batch of questionnaires from SNH, as part of a survey of attitudes to countryside access (all associated with the new Land Access legislation currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament). Some members took copies of the questionnaires for completion, and John would arrange to distribute the remainder to "random" Club members.

6 Socials

A very successful Hallowe'en night event on Blackford Hill, followed by a party at the Acklands, took place on Wednesday 30 October. Janine asked if she could have a cheque for £16.80 to pay for the maps.

Janine reported that she had an invoice from Carol McNeill for land access charges in connection with the Club's forthcoming weekend in the Lake District. There was some discussion on this issue, with several members feeling that the charges were a bit excessive (although it was pointed out that this represented access to three separate areas).

Janine also announced that the Christmas Party would be held on Thursday 19 December, at 34 Queen Margaret Close (chez Haley).

There was a suggestion for a Club Meal, perhaps held in conjunction with the Club Championships.

7 Newsletter

The latest, greatest, issue had recently appeared. Colin announced that he hoped to be able to produce another issue, just before Christmas.

Colin mentioned that he was still considering how to produce an electronic version of the Newsletter.

8 Juniors

In Scott's absence, there was nothing to report.

9 ESOA

This organisation's AGM was held at The Steading on Tuesday 15 October.

The financial statement for the Scottish Championships had still to be finalised. Hence any distribution of an excess income had not yet been fixed.

There was some discussion on the awarding of the trophies at the recent ESOL Championships. However, it was pointed out that, since these Championships had been held for at least the last two occasions in conjunction with a colour-coded event, not all classes for which there were trophies attracted sufficient competitors to warrant the awarding of a trophy.

The ESOA Committee would meet next on Tuesday 19 November at 7.45pm.

10 SOA

Ken briefly summarised recent happenings.

He reported that the formal signing of the Agreement between the BOF and the SOA had taken place, The first joint meeting of the two bodies' representatives was held at Hamilton. The next was scheduled for February 2003.

He also reported that a formal agreement had been reached with SNH, with the signing of a Concordat (the first such agreement between SNH and another body). This might lead in due course to the appointment of a part-time Access Officer.

He announced that most submissions had been received from Clubs to enable him to finalise the annual bid for grant-aid from SportScotland.

Finally, he reported that a new Score editor would be needed after the next issue, since Brad had formally resigned from the position, now that he was spending much more time working abroad.

11 Events

11.1 ESOA Autumn Saturday Series

The Club's only involvement in this Series was the event on 16 November at Mortonhall, organised by Paul Caban. Unlike the other events in the Series, this one would start at 11am.

11.2 SOA Night Championships - 16 November

Ken mentioned that there was currently a very low entry for this event. He encouraged members to put in their entries asap, since entries closed (in principle) that very evening.

11.3 ESOL event 4 - Glenearn & Berryknowe - 17 November

It had been realised at the last minute that no leafletting had taken place at other events. John had offered to Fiona to undertake this, while she was away. The only possible event left was KFO's ESOL at Benarty Hill on 10 November. John also agreed to circulate all SOA Club Secretaries by e-mail with details of the event. Hilary was the Controller before the day, while Ken would take over this job during the weekend itself.

11.4 SOA Inter-Club Championships

Terry O'Brien had circulated Clubs with a request to enter these Championships, being held in conjunction with the SOA Score Championships at Dunrod Hill, Greenock, on 24 November. There was no entry fee. The Meeting agreed that the Club should enter the event.

11.5 Club Championships 2002

Tim Lenton had been prevailed upon to organise this event, although the date was not yet fixed. The preferred date appeared to be 15 December. More would be made known when Tim re-appeared (he was currently out of the country).

11.6 Christmas Cracker

Ken was organising this event at Loch Vaa on 29 December, held over from 2001 when it was postponed owing to bad weather. It would be a Score event, using pre-marked maps. Ken had registered it with Neil McLean. It was noted that both INVOC and BASOC would be staging events at about the same time of year.

11.7 Spring Saturday series/Informal colour-coded events

It was agreed not to participate in the ESOA Spring Saturday series, but to try to stage limited colour-coded events on any available free Sundays.

An investigation into next term's fixture list showed that the dates of 26 January, 2/9 February, and 2 and 30 March currently had no local events planned for them. Gillian offered to organise an event on 26 January, while Ken volunteered for 2/9 February. (The uncertainty of this date was because EUOC had not yet settled on the date of their ESOL.) Volunteers would be needed if events were to be arranged for the free dates in March.

However, Gillian also mentioned that she was hoping to organise a Technique Training weekend in the Lakes, probably on either 1/2 or 29/30 March.

Venues would be needed for these events, and the names of Dechmont, Craigmillar, and Devilla were mentioned. However, for the latter, KFO would need to be consulted.

11.8 6-Day Event 2003

The posts of Day Coordinator and Entries Coordinator had now been filled, with the appointments of Colin Eades and Paul Caban respectively. The COC would next meet on Wednesday 6 November.

11.9 Scottish O-League 2004

Subsequent to the discussion at the last Committee Meeting, Dave Godfree had suggested using Mill of Fortune (subject to TAY's approval), regardless of the time of year. There was a possible query over whether there was adequate parking. Gillian would consult TAY on our suggestion.

12 A.O.B.

Ken mentioned that the Results had still not appeared in paper form for the 2002 SOA Championships weekend. However, although Roger Scrutton had not been able to devote time to producing them, Chris Godfree had managed to compile them, and had given a floppy disc to Ken.

It was suggested that a new Club T-shirt was needed, since stocks of the current one were almost exhausted, and the consensus was that a new design was needed. It was agreed to solicit designs to be submitted at the Christmas Party.

There was still some confusion over the venue for the EUOC ESOL on 2/9 February. It appeared that EUOC was now in favour one again of staging it at Archerfield; if so, it was stressed that the requests for access permissions would need to be dealt with carefully, in collaboration with Interløpers. Gillian would pursue this with Steven Clelland, the EUOC Captain. John currently had the relevant file.

Pat Squire, the Moray 2003 Coordinator, had been enquiring about appointing a Socials Coordinator, as well as the suggestion that a Park Race be held in conjunction with the Event. It was suggested that Chris Godfree might be a possible candidate for the former position, while Janine said she might be interested in organising a Park Race, depending on the venue. (It was mentioned that a possible suitable area was the parkland immediately to the south east of Forres itself, which apparently already contained a permanent course.)

It was also mentioned that Gordon Ross had proposed the staging of a series of five Park races in Edinburgh during 2004. One suggested area was the Heriot-Watt campus at Riccarton, for which an orienteering map had existed some years ago.

Gillian mentioned that it was possible to register the Club with the FASIC sports injury clinic at Pleasance, whereby members could gain discounts on the normal fees for non-students. She would investigate further.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 13 January 2003 at 7.30pm at 29/4 Prestonfield Avenue, Edinburgh.

Colin was thanked for his hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.19. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 11 November 2002