FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SEVENTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 17 March 2003, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

Present: John Barrow, Ken Daly, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree

Apologies for absence were received from Darina Cunnane, Scott Fraser, Janine Hensman, and Colin Inverarity.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 January 2003 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

John had written to Maureen Brown, the ScotJOS Coordinator, expressing our surprise and regret at Scott Fraser's exclusion from the Squad (and copying the letter to Mike Atherton). Maureen had replied, reiterating her view that her action was appropriate. It was decided that our points had been made known, and that there was no need to pursue the issue.

Gillian reported that the new O-suits had arrived, and had been distributed to those who had ordered them. However, there were not enough spares to provide a varied supply for future requests.

There was no news on the availability of the new T-shirts.

Gillian mentioned that she had seen a recent copy of BOF's Risk Assessment form, and that the only change from the draft version was that the word "Draft" had been omitted.

BOF had altered its previously stated policy, and had decided to retain age-less classes for Junior competition.

The Club had been awarded the date of 25 April 2004 for its event in the 2004 Scottish Orienteering League. TAY had approved our use of the area, and access was assured for both the main part of the area and for the car park. Permission for a further part of the area was under discussion. It was agreed that we should register the event as soon as possible. Gordon Ross had offered to be Planner, but there was no Organiser currently appointed; it was suggested that Tim Lenton might be interested. It was suggested that another Club might be persuaded to organise a Short Race on the Saturday, which might bolster any application the Club might make to having the SOL declared to be a UK Cup race.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that the trophy for the Men's UK Relay League had still not been delivered.

A request had been received for the use of Gullane Dunes for the Junior Inter-Regional Championships in June/July 2004. The Committee agreed to the use of the area, but declined to take on the responsibility of organising it.

It appeared that Interløpers might have won the Scottish round of the CompassSport Trophy event, held the previous day at Moncreiffe Hill. The question then arose as to whether sufficient Club members could be persuaded to go to the Final, to be held in Norfolk on 1 June. Intentions would be solicited by e-mail. If not enough people wanted to go, we should suggest to FVO that a re-calculation be carried out to compare their results with those of ESOC, and that whoever was then the winner could be invited to attend the Final instead.

4 Secretary's Report

The Field & Trek catalogue had been delivered. It was agreed to advertise its arrival to the e-mail list.

The Club's stock of 6-Day Event Co. T-bars still needed to be checked.

A brief review of membership renewals was carried out.

John had circulated the Committee with a request to check a proposed front page for the Club's WWW site, and the consensus (2 replies) agreed that it was sufficiently simple and informative. John would proceed with arranging to register www.interlopers.org.uk, and to liaise with Roger Coombs to have this page installed on the SOA WWW site.

The entry form for the Harvester Trophy had arrived that day, and John handed it to Gillian. It was pointed out that the event clashed with the Jukola Relays, as well as a SOL, but it was agreed that we should enter teams. The membership would be consulted by e-mail.

5 Treasurer's Report

Dave reported that EUOC had yet to pay for the maps of Gullane Dunes, used for their ESOL on 2 February.

The SOA Championships accounts had still not been finalised, although the cost of the Results booklet was now known. Dave said he would prefer to await Ben Hartman's return before sending them off.

The sum of £250 had been paid to the ESOA, as the Club's contribution to funding the Junior Development Officer for the Area. However, the final formal appointment of Peter Coutts had stalled, largely because of delays in deciding whether re-assessment was necessary. (This appeared to be more due to Peter's tardiness than any delay by BOF.)

6 Socials

In Janine's absence, it was difficult to report on any social events. However, it was agreed that a successful Pancake Night was held.

7 Newsletter

Colin had indicated that he still planned to produce a further issue before the end of term.

8 Juniors

The only issue under this heading was reported on in the "Matters Arising" section earlier.

9 ESOA

It was reported at the last ESOA meeting that the West Area intended to abandon the WOSOL series, and to concentrate on C5 events. However, an approach had been made to see if the larger West clubs would be able to have any C4 events they might stage incorporated into the current ESOL series. This would be discussed, along with other matters, at the next ESOA Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 March.

10 SOA

Ken briefly summarised recent happenings.

It was stressed that anyone involved with Juniors in any way should register with the Child Protection agency, using the procedures described in Donald Petrie's paper.

Gordon Ross had proposed that the Élite Test become a regular event, held on the weekend after Easter each year. It would need to be registered, either by an Association (the SOA) or by a Club (INT?).

It was confirmed that the Committee disagreed with the SOA suggestion to allow Club combinations at the SOA Relays and the 11-Person Relay.

It was confirmed that Emit would be used as the electronic punching system at this year's Championships.

11 Events

11.1 Colour-coded event, Devilla

This had taken place on 26 January, with a splendid turn-out for what was a somewhat "impromptu" event.

11.2 SOA Short Race series - 5 April

Ken reported that this event, to take place at Black Spout Wood, Pitlochry, was more-or-less planned. Permissions were in place, and a Risk Assessment carried out for Perth & Kinross Council.

11.3 Edinburgh Park Orienteering

Dates for the ESOA Summer Series events had been fixed. The Club would stage Short Races at as many of these events as was practicable. An innovation this year, as an incentive to take on the staging of an event, was to award the Organiser an extra 50 points for organising the event (as well as gaining points as usual if they run). The winner would also be awarded 50 points.

11.4 Moray 2003

Nothing significant to report. The COC would next meet on Tuesday 1 April.

11.5 ESOL 2003/04

It was expected that the Club would be awarded a date in November 2003 for its event in this Series. A brief discussion ensued about possible areas to use for the event; names mentioned included Almond Vale (Calder Wood), Norman's Law, Pitmedden, Beecraigs (quickly discounted), or Kinneil. It was agreed to suggest to the Biggars that we could offer to update the map of the latter area, and offer to hold our ESOL there. Dave agreed to contact the Biggars.

11.6 Scottish O-League 2004

This had been reported on under "Matters Arising". Gillian confirmed that she had formally accepted the offer of the date of 25 April 2004 for our event in the Series.

12 Equipment

It was agreed that a further stock of 30 mini-kites be purchased. A roll of red/white tape would also be bought (once Dave had a big enough order to place with Viking).

13 A.O.C.B.

Ken reported that there were plans to upgrade the National Centre, to provide a new office building which could be used for training courses. It was expected that the sum of £20K would be needed (which would be matched by funding from the local Council). SportScotland would be providing £10K. Other possible sources of money would be BOF, or the Brasher Fund.

It had been reported that one of our Club members had proved very useful at meetings of the BOF Élite Steering Committee.

There had been preliminary attempts at BOF level to try to develop contacts with Commonwealth Games officials; both Donald Petrie and Brian Porteous had been involved. It was recognised that this was a long-term venture.

It was reported that many Club members had been selected to represent Scotland in the match against Lithuania.

It was suggested that the JWOC, the BOF Championships, and the World Schools Championships might all come to Scotland in 2008.

A review of the BOF Management structure had concluded that it was rather cumbersome, and that the Development and Planning Committees sometimes provided conflicting recommendations to Council. It had been suggested that a single Management Committee should be formed to make single recommendations.

Gillian reported that she had had to pay the Forestry Commission £25 for the use of Faskally for her Training Event on 1/2 March. 18 Club members attended, but the limit over which such a fee was payable was understood to be 20. It was agreed to reimburse her the money, but to ask Terry O'Brien to follow up the charge with the FC.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 28 April 2003 at 7.30pm at 19 Waverley Park, Edinburgh.

John and Jo were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.30.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 18 April 2003