FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SEVENTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 28 April 2003, at 30 Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Janine Hensman, and Colin Inverarity.

Apologies for absence were received from Scott Fraser and Ken Daly.

(The Meeting had been moved from 19 Waverley Park, owing to Ken's indisposition.)

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 March 2003 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Gillian reported that both the UK Relay League trophy, and the Harvester trophy, were now in the Club's possession (both having been won during 2002).

Gillian also mentioned that Heather Hartman would chase up the whereabouts of the T-shirts order.

3 Chairman's Report

After an e-mail trawl, it seemed that only 1 M21, and no W21s, were prepared to undertake the long journey to the final of the CompassSport Trophy event, to be held in East Anglia on 1 June. It was agreed that, since any further attempt to persuade members to go was likely to prove fruitless, we should decide not to put in an appearance.

There was some discussion about the date and arrangements for the forthcoming AGM. It was agreed to hold it at 7pm on Thursday 19 June, and to book the Meeting Room at the Centre for Sport and Exercise, Pleasance, from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Janine would be asked to reserve tables for a meal afterwards, probably at Suruchi's in Nicolson Street for 8.30pm.

There followed some consideration over who of the current Office Bearers and Committee Members would be prepared to stand for re-election. It seemed that, of the current incumbents, only Dave was known to want to stand down. Hence, a nominee for the post of Treasurer would be needed (as well as, having gone to the trouble last year to amend the Constitution appropriately, a volunteer to serve as Club Captain). The name of Ben Hartman was suggested as a new Treasurer, and he would be sounded out.

In the mean time, John would notify the membership of the intention to hold the AGM on the suggested date, firstly by e-mail and later, more formally, by post.

4 Secretary's Report

A further brief review of membership renewals was carried out. Those members who had not renewed had been reminded by letter.

A notification had been received by e-mail from Terry O'Brien, regarding the suggested programme of events in the 2005 SOL Series, and to invite Clubs to apply for events in the Series. It was felt that, although we had been granted a date in the 2004 Series, this did not preclude us from applying for a date in the 2005 Series (given that there were 8 dates available, and the chance of not being successful being correspondingly small).

There was some discussion over possible areas to use for a SOL event in 2005. It was felt that there ought to be plenty to choose from, in the form of ex-6-Day areas and ex-JK areas. One approach might be to offer to update the map of

such an area, and thus come to some sort of arrangement regarding costs of using the maps. It was tentatively agreed to bid for an event in the Autumn, in priority order 2 October, 23 October, and 18 September. It was, however, agreed to defer a decision until the next Committee Meeting (since a reply was not needed until 31 July).

A notice had been received of the existence of a draft form of a Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Dave agreed to try to obtain a copy of this Draft.

There was a possibility that the organisers of Day 3 at Moray 2003 might require an additional stock of T-bars (over and above the stocks held by the organising clubs for that Day). Donald Petrie had suggested to Roger Coombs that the extra stock might be obtained from Interløpers (since we were not formally responsible for any one particular Day, and that therefore our stock of 60 would be available for such use). John would liaise.

5 Treasurer's Report

Dave reported that EUOC had still to pay for the maps of Gullane Dunes, used for their ESOL on 2 February. However, he expected to receive the money at the evening event the following Wednesday.

The accounts for the 2002 Scottish Championships had now been finalised.

The Club's accounts had yet to be drawn up for the 2002/03 Financial Year.

6 Socials

Mention was made of the Scottish Championships weekend on 24/25 May, and the gathering of Club members at Woodlands in Kingussie. Hilary would coordinate a communal meal on the Saturday evening.

7 Newsletter

Colin indicated that progress was continuing on the next issue, albeit slowly. His responsibilities as Programme Editor for Moray 2003 were taking up a lot of his time.

8 Juniors

Scott Fraser brought glory on the Club by winning M18 at the JK.

9 ESOA

Nothing to report. This Committee would next meet on 20 May.

10 SOA

Nothing to report (in Ken's absence).

11 Equipment

The new stock of 30 mini-kites had been bought. It was agreed to leave about 10 unattached to canes.

It was reported that Darina had rolls of tape available, which were not too expensive.

12 Events

12.1 Edinburgh Park Orienteering

Gillian reported that she had managed to persuade five other people to organise events (in addition to the 4 she would do herself).

As a Club, it was felt that too many of this year's Wednesday evening events were too far outside the City, and that beginners would be deterred from travelling to them.

It was suggested that the EPO presentations should be held in a pub somewhere convenient to Glentress after the last event in the Series on 25 June.

12.2 Moray 2003

With the second Closing Date for entries rapidly approaching, total numbers so far entered seemed to indicate that the final entry would be in the region of 3100. Deadlines were also imminent for receipt of material for the Programme, and for course planning and controlling.

12.3 ESOL 2003/04

The Club had been allocated a date in November 2003 (thought to be the 16th) for its event in this Series. So far, no Officials had been identified. The choice of area seemed to be narrowing down to either Calder Wood or Kinneil. Dave felt that the easiest option would be to update the map of Kinneil Wood, and would try to have a look over the area. It was pointed out that the event needed to be registered, and that it was now possible to so in a preliminary manner, without the need for Officials to be named.

12.4 Scottish O-League 2004

Gillian reported that Ben Hartman had offered to plan this event, at Mill of Fortune, on 25 April 2004. However, no Organiser had yet been identified.

13 A.O.C.B.

It was reported that, at the JK Relays, the Women's team came 2nd, while the Men should have come 4th but for Ackland's mispunch on the first lap.

There was some discussion about whether teams could be organised to attend the Harvester Relays on 14 June. It was felt that a Men's team could be formed, but it wasn't so clear about a Women's team.

Colin asked for an up-to-date Address List, and a set of labels, for the next issue of the Newsletter.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Saturday 24 May 2003 at Woodlands.

Dave and Gillian were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.15. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 19 May 2003