SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY SEVENTH YEAR

7.30pm, Saturday 24 May 2003, at Woodlands, West Street, Kingussie

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24 April 2003 were approved, with the following amendment:

under Section 11, Equipment, the second sentence in the first line should read:

"It was agreed to leave about 20 unattached to canes."

2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that a new competition, for the Jamie Stevenson Trophy, would be held on 31 August at Kinnoull Hill, Perth. The competition would be for Juniors, up to M/W 20; four courses would be put on, at Yellow, Orange, Light Green, and Green standard. Clubs would be invited to pre-enter up to two Juniors per sex per course.

Regarding election of the new Committee at the AGM, it was reported that Ben Hartman was willing to stand as Treasurer, and that Anthony Squire would take on the post of Club Captain.

The Club had been given permission to re-map Kinneil Wood, but to be aware of some forestry work in the area.

Pat Squire had offered to organise either next year's SOL, or this year's ESOL, provided he were (a) still alive, and (b) still married, after Moray 2003.

4 Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Club accounts for 2002/03 would be audited by Peter Dymoke.

The accounts for the 2002 SOA Individual Championships had now been finalised, and the excess Income/Expenditure was about £672. It had been agreed that the two lead clubs for the Weekend (INT and ESOC) should receive £150 each, so the net amount of £522 would be paid to ESOA.

6 Mapping

If it were to be agreed to hold our ESOL for 2003/04 at Kinneil, we would re-map the area. John Biggar would try to find out for us what plans were in hand for forestry work in the area. It was noted that permission to use Kinneil should be sought from Falkirk Council.

Another area to be considered was Calder Wood, near Midcalder. This was owned by West Lothian Council, and contained some SSSI-designated areas within it. Some Council Rangers were looking into the possibility of re-mapping the area. (One of these Rangers claimed to be the "fastest Lithuanian exile living in Broxburn"!) It was noted that the existing map was based on a photogrammetric plot, so the contours should be accurate.

It was agreed that, if any requests were received, we would make maps of Dechmont Law available at cost.

7 ESOA

At the last Meeting on 20 May, there was some discussion on the proposals from some of the WOSOL clubs to merge their competition with the ESOL series (since the former series had suffered significantly in recent years from falling attendances). There had been some examination of next season's Fixture List to see how many extra events could be accommodated in a combined series. It was agreed to suggest to the West clubs that they adopt the Rules of the ESOL series, with the proviso that the number of counting events be increased in proportion to the total number of events.

The next Meeting of this Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 August.

8 SOA

Ken reported that plans for the new National Centre at Aviemore might have to be downsized, in the likely event of no subsidy from BOF.

9 Socials

Apart from the post-AGM meal, there were no other current plans for social events.

10 Newsletter

Colin mentioned that his responsibilities as Programme Editor for Moray 2003 were taking up a lot of his time. Consequently, production of the next Club Newsletter had to take a back seat. He hoped to produce an issue later in June.

11 Juniors

Congratulations were extended to Scott and Murray for being selected for the BOF JWOC team,

12 Events

12.1 Edinburgh Park Orienteering

It was rumoured that Gillian had already won this year's series, largely because of the points she had accumulated by organising 4 of the events herself.

12.2 Harvester Trophy

Entries would be organised in the coming week.

There was some concern that the rules for the UK Relay League needed to be clarified.

12.3 SOL 2005

It was agreed to settle on proposed dates as discussed at the last Committee Meeting (viz. 2 October, 23 October, and 18 September in that priority). Suggested areas included Rannoch, Loch Vaa, or another venue on Speyside.

13 A.O.C.B.

Ken reported that the Club Championships trophy had been engraved.

It was emphasised that the AGM would start promptly at 7pm on 19 June.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on a date and at a venue to be decided by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

The Meeting closed at 8.37. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 17 June 2003