THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY EIGHTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 12 January 2004, at 161 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Scott Fraser, Gillian Godfree, Colin Inverarity, Helen Murray.

Apologies for absence: Ken Daly, Ben Hartman

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

After correcting "Greenbank" to read "Greenhill" in the heading, the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 November 2003 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

The Kinneil SOSOL was expected to realise a surplus in the region of £300.

John had replied to Rab Philp, offering to sponsor a new trophy for Juniors at the Scottish Relay Championships. Gillian showed the Meeting a brochure with possible trophies, and it was agreed to suggest to the SOA that we buy a 10.5" cup with base. After adding VAT, and the initial engraving, it was expected that the total cost would be in the region of £100. John would contact Rab with these suggestions.

ACTION: John

Dave Godfree had created a new Club website, with a frequently updated "News" page. The new site received favourable comments from those present, although it was recognised that more photographs would enhance the site. John mentioned that a link to the new site had been established on the SOA page, at URL:
http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/clubs/int.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian suggested that it was time to consider spending some of the Club's reserves on updating equipment, specifically the two tents. At present, the fabric of the older tent was almost unusable, although the poles were OK. However, although the newer tent's fabric was acceptable, 3 of the 6 upright poles were damaged. What wasn't clear was whether buying a new tent would restore both to service, i.e. whether the new set of poles would match the newer tent's fabric, and if the new fabric would fit the older tent's poles. CompassPoint have quoted £450 for a complete new tent (a Regnly Combi Club Shelter). Darina would check if a new tent could be used in this way, i.e. whether the two older models would be compatible with a new tent. She would also find out if it were possible to simply acquire replacement poles, without having to buy an entire set.

ACTION: Darina

Another item of equipment badly needed was a new flip-over clock, to replace Dave's home-made one. John mentioned that he thought that ESOC had recently bought one, and would check the details. Rick Houghton could also provide a quote.

ACTION: John

Also probably needed would be a replacement for the Club's digital clocks (which were home-made by Ken Ovens many years ago). A new set, if bought from an equipment supplier, would probably cost in the region of £250. John would find out from Ken if the existing clocks were repairable.

ACTION: John

Gillian also mentioned that we had two of the same sort of banner (i.e. both Start or Finish, she wasn't sure which). If we could ascertain from Paul (in whose shed such equipment was kept) which ones we had, it ought to be possible to find out if any other Club also had two the same so that a swap could be arranged. John would check with Paul.

ACTION: John

Gillian raised the issue of the EPO Series, held in conjunction with ESOA's Summer Series. She had circulated the membership to try to find someone to take on organising these races, with no success. Part of the problem last year had been the dispersed nature of the Summer Series, and it was felt that this year the organising Clubs should try to use areas closer to the city centre. It was pointed out that all of INT's local areas were available for use by other Clubs if required. John would check with Janet Clark.

ACTION: John

Gillian had had a long e-mail from Anthony Squire on several matters. He had also e-mailed the Club's membership, with his suggestions for coordinating teams for this year's Relay events, and asked that this information be included in the next Newsletter. It was agreed that the Club paid entry fees for the Harvester and 11-Person events, but that the fees for the others (the JK, SOA, and BOF Relays) were usually split 50:50 between the Club and the team members. He asked that all Relay entry forms be sent to him (as John had already done with that for the JK).

4 Treasurer's Report

In Ben's absence, there was little to report (apart from the surplus from the Kinneil event, referred to earlier).

5 Secretary's Report

Certificates for place-getters in the 2003 SOL Series had been received. The names of the winners would be published in the Newsletter.

John mentioned that Minutes of the BOF AGM/EGM held in October, and the reports from the Restructuring Workshops in November, were now on the BOF website.

He had still to register the Club's preferred website address, but would do so.

ACTION: John

6 Socials

Helen mentioned that a Burns Night would be held, either at the Acklands' or chez Caban. The date was not yet certain.

A Pancake Night would also take place on Shrove Tuesday, 24 February, at a venue to be decided.

She also mentioned the show Salsa Celtica at the Queens Hall, sometime in March.

7 Newsletter

The latest bumper issue (no. 130) appeared just before Christmas. Colin mentioned that he still had plenty of material for a further issue which couldn't be included in issue 130, so no. 131 should appear sometime in February.

It was also pointed out that a machine-readable version of the Newsletter was now available as a down-loadable PDF file from the new website.

8 Juniors

The only issue appeared to be the continuing failure to appoint a JDO for the Edinburgh area. This was further discussed in the ESOA Report.

9 Events

9.1 SOL 2004 - 25 April

Course planning for this event was progressing.

9.2 SOL 2005 - 2 October

Gillian reported that she and Dave had had a run around Drummond Hill, and it basically looked OK, with some new felling. It was hoped that the SOA would subsidise an upgrade of the map. Any problems with capercaillie had not yet been resolved. There had been no further progress with appointing real officials.

9.3 SOA Relays 2005

Helen James (TAY) had been in touch by e-mail, after Hilary had investigated the access question. She had expressed views on the parking issue, feeling that using forest roads wasn't really an option for this scale of event. She also felt that there were no suitable fields available, although that to the north of the usual assembly area seemed feasible. Gillian would pursue this question, and try to find out about the field's owner.

ACTION: Gillian

Helen James also wondered if TAY would be expected to provide input to the event. As John pointed out, this was really an ESOA issue, since the club groupings for the Individual and Relay events were determined by that body. The Individual lead club, ESOC, had already decided on using Craig A'Barns.

It had now been established that the date for this event was Sunday 29 May. John would communicate this to Hilary and Helen James.

ACTION: John

It was felt that, at this stage, no Officials needed to be identified.

9.4 Club Championships

This event was now scheduled for this coming Saturday, 17 January, to take place at Dechmont Law. Ken had asked for some helpers.

10 Mapping

John reported that, despite two approaches, TAY had not replied regarding our proposal to re-map Norman's Law. However, KFO had given their go-ahead.

It had been decided to accept the Peel quote, so mapping was now ready to proceed. However, Donald Petrie had still to obtain the farmer's permission.

11 SOA

In Ken's absence, there were no matters to discuss.

12 ESOA

In Ken's absence, John reported on happenings at the ESOA Committee meeting on 9 December.

It was decided not to re-advertise for a JDO in "Score", but rather to ask Clubs to try to find a volunteer from within their ranks. The JDO Sub-committee (consisting of John, Kirsteen Kershaw, and Dave Northcott) would meet soon to re-assess the situation.

The programme for the 2004 Summer Series was briefly discussed, and the format would be largely the same as for 2003, i.e. Clubs would stage events on the equivalent dates this year as for last year. It was appreciated that areas should be chosen, if possible, to be closer to the city centre than in 2003; there had been several adverse comments about the dispersed nature of the locations in 2003.

The Committee would next meet on 10 February.

13 A.O.C.B.

Nothing more to report.

Colin was thanked for his hospitality.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 8 March 2004 at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin.

The Meeting closed at 20.25. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 15 January 2004