SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY EIGHTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 7 June 2004, at Café Grande, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Colin Inverarity, Helen Murray.

Apologies for absence: Ken Daly.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 May 2004 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Gillian confirmed that the Junior Women's SOL trophy, suitably engraved, and the new clipboards had now been received.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that Chris Godfree had offered to serve on the new Committee. John mentioned that Paul Caban had also volunteered to be an Ordinary Member. Helen confirmed that she wished to stand down. Darina said she would be prepared to become the new Social Secretary.

Although Colin said he would stay on as Newsletter Editor, he would prefer it if someone else could be persuaded to take on the position. The names of Barry Owen and Graeme Ackland were mentioned as possible nominees. Gillian would follow this up.

The notices for the AGM had been sent out, including a proposed Amendment to the Constitution (as explained in the Minutes of the last Meeting).

4 Events

4.1 SOSOL 2004/05

Paul had offered to Plan the Club's event in this Series, and had persuaded Mary Ross to Organise. Their offer, however, was contingent on holding the event at Dechmont Law, not Archerfield, since they felt that it would be simpler to organise an event at the former rather than at the latter, and both considered themselves novices in such rôles. The Meeting considered this offer, and agreed to accept it. In his capacity as the new SOA Fixtures Secretary, Paul had confirmed that the date of 21 November was available. John would register the event.

ACTION: John

4.2 Other local events

Rob Bloor and Pat Squire had responded to Gillian's e-mail regarding staging either the SOSOL or other limited colour-coded events. Given Paul's and Mary's offer to put on the SOSOL at Dechmont, it would be suggested to Rob and Pat that they might like to organise such an event at another venue, perhaps Archerfield. Ben suggested that both Blackford Hill and Craiglockhart would also be suitable venues for such events. Paul would be consulted about available dates in the Autumn.

4.3 Royal Deeside 2005 - Day 1 (Cambus O'May)

Graham McIntyre had offered to be one of the Planners for this event. Colin Eades had intimated that he would probably prefer to act as Assistant Controller (provided he had qualified as a Grade 3 Controller in time). It was suggested that Rob Lee might be persuaded to be the other Planner.

4.4 SOL 2005 - 2 October

No Organiser had yet been identified for this event. However, it was suggested that, since both Rob Bloor and Pat Squire had offered their services as event officials, one of them might be persuaded to take on this job. Darina offered to take entries.

4.5 SOA Relays 2005 - 29 May

Chris Godfree would Plan this event, and Graeme Ackland would Organise. It was suggested that Peggie Gordon be approached to find a Controller (although it was accepted that the conditions for the Controller for the Relays were not as stringent as for the Individual).

4.6 ESOA Summer Series

The Craigmillar event held on 19 May had been most successful, attracting 13 Juniors and 27 Seniors. Paul would be organising the Colinton Dell event on 16 June.

5 Mapping

John reported that the SOA would be happy to transfer the copyright of the Rannoch map, should the Club decide to go ahead with re-mapping, subject to the proviso that the local Clubs were happy with our proposal.

6 Treasurer's Report

Ben circulated copies of the draft Accounts for 2003/04, and there was some discussion. He would be in touch with Peter Dymoke, the Auditor.

There was also a short discussion on the use of 6-Day Event profits to bolster the SOA Development Fund, rather than distribute them to SOA Clubs.

Ben had been investigating the application procedure for Awards for All. He highlighted two possible problems: the Rules for the Awards stated that an Award could not be granted for an activity which had already been the subject of an Award in the past; there was also a proviso that orders for services (such as mapping) could not be placed until an Award had been granted. The timescale for hearing of the success (or otherwise) of an Award application was thought to be in the region of four months.

It was agreed that quotes for re-mapping both Rannoch and Calder Wood should be obtained as soon as possible, and that Donald Petrie's assistance should be sought in preparing an application for an Award.

7 Secretary's Report

John mentioned that Hilary Quick had been in touch, regarding a suggestion to man an orienteering stall at the Royal Highland Show from 24-27 June. She herself would be able to be present on the 24th, and the morning of the 25th, but would need volunteers from ESOC and INT for the remainder of the weekend. Gillian offered to be there on the afternoon of the 25th. John would liaise with Hilary.

ACTION: John

8 Equipment

John reported that Paul would now prefer it if some other location for the equipment in his shed could be found. Various names were suggested, and Gillian agreed to mention it to Ann Haley (although it was recognised that she already had all the trestles and kites in her attic).

9 Socials

The consensus for the meal venue after the AGM was a vegetarian Indian restaurant in Clerk Street, offering a buffet-style menu. Helen would make a reservation.

10 Newsletter

Colin reported that the next issue was largely ready, and would be out before the AGM. He asked John for an up-to-date Address List.

11 ESOA

This Committee would next meet on Tuesday, 15 June.

There had still been no further progress with appointing a JDO for the Edinburgh area. John was to contact Kirsteen Kershaw.

12 SOA

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

13 A.O.C.B.

None.

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

The Meeting closed at 21.30. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 9 June 2004