FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 2 August 2004, at 30 Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Chris Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Barry Owen

Apologies for absence: Paul Caban, Scott Fraser.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 7 June 2004 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Regarding the appointment of a Junior Development Officer (JDO) for the Edinburgh area, Gillian reported that Alan Bogle had recently moved to Edinburgh, and might be interested in the position. He had previously worked at Halden in Norway, and had had considerable experience working with junior groups.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that, in response to the Club's donation in memory of Jane Dawson, a flyer had recently been received from the Marie Curie cancer care organisation.

4 Secretary's Report

The possibility of manning a stall at the Royal Highland Show came to nothing. Despite the enthusiasm emanating from Sophie Furness, the BOF Marketing Manager, discussions between Hilary Quick and the organisers of the Show quickly established that setting up an orienteering stall/course at Ingliston would have been quite impractical.

Donald Petrie had been in touch, reminding Clubs that their holding of 60 T-bars would be needed for Royal Deeside 2005. He also asked if Clubs could inform him of the number ranges, so that Planners could be briefed more quickly.

John asked what information should be sent to those people who had been offered free Club membership for the remainder of the year, after taking part in the recent Street-O competitions. Gillian replied that their names should go on the Address List, and they should receive copies of the Newsletter.

There was some discussion on the address list, the e-mail address list, and the source of the labels for newsletter postings. John agreed to provide Barry with a set of labels for the next issue of the Newsletter.

5 Treasurer's Report

Ben mentioned that he had still not managed get in contact with Peter Dymoke, the Auditor.

6 Socials

Darina reported that, because of her recent wedding and honeymoon, she had not been able to organise any social functions yet. There was still the Van Morrison concert on 6 August, but she had not been in a position to rally support for it. Gillian mentioned that Jo Barrow was appearing in The Edinburgh Makars farce at the Murrayfield Parish Church Hall, and there was also The Apprentice at Rosslyn Chapel, starring Tim Barrow. John promised to send flyers to Darina.

Darina was asked if she had any suitable photographs of her wedding for the Newsletter.

7 Newsletter

As a follow up to discussions at the AGM, the question of distribution of the Newsletter was aired. It was agreed to send the next issue to everyone in paper form, but to include with it a note asking members if they would be happy to read it on the Club's website, rather than routinely receive a paper copy.

There was a discussion regarding the publication of photographs of children in the Newsletter, and on the website. Under the terms of the recent Child Protection Act, it was now not permitted to publish pictures of children with captions containing their names; it was only allowed to publish either photographs without names, or else names without photographs. It was also recommended to seek parents' permission to publish pictures of their children in any case. If any parents disagreed with such publication, a record of this fact should be retained by the Club.

Barry asked about the style of the Newsletter, now that he had taken over the editor's post. It was generally agreed that the existing style had evolved to be quite suitable as it is. It was suggested that an issue be prepared roughly quarterly, with the next one probably in September (and hence thereafter in December, March, and June).

Barry asked whether perhaps the front and back covers could be prepared in colour, with maybe even a centre-fold in colour, perhaps with maps. It might be that the size could be reduced from A4 to A5, i.e. A4-sized paper folded in half.

8 Juniors

In Scott's absence, there was no news to report directly. However, it was mentioned that Scott came 24th in the JWOC Middle Distance race, making him 2nd Briton.

9 ESOA

The SOSOL events were now virtually agreed, there being 10 of them. John had tried to elicit views from the ESOA Committee on how many events would count, but there had been almost no response. In order to get some details into the next Score, he had made an executive decision (in his capacity as ESOA Chairman) that the number of counting events this coming season should be 5.

This Committee would next meet on Tuesday, 24 August.

10 SOA

Now that Ken was no longer on the Committee, it was suggested, and agreed, that this item should be removed from the Agenda.

11 Equipment

Gillian reported that Paul would appreciate recovering the use of his attic for his own purposes. It was proposed that Paul should get quotes for erecting a new shed to the side of his house - a rumour was that such a shed might cost little more than £100. If so, it was agreed that the Club could pay for it. Paul should of course retain one key, while other copies should be kept by the Chairman and one other (probably the Secretary).

12 Events

12.1 SOSOL 2004/05

John had registered this event. Graeme Ackland had agreed to control it. It was confirmed that we could set the entry fees (although they are currently set at £4.00 and £2.50).

12.2 SOA Relays 2005 - 29 May

No further news.

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

The Club was providing both Planners (Graham McIntyre and Rob Bloor), and the Assistant Controller (Colin Eades). These names had been communicated to Jayne MacGregor, the Day Coordinator. It was believed that Sheila Strain (ELO) was prepared to be one of the Day Organisers.

12.4 SOL 2005 - 2 October

Fiona and Barry had agreed to organise this event. With the Planners (Gillian and Dave) and Controller (Mike Atherton) already in place, the event could be registered - John would do so.

Gillian reported that Jon Musgrave would carry out the necessary re-surveying some time during this Autumn.

12.5 Other local events

Now that the SOSOL events were settled, it was realised that there were not really any suitable dates on which to organise limited colour-coded events before Christmas. Accordingly, it was agreed to wait until the Spring to try to fit in any such events. Ben and Heather, and Pat Squire, had offered to put on such events.

12.6 Harvester Trophy 2006

Graeme Ackland had been trying to persuade the Club to take on the organisation of this event. The meeting agreed in principle, but needed to try to fix a date and an area. The date needed to be chosen from a series of 8 dates allocated to the SOA for Regional Events; these dates were intended for the SOL, but one could be allocated to the Harvester. Of the available dates, it looked as if the only possible choices would be either 7 May or 4 June (the Saturday in each case). As for areas, several names were mentioned, but it was realised that it needed to be somewhere where a campsite could be established. Mugdock seemed a possible location. The meeting felt that it might be more sensible to try to get a consortium of Clubs to organise the event, since it would require considerable manpower resources. Feedback would be provided to Graeme.

12.7 Autumn Saturdays 2004

ESOC and ELO had already decided on a series of dates for Autumn Saturdays on which to stage beginners events. The Club felt that we should try to add some dates to the series. Possible areas included Mortonhall, Craigmillar, Colinton Dell and Arthur's Seat. Suggested dates were 25 September, and either 23 October or 6 November. It was agreed to ask Janet Clark to include 25 September on Arthur's Seat, and the choice of the other date to be up to whoever was found to organise the event. John would contact Janet.

12.8 SOL 2006

Paul, in his capacity as SOA Fixtures Secretary, had sent a list of possible dates for events in this series to all Clubs, and asked for initial feedback by 29 August (in time for the next SOA Meeting). As usual, the dates were spread throughout the year from early March to late October. As for 2005, it was agreed that the Club should go for a date in the Autumn, and should ask to be allocated 8 October, 10 September, or 29 October in descending order of preference. The general area to be specified would be Speyside.

There was some discussion over the use of Rannoch. This had been our original idea for a venue but, after a request to the SOA for the transfer of copyright should we decide to proceed with re-mapping, it transpired that STAG were also interested in the area. The issue was re-visited, and the consensus seemed to be veering away from using the area - it was felt that the vegetation in the Autumn might be a problem, felling plans could affect the usable area, and parking might also cause difficulties (given that the old School and its grounds were not available). It was agreed to dispense with contemplating to use Rannoch, and to communicate this to the SOA.

12.9 11-Person Relay, 2004

At present there were 10 volunteers for this event (to take place at Bowhill on 5 September). It was agreed that the Club would pay the full entry fees.

12.10 Christmas Cracker

Ben mentioned that he and Heather would be spending Christmas/New Year in the Aviemore area once again and, together with BASOC, would be putting on some events during that time.

12.11 Club Championships

It was pointed out that Pat Squire was the winner in 2003, and consequently he would be asked to put on this year's event. It was suggested that such an event could be staged on the same day as the Christmas party.

13 Mapping

The current plans for (re)mapping projects were reviewed. It had been agreed to drop any ideas of re-mapping Rannoch. The re-survey of Drummond Hill would take place during this Autumn. We were still waiting for Donald to obtain access for using Norman's Law (although he had managed to get in touch with the main landowner). Quotes had been obtained for re-mapping Calder Wood, and Jon Musgrave provided a cheaper quotation than Dave Peel.

Given that these were the only such plans, it was agreed to shelve the idea of applying for an Awards for All grant, since Ben felt that we would be unlikely to obtain one, and the timescale for application would now be too long. However, he would pursue other avenues for funding.

14 A.O.C.B.

John reported that ELO had asked if they could use our map of Gullane Dunes/Archerfield for their SOSOL on 17 October this year. (This event would incorporate the East of Scotland Individual Championships.) The meeting agreed with this proposal. It was agreed to charge 50p per map (and to charge the JIRC on 26 June the same amount).

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 1 Milton Street, Edinburgh, on Monday 4 October at 7.30pm.

Dave and Gillian were thanked for their hospitality (including the carrot cake).

The Meeting closed at 21.29. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 9 August 2004