FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 10 January 2005, at 54/5 Balbirnie Place, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Scott Fraser.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 November 2004 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

It was agreed that we would need to wait for better weather before Paul's new shed could be built.

On the subject of ESOA Championships trophies, Barry wondered if there was one for the M55 class. John would check. Meanwhile, a trophy had been purchased for the M70 class, and had been presented to Ray Heyworth at the Club Championships. Ray had written a gracious thank-you letter which John read out.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that the mapping of Drummond Hill would now take place during late January-early February. Calder Wood had now been mapped. Donald Petrie had reported that he would have a definitive list of all relevant landowners for Norman's Law within a couple of weeks.

Gillian passed to John a corrected telephone number for the Kitchin family, for inclusion in the Address List.

An exercise to find the Club Volunteer of the Year had been carried out. All main event officials had been included in the deliberations and, after much thought, the winner was declared to be Graeme Ackland. He had been presented with a box of chocolates.

4 Secretary's Report

John asked about the policy regarding continued membership for those new to the Club who had been granted free membership during 2004. It was agreed that a letter should be written, mentioning the benefits of Club and SOA membership, when trying to find out if anyone wanted to join up formally for 2005.

As for similar new members during 2005, it was agreed to offer free membership for the whole of the year (since any such people would be most likely to join later on when the weather had improved, and when more Street-Os could be organised along the lines of last year's events.

5 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that a good surplus had accrued from the Dechmont Law SOSOL event. In addition, the Club Championships and the Festive Frolic had also made small profits.

Ben proposed, and the Meeting agreed, that the Club should pay the entry fees for members taking part in the CompassSport Trophy event on 27 February (and running the correct course).

6 Socials

A most enjoyable Christmas Party was held at Rob and Patricia's house on 18 December, and many members enjoyed the brain-teasing Club Championships the day afterwards at Kinneil (organised by Pat Squire).

Regarding the possibility of a Club Weekend in the Killin area in January or February, Darina reported that the larger hostel was now booked up. Firbush was now the only other possibility, but it would cost £60 per person (for full board from Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime). The writing appeared to be on the wall, so it was agreed to drop the idea for the time being.

It was agreed to hold a Burns Night on Saturday 22 January. Gillian offered to host it, with possibly a night street event beforehand.

It was also suggested that a Pancake Night be held, perhaps on 8 February after The Meadows session. Possible venues were Rob Lee's, or Richard Dibley's.

7 Newsletter

The Christmas issue had appeared, to much acclaim. A slight hiccup had been the inclusion on page 5 of a map which was based on an O.S. original; this prevented that page's posting on the internet on copyright grounds. However, paper copies were still available.

Barry mentioned that he expected the next issue to appear some time in March. He had received plenty of material for the December issue, so expected to be able to fill the next one.

8 Juniors

Mention was made of Ann Haley's continuing involvement in Ron Nolan's junior training sessions.

9 ESOA

John reported that, although the last meeting of this Committee had been on 4 November (i.e. before the Club's last meeting), the Minutes had still not appeared, so it was difficult to describe any relevant issues.

The provision of new trophies had now been addressed, with those for M65, M70 and W60 being purchased by the appropriate Clubs.

The format of the Summer Series would be discussed later under "Events".

The next meeting of the Committee would be on Tuesday 18 January.

10 Events

10.1 SOSOL - 21 November 2004

The event had taken place on a very frosty day, although about 160 people turned up. Thanks were due to Mary, Paul and Graeme for their organisation, planning and controlling.

10.2 Club Championships - 19 December 2004

This had duly taken place, and was much enjoyed by those taking part. The new Club Champion is Ben Hartman.

10.3 "Christmas Cracker" - 2 January 2005

Ben reported that this event at Inshriach attracted about 50 competitors who enjoyed Ken's great courses, and there were lots of snow and sunshine.

10.4 Limited C-C event - January 2005

Ben mentioned that he was now thinking of a date in April/May for a limited colour-coded event, possibly at Kinneil, or at Calder Wood. Paul pointed out that there were several dates available at this time of the year, since there was a moratorium on larger events at the time of the World Cup in Surrey. Dates of 8 May and 24 April were suggested.

10.5 ESOA Spring Saturday CATI events

An organiser was still needed for the 12 March event. Darina was a possibility.

10.6 ESOA Summer Series 2005

The decision taken at the last Meeting (to approve of the plan to move the Summer Series events from Wednesdays to Saturdays) would be communicated to the next ESOA Committee Meeting on 18 January.

10.7 SOA Relays - 29 May 2005

Nothing to discuss.

10.8 Royal Deeside 2005 - Day 1 (Cambus O'May) - 31 July

It wasn't clear if any Organisers had yet been decided upon. There was a rumour that Sheila Strain had agreed to be one of them.

10.9 SOA Night Championships - 8 October 2005

Paul reported that no TAY Organiser had yet been identified. In addition, no Controller had been appointed. However, because of the high degree of common ground with the Sunday SOL, it was suggested that Mike Atherton be approached in the first instance, to see if he would be prepared to take on both events.

The event was now registered.

10.10 SOL 6 - 9 October 2005

Nothing to discuss.

All forthcoming events were now formally registered where possible (the only exceptions being Ben's limited C-C event, and any Summer Series events the Club might organise).

11 A.O.C.B.

Paul mentioned that the BOF Child Protection Policy was now somewhat out-of-date. It needed to be more inclusive of Clubs and their activities. He mentioned that there would probably be an SOA Policy formulated soon.

There was some discussion on the Data Protection Act. John mentioned that he had been rather lax lately, and had not formally notified new members that their personal membership records were maintained on computer files. Paul reported that some SOA Guidelines to the Act were being prepared.

There was also some discussion on this year's CompassSport Trophy event on 27 February at Faskally. It was pointed out that the only way to have a chance of winning was to try to ensure that a full Team took part. Revised Rules for this year's competition were on the BOF website. Anthony would be coordinating our entry (which needed to be in advance).

Some action would soon be needed to enter the JK and BOF Relay events. There was some discussion over the make-up of teams to be entered. Anthony would be reminded of the approaching closing dates.

Paul introduced a brief review of relevant fixtures in the later part of 2005, and 2006. Firstly, the 2005/06 SOSOL Series was discussed. Because of our commitments in the latter part of 2005, it was agreed that Interløpers should seek a date in the Spring of 2006. It was also pointed out that the Scottish CompassSport Trophy round would probably take place in the East Area in April 2006. Finally, a SOL date in late 2006 might become available in a month or so which the Club might be interested in taking up.

There was some discussion over a proposed session given by Dave on SI training. Barry expressed interest in this.

Barry asked if a note could be included on the Club's webpage, thanking Fiona for the soup she provided after the Club Championships at Kinneil.

John mentioned that he would be away in Australia from 30 January until 2 March, but would possibly occasionally check his e-mail (but don't count on it!).

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 3 Charlton Grove (Roslin), on Monday 8 March 2005 at 7.30pm (jet-lag permitting).

Darina and Chris were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 21.00. John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 20 January 2005