FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, TWENTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 7 March 2005, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

Present: John Barrow, Paul Caban, Chris Godfree, Gillian Godfree

Apologies for absence were received from Darina Cunnane, Ben Hartman, Barry Owen

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 January 2005 were approved, after the following amendments:

- in para. 3 of the Chairman's Report, the words "...after much thought..." should be changed to read "...after random selection from a short list...".
- under "A.O.C.B.", para. 1, the first word should be "Gillian", not "Paul".
- section 10.11 (A.O.C.B.) should be numbered "11".

2 Matters Arising

Paul expanded on the sourcing of his new shed. It transpired that it was in a "flatpack" bequeathed by the Haleys. Paul had determined that his neighbours were happy that it be fixed to the wall of their garage.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian reported that Drummond Hill was currently being re-mapped. The new map of Calder Wood had been completed, and payment had been authorised. The quote for mapping Norman's Law was still valid, and Dave Peel was expecting to do the work in late April. It was hoped that the latter area would be suitable for a CompassSport Cup match and/or a SOSOL.

A brief review of Committee members' intentions for continuing in office was held. Gillian announced that she was standing down at the AGM after having served for 3 years in office. Ben and John were prepared to continue, as was Paul. Chris was also happy to continue, but would also be prepared to take on the Club Captaincy if Anthony did not wish to continue. Chris would check the situation with Anthony. As for Darina and Barry, their intentions were not known. It was suspected that Scott would be too old to continue as Junior member, although this would be checked.

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Thursday 16 June at 18:30, in the Meeting Room at Pleasance. John would book the room. It was suggested that a booking be made for 20:00 at the Kalpna restaurant (for the buffet menu), as last year. It was agreed that the draft Minutes of last year's meeting were satisfactory.

As far as SI training was concerned, Dave was wanting to program the units on the Friday evening before the SOA Championships, so anyone who wanted was welcome to be present while this was done. He had stressed, though, that he wanted a run on the Sunday, which meant that he wouldn't be able to help with the computing on that day.

As a consequence of the Club's performance at the CompassSport Trophy round at Faskally on 27 February (the Club came 3rd), we qualified to attend the Final, near Burnley on 16 October. It was suggested that a Coordinator be found to organise our participation, in liaison with the Social Secretary - booking of a mini-bus would probably be needed.

4 Secretary's Report

John mentioned that Donald Petrie had informed all Scottish Clubs that, as a consequence of the new Land Reform Act, there would no longer be any charges to use Forestry Commission areas. However, it should be borne in mind that the FC would almost certainly charge for facilities which the general public would normally pay for, such as parking (though whether this applied to forest roads wasn't clear), use of toilets, etc.

The Chairman of the BOF Map Group had circulated all Clubs, asking for nominations for Map Awards for new maps made during 2004. Since the Club had not produced any in 2004, there was no action to be taken.

The Club had received information about Midlothian Sports Awards. It was suggested that Scott's name be put forward (in view of his outstanding achievements over the past year). Gillian would complete the application.

A brief summary of membership renewals was carried out. It was agreed to write to all 2004 members who had not renewed for 2005, in all categories (BOF, SOA and Club-only). John had already written to those who had taken up the free offer of Club membership for the remainder of 2004, but apparently only one person had renewed for 2005.

5 Treasurer's Report

In Ben's absence, there was no Treasurer's Report.

6 Socials

It was reported that a successful Burns Night was held at 104 Tryst Park on 22 January.

In Darina's absence, there was nothing else to report.

7 Newsletter

It was rumoured that the next issue would appear towards the end of March.

8 Juniors

It was mentioned that Scott, Murray and that other well-known Junior, Graeme, had broken the World Record for the 50x200m (10km) relay. If all sponsorship money were collected, it was expected that £800 would be raised.

It was reported that the ESOA Junior Training programme, coordinated by Ron Nolan (ESOC), was continuing. The Galloways and Acklands had been seen recently.

Gillian mentioned that she had helping Eilidh Nolan and a friend with their training.

9 ESOA

The next meeting of the Committee would be on Tuesday 8 March.

The dates for the 2005/06 SOSOL were not yet finalised. INT were hoping for a date in February 2006, as were ELO.

This year's Summer Series programme was taking shape, with a mixture of Saturday and Wednesday dates.

10 Events

10.1 ESOA Spring Saturday CATI events

In a moment of weakness, possibly brought on by jet-lag, John had agreed to organise the CATI at Corstorphine Hill on 12 March. The Ledlie family had also offered their services. It was suggested that any independent competitors be offered free Club membership for the remainder of 2005 - their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses should be sought.

10.2 Limited colour-coded event - 8 May

Ben and Heather would be putting on this event, at Kinneil Wood.

10.3 ESOA Summer Series 2005

Paul offered to organise an event on Wednesday 18 May at Colinton Dell. Apparently, a group of Girl Guides would be coming to this event. The Club would also stage an event on Saturday 18 June.

10.4 SOA Relays - 29 May

The technical aspects of the event were still under control. However, there were "political" problems involving the relay format for the Ad Hoc classes which had not yet been resolved.

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

Nothing to report.

10.6 SOA Night Championships - 8 October 2005

Still no Organiser from TAY had been appointed. The event had been formally registered under TAY's name. Mike Atherton had declined to act as Controller, but Paul would ask him if he would be prepared to check control sites (since they would be on the same area).

10.7 SOL 6 - 9 October 2005

Nothing to report.

10.8 Summer Street-Os

There was some discussion on repeating last Summer's series of Street-O events. Eventually it was agreed that events should be put on every alternate Wednesday, beginning with the CATI at Colinton Dell on 18 May. Hence dates of 1, 15 and 29 June, and 13 July, would be chosen, with various venues.

Apart from the Street-Os, all forthcoming events were now formally registered.

11 A.O.C.B.

Some maps of Colinton Dell had been sold to J. Dod, in exchange for £20.

There was some discussion of the revised Data Protection Act policy, recently announced by the SOA. A summary of essential points had been circulated, and it was realised that most of the time the Club complied with the provisions of the Act. Two main points were that competitors at events needed to be made aware that results would be published on the WWW, and that a note should be included on the Address List to the effect that members be asked to destroy all old copies. It was suggested that the summary of the Policy be distributed to all Club members. All members should also be made aware of what personal details the Club maintained.

There was a short discussion on the latest BOF membership proposals. Fuller details were available on the BOF website.

Paul reported on some of ESOC's recent plans. They were hoping to stage a Coaching Course in the Autumn, on which there would be spaces for members of other Clubs. They were also intending to map both the Dalmeny Estate and the grounds around Mary Erskine school at Ravelston. It was pointed out that this was now possible because of the new Land Access law.

John wondered if we should resurrect the idea of adding the grounds of Merchiston Castle school to the map of Colinton Dell. Paul would investigate.

It was mentioned that the Future Champions Cup final would be held in Scotland during 2006 at Creag Mhic Chailean. So too would the British Elite Middle Distance Championships. It was suggested that the two events could be combined, perhaps having a UK Cup race held in conjunction.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at The Steading, Hillend, on Monday 9 May 2005 at 7.30pm. Gillian offered to book a table.

John and Jo were thanked for their hospitality.

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