SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 12 September 2005, at 34 Queen Margaret Drive, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Paul Caban, Brad Connor, Stephen Haley, Ben Hartman, Barry Owen

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Godfree and Anthony Squire.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 18 July 2005 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Paul was still to attend to the issue of mapping the grounds of Merchiston Castle School.

It was agreed to high-light Action Items in future Meeting Minutes.

3 Secretary's Report

There were still a couple of non-renewers from 2004 who needed to be contacted about their renewal fees.

4 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that there was little to add since the last Meeting. The finances from the SOA Championships were still to be finalised.

It was rumoured that Rob Bloor had some 6-Day expenses in his capacity as Day 1 Planner - however, these should be submitted to the Event Treasurer.

5 Newsletter

There had been a further issue published, to great critical acclaim. Barry reported that there was still plenty of material for a further issue, but he had wanted to get this one out because of the time since the previous one. The next issue should include reports from the 6-Days, as well as from Scott (JWOC), Stephen (Scottish Schools), Ken (on his trip to Lithuania and Latvia) and Brad (his visit to Canada).

6 Brad, Stephen

Brad and Stephen had met recently, with Ann, to discuss the issues raised at the previous Committee Meeting. They concluded that there were two important issues, recruitment and retention of new members.

Brad mentioned that there was a lot of material on the SOA website which Hilary Quick had been responsible for providing. From this, a list of material to be included in a Club Welcome Pack had been arrived at. This would also

include some material from Ross McLennan. In addition, BASOC (in the person of Norma Atherton) also had some useful material. However, they felt that more marketing material might be needed. The Active Schools Coordinators might be able to provide further help, and there ought to be some contacts to be followed up from the D of E.

It was recognised that Interløpers, as a Club, was not particularly good at organising Socials. (In this regard, it was agreed that appointing a Social Secretary would be a help.) Financial advice from the Treasurer would also be helpful in devising potential social activities. One idea was to try to arrange a Club Weekend, and Paul agreed to try to find out what the current situation with Woodlands (in Kingussie) was.

ACTION: Paul

Some way of devising regular social activities was a priority, and including the details in the Newsletter was essential. Another idea was a regular Club Run.

It was suggested that a big glossy poster be prepared advertising the CATI on 12 November. More generally, a Club promotional poster (perhaps A3 size) would be an idea. In the longer term, some thought should be given to developing a stronger Club identity.

On the issue of O-kit, Paul had obtained prices from Darina for some items, and it was suggested that a further order for O-tops in the existing style and material be placed. Paul would further check with Darina about ordering these, as well as pricing similar items in trimtex as an option.

ACTION: Paul

It was mentioned that there were still 4 of the yellow T-shirts remaining - no-one was sure what sizes these were.

7 Events

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

The Day had gone well, with sufficient manpower to cover all necessary jobs, but only with additional help from NOR and other English volunteers. Sheila Strain had done a great job of coordinating the Day.

7.2 11-Person Relay - 25 September

It had been agreed to enter a team for this event. Anthony would coordinate the Team composition by e-mail.

ACTION: Anthony

7.3 SOA Night Champ/SOL 6 - 8/9 October

All was proceeding well for these events. The Night Champs would be controlled by Ian Pyrah (ESOC). The Junior Inter-Area Champs were being held the same weekend, and they planned to use the SOL for their Individual event, thus swelling the numbers somewhat.

7.4 CompassSport Trophy Final - 16 October

Paul and Anthony would try to target specific people, in order to try to raise a viable Team.

ACTION: Paul, Anthony

7.5 Autumn CATI events

The Club was putting on an event in this Series, on Saturday 12 November. It looked as if Paul would be Organiser. It would take place at Mortonhall, and Paul would arrange for access permission.

7.6 Club Championships

It was still thought that Ben would be organising this, probably on the last Sunday before Christmas (18 December).

7.7 SOSOL - 26 February 2006

A draft ER1 had been submitted for this event, which was to be held at Norman's Law. Ken's name had been suggested as a possible Planner. However, the map was not yet ready, because of some difficulty with the PG plot. Apparently, a member of the Kitchin family had contemplated organising, but the other member had said something like "over my dead body!". Another possibility was Keith Dawson. In order to formally apply for access permission, details of the landowners would be needed. It was known that Gillian had these details, but John thought that he also had them. He would check, and then write letters.

ACTION: John

7.8 CompassSport Trophy - 9 April 2006

It seemed that Interløpers had first call on organising the Scottish round of this competition. Apparently, the event was to be classified as a C3, even though it would be using colour-coded courses. However, before the Club could accept responsibility for organising it, an Organiser and a Planner had to be found; otherwise, the Club would have to decline. A possible venue was Archerfield, and Ben expressed some interest in planning if so. It was noted that the Final would be held near Stoke-on-Trent. Paul would try to identify these Officials, as well as Officials for the SOSOL.

ACTION: Paul

7.9 Street-Os 2006

It was generally accepted that the 2005 Street-O events had been very successful and there were now plenty of mapped areas to provide variety. In general the events were very straightforward to organise. It was agreed to repeat the Series in 2006.

8 ESOA

Ann provided some details of proceedings at the SOA Committee Meeting held on 23 August (which John was unable to attend).

She mentioned that the Inter-Area Juniors would be attending the SOL at Drummond Hill on 9 October; 25 of these would be representing the ESOA.

There were 27 participants at the Junior Training Day held recently at Cammo. Of these, 8 were from Interløpers.

Kathryn Middleditch would be taking over from her as one of the members of the ESOA Committee responsible for the Junior Squad.

9 A.O.C.B.

None.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 64 High Street, Linlithgow, on Monday 14 November at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm. John Barrow – 8 November 2005