SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 15 May 2006, at The Steading, Edinburgh

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

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 27 March 2006 were approved, with the following amendments:

- Under "3 Chairman's Report", 1st para., replace "...involve the Executive Officers taking on Personal Liability..." with "...remove Personal Liability from the Executive Officers ...".
- Under "5 Treasurer's Report", 3rd para., replace "...subsequent to the event..." with "...prior to the event..."
- under "8.4 SOL 2007", the first available date was 25 March, not 4 March
- under "8 Events", at the end in the paragraph describing changes at Archerfield, add:

  "There was a rumour that parts of Jamie's Neuk were being felled. Chris, being the man on (or near) the ground, would reconnoitre the situation."
- under "10 Equipment", add:

  "Chris would take away with him the materials necessary to construct some more mini-kites for CATI events."

2 Matters Arising

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

ACTION: Paul

Contrary to the statement in Matters Arising in the Minutes, organisers for only 3 of the Summer Street-Os had been found.

The organisational order of the next 3 Running Nights had changed, to Gillian, Gillian and Paul.

John had not checked the SOA Handbook for the names of any current Coaches within the Club. However, Barry indicated that he was a Level 2 Coach, although it was believed that there were no others.

(Subsequent to the Meeting, John had checked the SOA Handbook, and no Level 1 or 2 Coaches were listed, only those for Levels 3, 4 and 5. Graham McIntyre was listed as a Level 5 Coach, and Claire Ward as a Level 3.)

3 Chairman's Report

Paul reported that the proposed changes in Membership Structure had been agreed at the recent BOF AGM. The consequences would be discussed by the SOA Executive.

The 5-hoop tent had suffered further damage to its poles at a recent event.

4 Secretary's Report

John briefly summarised the situation regarding non-renewal of membership. It was agreed that the current issue of the Newsletter would be the last that these members would receive.

John asked Ben for a cheque to the SOA for £8, for a new subscription to SOA on behalf of Iain Wilson.

ACTION: Ben

John initiated a discussion of the current state of the Club's website. There was a feeling that it had fallen somewhat into disrepair, partly because the Godfrees were no longer so active in orienteering. Members were asked to think of ways for improving it.

5 Annual General Meeting - 8 June

John apologised to the Meeting for not sending out a Notice of the AGM before the 6 weeks period required by the Constitution. However, he agreed to send a Notice by e-mail as soon as possible.

Given that the Meeting Room at Pleasance was booked from 6.30pm, it was agreed to advertise the Meeting as being at "6.30pm for 6.45pm".

Of the current Committee, Paul, John and Ben agreed to stand for re-election. Brad noted that, in view of his buying a house in the Stirling area, he would almost certainly be moving Clubs (although remaining a Club-only member of Interløpers), so he would not be standing again. Barry also indicated that he was not looking for re-election. In their absence, the intentions of Chris and Stephen were unknown; John would try to find out.

ACTION: John

6 SOA

Paul reported that there had been no further developments on the SOA Executive's Development Day.

He mentioned that there was SOA Development Money available to Clubs, and that suggestions for use of this money could be made to Ken.

It was announced that Toni O'Donovan had been appointed as a BOF Councillor.

7 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that the Accounts were nearly finalised for submission to the Auditor, Peter Dymoke. He expected a Surplus for the Year in the region of £1500. However, some expenses claims still had to be settled, and the cheque from ESOA for the Club's share of the 2005 SOA Championships surplus was still to be received.

Ben mentioned that the Club had roughly £2000 in the form of Fixed Assets, and that the current Bank Balance was about £4000.

8 Brad

Brad showed round a sample A4 colour photograph (of Dave Godfree in action), which could form the front page or cover of a Welcome Pack. Various other pieces of publicity material were shown round and discussed.

9 Newsletter

Barry indicated that he hoped to produce another issue before the AGM. He would set a copy date of the end of May. John would send him a set of labels.

ACTION: John

10 Events

10.1 Spring CATIs

It transpired that the Club would not be taking on a Saturday event during May, since no volunteer was forthcoming. John reported that an up-to-date flier for the ESOA Series had been distributed.

10.2 SOSOL 2006/07

The Club had asked for a date in January 2007 for an event in this Series. It was hoped to stage it on the new map of Calder Wood.

10.3 SOL 2007

No Organiser or Planner had yet been identified for an event in this Series. Chris was to be asked to check the situation on the ground at Archerfield, so this might be a possible venue. One suggestion was to stage the event jointly with ELO. However, if no response was received to a further plea for Officials, the proposal to hold an event should be dropped.

ACTION: Chris

10.4 2007 6-Day Event

The Club would be supplying both Planners for Day 3 at Inshriach West (Uath Lochan and Inveruglas). Graham McIntyre would be the main Planner, and a volunteer had tentatively agreed to assist. SOLWAY had mentioned that they would be unable to provide any major Officials. There was some speculation that Terry O'Brien might be persuaded to accept one of the Organiser posts.

11 Mapping

The draft map of the Riccarton campus was in existence, and was shown around. The Club would be responsible for checking the map. Further, it was hoped that the Club's logo in electronic form could be found to be included on the map.

There had been no progress with reconnoitring Portmore Loch.

It was mentioned that Stirling Surveys would be preparing a new photogrammetric plot of the Braid Hills, and Graeme was prepared to use this to make a new map. Apparently, the Council would have no objections to the use of the area for orienteering, provided there was no interference with golfing activities.

12 ESOA

There had been a meeting with Becky Carlyle, before she had gone to Sweden for the summer. She had put in place an impressive programme of development with local primary schools, and some members of EUOC would be seeing some of it through to completion by the end of the summer term.

The next definite meeting of this Committee would not be until Tuesday 5 September.

13 Juniors

Ann Haley had mentioned that she would be coordinating an entry to the Scottish Schools Championships during May. The team might need some O-tops.

14 Equipment

Paul reported that an order for O-tops had been placed.

Lorna had now placed an order for the new Club banner, and needed a cheque.

15 A.O.C.B.

It was mentioned that Anthony had circulated the Club e-mail list with details of the SOA Relays. (As an aside, he had indicated his willingness to continue as Club Captain.)

It was pointed out that teams would need to be entered for the Harvester very soon. John would check his e-mail, and let Anthony have the details.

ACTION: John

Paul agreed to arrange the post-AGM meal. There were a couple of suggestions for venues, viz. Blonde and Banns. Preferences would be solicited via the e-mail list.

ACTION: Paul

The next Committee Meeting would be arranged once a new Committee had been elected at the AGM on 8 June.

The Meeting closed at 9.32pm. John Barrow – 2 June 2006