SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 16 October 2006, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

Present: John Barrow, Paul Caban, Chris Godfree, Ben Hartman, and Emily Seaman.

Also in attendance was Ken Daly, in his rôle as SOA President.

Apologies for absence were received from Brad Connor, Stephen Haley and Anthony Squire.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21 August 2006 were approved, with the following amendment:

- Under "3.2 SoSOL 2006/07", the date allocated for the event was 28 January (not 26).

2 Matters Arising

None (that would not be dealt with under other headings).

3 Events

Following a plea from Paul, a good number of volunteers was found to organise and plan several forthcoming events (mostly at C5 level).

The 6-Day Company had been pressing for an Organiser to be appointed for Day 3 at next year's event. However, the Club was already supplying two Planners and one Controller to the event as a whole, so did not feel it would be able to find such an Official - the other Clubs allocated to Day 3 should be persuaded to find someone.

3.1 Jamie Stevenson Trophy

6 juniors represented the Club at this event.

3.2 11-Person Relay

The Club had entered two teams, but unfortunately didn't win the event. A lovely day was enjoyed by all. All beds at Woodlands were full.

3.3 Autumn CATIs

The event at Cammo had attracted 40 competitors. Stephen was congratulated for planning the event.

The event on 25 November would take place at Mortonhall, and would be organised by Donald Reay (with some overseeing from Ann and Paul).

3.4 Club Championships

This would be put on by Colin Inverarity (last year's winner) at Vogrie, although the date was yet to be decided.

3.5 SoSOL 2006/07 - 28 January

This event would indeed take place at Calder Wood, and would be planned by Graeme and organised by Paul. Suggested discounted entry fees were £5/£2.50. (These fees might depend on whether portable toilets would be provided.)

A CATI would be held the day before at KB, to be organised by Colin Ledlie.

3.6 SOL 2007 - 25 March

This event, at Archerfield, would be organised by Pat Squire and planned by Ann Haley. Suggested discounted entry fees were £8/£3.50 (kept low since no portable toilets would be needed).

A CATI the day before, at Riccarton, would be staged by Emily Seaman.

4 Secretary's Report

A question had arisen on the necessity to amend the Club's Constitution to indicate that the Club abided by the SOA Child Protection Policy. However, it was accepted that this could really only be done at an AGM.

A potential conflict of CATI event dates had surfaced. It seemed that ELO had traditionally arranged their CATI events on the last Saturday of a month for several years. Interløpers had decided on the date of 25 November for an event in the Autumn series (and also for an event on 27 January). Some sort of compromise was therefore needed, at least in the short term.

A publicity CD had been received from the suppliers of the Emit electronic punching system. However, since ESOA Clubs had traditionally used the SportIdent scheme, no action was recommended.

4.1 New BOF Membership Scheme

John reported on the proposals for the introduction of the new BOF Membership Scheme which, contrary to his understanding expressed at the last Meeting, would be introduced with effect from 1 January 2007.

All current non-BOF members (which in Scotland included both SOA-only and Club-only members) would be encouraged to take out Local BOF membership. The annual fee would be £6, but would only apply to Senior members, and would be waived for the first year of membership.

With effect from 1 January 2007, all events at level C4 and above would charge (for non-members) a full rate for entry fees which, for a typical C4 event, would be £7. All BOF members, both Full (now known as National) and Local, would qualify for a discount of £2 on showing a membership card at registration. The extra £2 paid by non-members would be retained by the organising Club.

There was significant discussion on the Scheme, with useful input from Ken from the SOA perspective. At this stage, it wasn't clear whether the 6-Day Organisers would decide to implement the Scheme at the 2007 event. Ken mentioned that the SOA levy floor would be set at a discounted entry fee of £6.

As far as Club membership was concerned, the current SOA-only (and Club-only) members would be contacted to find out whether they would intend to join as Local BOF members, but to have pointed out to them the consequence (for event entry fees) of remaining non-BOF members.

ACTION: John

After the discussion, the Meeting expressed approval of the Scheme and agreed to implement it. The first event to be affected by the new provisions would be the Club's SoSOL at Calder Wood on 28 January 2007. It was suggested that some sort of strategy should be developed to allow non-members to sign up at events, and that therefore membership forms ought to be available.

ACTION: John

5 Treasurer's Report

Ben had nothing to report.

6 Mapping

Nothing further had been heard from Graeme on any expenses he might have incurred on preparing the revision of the Braid Hills map. It was suggested that he be asked if he wanted a cheque.

The extension to the Blackford Hill map was now complete. Interløpers had free use of this map.

The production of a map of Burdiehouse and Ellen's Glen had apparently been instigated by the local Community Council, who would like to see a CATI put on there. Despite the probable problems with vandalism, it was accepted that there might be some potential for a Street-O.

7 ESOA

The AGM of this organisation would take place on Thursday 19 October. John had indicated his willingness to continue as Chairman.

The next ordinary Committee Meeting would be on 14 November.

8 Equipment

Paul reported that only 6 or 7 of the new batch of O-tops were left, the others having been distributed. Ben would send one to Donald Watson in Canada.

ACTION: Ben

The 5-hoop tent was still to be repaired. The new 3-hoop tent had arrived.

9 Socials

The Hallowe'en Party was due to take place on Friday 27 October (although there had been little response from members to date).

It was suggested that Rob Bloor be asked if his family would be prepared to host the Christmas Party this year.

ACTION: Emily

10 Juniors

It was reported that Stephen was in the process of making up some Introductory Welcome Packs.

11 Chairman's Report

Paul was able to report that his efforts to persuade people to volunteer for organising/planning events appeared at last to have borne fruit.

He also mentioned that the monthly Running Nights were continuing.

12 Newsletter

Brad had produced his first Newsletter, to great acclaim.

He hoped to bring out a further issue before Christmas. This should include some membership renewal information from John.

ACTION: John

13 A.O.C.B.

Chris mentioned that Anthony had registered the web address of www.interlopers.blogsport.com. He and Anthony intended to set up the site, and would solicit material for it by e-mail. They would liaise with Dave Godfree to coordinate it with the existing website. Once a skeleton site was established, it could then be advertised.

ACTION: Chris

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15 January 2007, at 25 Newmills Road, Balerno.

The Meeting closed at 9.08. John Barrow – 27 November 2006