THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 15 January 2007, at 25 Newmills Road, Balerno

Present: John Barrow, Paul Caban, Stephen Haley, Ben Hartman, and Emily Seaman.

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 16 October 2006 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

John had written to all 2006 registered SOA-only members, explaining the new BOF Local membership structure. So far, only one Individual had applied to become a BOF Local member, while one Family had declined. One Individual had returned to Sweden, leaving two Individuals and one Family who had still to decide.

It was agreed to write to all the current Club-only members who were not already members of other BOF Clubs, or who lived abroad, to see if any wanted to join BOF as a Local member. This included the Juniors, some of who might want to take advantage of SOA membership (and who would not have to pay a fee to be BOF Local members, since Juniors were exempt).

ACTION: John

A revised Club Information Sheet and Membership Form had been produced, and Paul would verify their suitability for the new membership structure. John had already asked Dave Godfree to post a new version of the Membership Form on the Club's website.

Ben confirmed that an O-suit had been sent to Donald Watson, and Donald had paid for it.

Emily had organised the Christmas Party.

John had omitted to send membership renewal information to Brad for the Newsletter, but would submit a suitable piece for the next issue.

ACTION: John

It wasn't clear if Chris had been able to initiate any significant updates for the website.

ACTION: Chris

3 Events

3.1 Autumn CATIs

The event on 25 November at Mortonhall, organised by Donald Reay, went well, with a good attendance and a lot of Juniors attending the ESOKids training.

3.2 Club Championships

Colin Inverarity had put on a super event at Vogrie, blessed by good weather and a good turn-out. The new Champion was Gillian Godfree.

3.3 New Year Score - 31 December

Ken had organised this event at Inshriach, and there was a really large entry (although not many Interløpers took part).

3.4 SoSOL 2006/07 - 28 January

Arrangements for this event, and the CATI the day before at KB organised by Colin Ledlie, were well in hand.

3.5 SOL 2007 - 25 March

Unfortunately, the SOA Fixtures List showed an erroneous date for the CATI the day before.

Ann had reported that a significant amount of re-mapping would be needed at Archerfield, and there was some discussion on how to achieve this. The golf course on the east side of the area had apparently taken over almost all the woodland on the west side of the Marine Villa road.

3.6 Late-Spring CATI

A candidate organiser for an event in late April or May had been identified, although a firm date had not yet been agreed.

3.7 Street-Os

A programme of these events had yet to be drawn up. Stephen offered to organise one, although not on the Buckstone estate. It was suggested that the Buckstone map could be expanded to include Queen Margaret Close.

3.8 2007 6-Day Event, Day 3 - 7 August

Apparently, all 6 Officials had now been appointed for this event. The two Organisers were Bob Cherry (AYROC) and Ian and Diana Turner (SOLWAY).

3.9 2008 SOA Championships

Interløpers would be the lead Club for the Individual event. The Championships would now take place on the usual last weekend in May, somewhere in Perthshire (once possible areas had been notified by the 2009 6-Day Event organisers). A Planner had been identified.

ESOC would lead the consortium to organise the Relays, and were amenable to waiting for notification of suitable areas by the 2009 6-Day organisers.

The ESOA were also happy for areas to be chosen in this manner for both days.

3.10 2008 BOF Championships

Rob Lee had offered to be involved with the planning for this event.

Paul mentioned that the Club would be responsible for organising the SOA Score Championships in 2009.

Graeme Ackland had offered to plan the SOA Night Championships on the Braid/Blackford Hills in 2008, subject to ESOA approval.

4 Secretary's Report

There was further discussion of membership renewals. Paul had a copy of BOF renewals gleaned from the BOF membership database, and John would check it with his records. It was mentioned that Claire Ward had joined ESOC this year, although she might like to retain a link with Interløpers by taking out Club-only membership.

Paul had derived some potential amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the AGM. The Committee had been previously circulated with these, and there was a short discussion. All were agreed to, and it was suggested that, in lieu of a separate Notice to members, details could be included in the next Newsletter.

ACTION: John

5 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that, ideally, a surplus would be needed from Calder Wood and from Archerfield in order to break even for 2006/07.

As far as entry fees for Calder Wood were concerned, it was recognised that this was almost certainly the first event in Scotland to be held in the new era of BOF Local membership, and discounted fees. It was agreed that the provisions of the new scheme would be implemented, viz. all entrants would be asked to show BOF membership cards to qualify for discounted fees (with the exception of members of Interløpers who might be helping at the event).

It was pointed out that the 6-Day Event was not expected to impose the Full fees under the new system, but would be charging a flat fee for all competitors.

6 Juniors

Stephen reported that he had prepared and distributed 8 Welcome Packs to the Club's Juniors (setting a somewhat arbitrary lower age limit of 8 years old). He would be preparing several more, keeping some in reserve for the future. It was suggested that some sample O-maps be included in the Packs, and Ben managed to produce copies of suitable areas for this purpose. It was also proposed to create a "This is who we are" page, and a Contacts list, for inclusion in the Packs.

He mentioned that he had been asked by his School if he would like to produce a map of some woodland adjacent to the school, and wondered if there would be any financial support for this. Paul pointed out that there was no longer any SOA Development money available, but that the ESOA had retained some from the 2005 SOA Championships surplus for this sort of endeavour.

It was reported that a successful Junior night training session was held recently at Mary Erskine's for the ESOKids group.

7 Socials

Emily reported that the Hallowe'en Party went well on 27 October.

The Bloor/Alston consortium hosted a very successful Christmas Party on 15 December, memorable for a highly credible Santa Claus. Emily offered her apologies for not being present, since she had arranged a night out with Lena Kask who was leaving Edinburgh after her sojourn here.

Gillian and Dave Godfree had offered to have a Burns Night at their house on 27 January. As usual, members were asked to let Gillian know of anything they would be bringing.

A query was raised about resurrecting the Pancake Night, which had not been held for a few years. It might be worth doing, but probably not quite so soon after the Burns Night.

It was suggested that some sort of social happening be arranged for the evening of 17 March, the night before the CompassSport Trophy heat.

8 Newsletter

It was unanimously agreed that the Christmas issue had been a triumph.

Brad was hoping to produce a further issue some time in March. It would be pointed out that this would be the last one which non-renewers would receive.

9 Equipment

Paul reported that he had moved most of the equipment into his house, since the shed was not particularly safe in the current high winds.

The 5-pole tent was still waiting to be fixed, needing at least a replacement pole set.

10 Mapping

An issue which had arisen was the updating of the Archerfield map.

There had been no word of any appearance of a PG plot for the Braid Hills - hence there had been no claim from Graeme.

11 ESOA

At the last Meeting in November, there had been some discussion of making arrangements for the 2008 SOA Championships. Other matters included Junior Training, and the continuing of the Saturday afternoon CATI events. It was reported that there was a very good turn-out at the recent event at Hopetoun House.

The next Committee Meeting would be on 6 March.

12 A.O.C.B.

Paul mentioned that the Running Nights were in abeyance for the time being, but he hoped they would be resurrected soon.

John reported that he had submitted an entry for the 2007 CompassSport Trophy to Peter Guillaume, including membership figures which took us over the nominal 100 limit for Trophy qualification. However, he had pointed out that, although one Family counted as 3 members, our 23 Families only contributed 43 active orienteers (rather than 69), and that the 1 Group never actually participated at any events, even though they counted as 5 members. Peter had replied to the effect that he had entered us for the Trophy, and mentioned that the Rules as regards membership were likely to be reviewed during 2007. The Scottish Heat would take place at Benarty Hill on 18 March.

It was mentioned that SOL-3 would take place near Newtonmore on 13 May, and there was also to be a District event nearby on the Saturday. It was suggested that the weekend could be used as a Club get-together at Woodlands. Paul agreed to try to provisionally book the house for the Friday and Saturday nights (on a sole-occupancy basis).

ACTION: Paul

The SOA had offered to make a bulk purchase of laptops for Clubs' use, financed from a development fund. It wasn't clear whether there would be sufficient money to buy one each. It eventually transpired that some laptops were bought, to be allocated on a Club-grouping basis. There would be one to be shared between ELO, ESOC, LINOC and INT. Paul would be "taking care" of it.

Paul would e-mail everyone to encourage them to come and help at Calder Wood.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 2 April 2007, at 34 Queen Margaret Close, Edinburgh (subject to venue availability).

However, owing to a clash of dates, this has been brought forward to MONDAY 26 MARCH 2007, still at 34 Queen Margaret Close, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.45. John Barrow – 7 March 2007