FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 26 March 2007, at 34 Queen Margaret Drive, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Paul Caban, Chris Godfree, Stephen Haley, Ben Hartman, Emily Seaman and Anthony Squire.

Apologies for absence were received from Brad Connor.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 January 2007 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

It was accepted that there was now no need to publish any information in the Newsletter regarding membership renewal, since almost all members had now done so. John would write to the remaining Club-only members who hadn't so far responded.

As reported in previous Minutes, it was intended to set up a Club blog site. This had now been done, and Anthony was happy to moderate it. Members were to be encouraged to send e-mails to be included on the site, and mailings from the Secretary, normally sent to the e-mail list, could also be listed. However, it was made clear that this would not affect the existence or use of the main website, although it was suggested that Dave Godfree would be quite happy if this site were revamped.

ACTION: Anthony, Chris

Paul reported that Woodlands was not available on the weekend of 12/13 May.

3 Secretary's Report

There was some discussion about the content of the main website, and it was suggested that the Information section should be expanded. There should be a link to the BOF membership form, as well as a more detailed description of the Club itself.

John reviewed the list of members not yet renewed. These were now in single figures. Anthony would contact David Brickhill-Jones to find out his intentions.

ACTION: Anthony

4 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that both the Calder Wood and Gullane Dunes events had brought in reasonable surpluses. Hence the overall picture for 2006/07 should result in a small excess Income/Expenditure.

Ben asked for any expenses claims for 2006/07 to be submitted to him.

He also suggested that members of Relay teams be asked to contribute £5 for entry to events in 2007/08 (unchanged from the current year). This was agreed.

5 Juniors

Nothing to report.

6 Socials

In the event, nothing was organised for the afternoon after the CompassSport Trophy heat.

7 Captain

Anthony reported that the Club came a creditable 5th in the CompassSport Trophy heat.

He suggested that 1 Women's Trophy, 1 Men's Short, and 2 Men's Open teams be entered for the JK Relays on 9 April.

He felt that more shorter courses should be provided at the Scottish Relays.

It seemed that very few members intended to go to the British Championships Relays. The Individual itself was not a selection event.

It was also decided not to enter the Harvester Trophy.

8 Events

8.1 SoSOL 2006/07 - 28 January

This was very successful, with 188 competitors. The only negative aspects were that (a) one SI unit was lost, and (b) one of the car park owners turned up, and was rather put out that we were using his car parking area for assembly, even though approval had been obtained from a representative of his company in advance. An apologetic letter of explanation had been provided.

8.2 SOL 2007 - 25 March

This event had taken place the day before, and was also very successful. However, there was a slight problem with the pre-marked maps, in that one competitor decided to pick up the entire envelope of maps on the Orange course at the Start.

It was suggested that some sturdy stakes be obtained to display the SOA banner.

ACTION: Paul

8.3 CATIs

A steady turn-out of 60 or so people was being achieved at the ESOA Saturday events (including the INT event on 27 January at KB). At Riccarton on 24 March, not many established orienteers took part. Emily was asked to send the results to Robin Strain.

ACTION: Emily

Peter Murphy would be organising the next INT event in the Series, to be held on 28 April at Colinton Dell.

8.4 Street-Os

It was expected that these events would be put on from about the end of May until early July, and Paul would try to find hosts and planners.

ACTION: Paul

8.5 2007 6-Day Event, Day 3 - 7 August

John had agreed to liaise on the Club's behalf with Bob Cherry, the Day 3 coordinator from AYROC. It had been agreed that Interløpers would organise the larger of the two Starts (the Blue/White one), as well as a Drinks station nearby. We would also run the String course. Parents with young children in the Club would be asked to organise this, in the Uath Lochan part of the area. Several helpers for the Day 3 event would be needed late on Day 2.

8.6 SoSOL 2007/08

Dates had not yet been established for this Series, but Paul hoped to derive a list soon, and inform the ESOA. Venues of Kinneil or Riccarton were suggested. Paul would try to find out the availability of the latter during term-time.

ACTION: Paul

Ann suggested that we should use our own signs and T-bars, if possible.

8.7 2008 SOL

Ken Daly had indicated that he would be willing to plan an event in this Series at Inshriach. The preferred date was 12 October 2008. It was suggested that BASOC could be persuaded to put on a Local event on the Saturday.

8.8 2008 SOA Championships

The 6-Day organisers of the 2009 event had now established preferred areas, so a suitable location could now possibly be chosen for the 2008 Championships.

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

9 Mapping

The question of upgrading the map of Glenearn & Berryknowe was briefly discussed.

ESOC had asked about the use of the map of Inch Park.

Graeme Ackland had been unable to get Stirling Surveys to take any action on providing a PG plot for the Braid Hills. It was tentatively hoped to use the area for the SOA Night Championships in 2008. Paul would talk to Graeme.

ACTION: Paul

10 ESOA

Dates for the 2007/08 SoSOL Series were needed before any event allocation could happen. Paul, as SOA Fixtures Secretary, would see to this.

ACTION: Paul

The next Committee Meeting would be on 24 April.

11 Equipment

Paul reported that the 3-pole tent was easy to erect, and had already proved its stability in high winds.

12 Newsletter

Brad was still working on the next issue, and he asked for contributors to submit material asap.

13 A.O.B.

Paul mentioned that the Running Nights would be restarted soon.

After some discussion, it was agreed to try to arrange the AGM for the evening of Wednesday 6 June, at 6.30pm, at the Centre for Sport and Exercise. John would see to the booking of a room. Emily would arrange a meal at David Banns afterwards.

ACTION: John, Emily

N.B. After some discussion subsequent to the Meeting, the date for the AGM was re-arranged for WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE, at the same time and location.

A quick survey revealed that most Committee Members were happy to stand for re-election. However, Brad had indicated that he would prefer not to, since (a) he was now living in Dunblane and was a Full member of FVO, and (b) he had recently been elected as FVO Vice-President. Paul was reluctant to re-stand, and asked if people could try to find a replacement volunteer for Chairman.

ACTION: All

Stephen and Ann were thanked for their hospitality, especially in view of being so heavily involved with the SOL at Gullane the day before.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 May 2007, at The Steading, Edinburgh.

N.B. After the Meeting, it transpired that the above date was not suitable. Hence the Meeting would now take place on MONDAY 4 JUNE, same time and place.

The Meeting closed at 9.30. John Barrow – 10 May 2007