FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 4 June 2007, at The Steading, Edinburgh

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

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 26 March 2007 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

There had been no further progress with developing the Club's website, or the blog site.

John reviewed the remaining 2006 members who had not yet renewed.

The culprit who took the entire stock of Orange maps at the Gullane SOL had been identified, but would not be publicly named and shamed.

The Riccarton results had been sent to Robin Strain.

Organisers for the Street-Os had been appointed, and the Series had begun.

Suitable dates for the 2007/08 SoSOL Series had yet to be chosen.

The PG plot for the Braid Hills map was still not forthcoming.

The post-AGM meal had been booked.

3 Secretary's Report

John mentioned that he had posted copies of the latest Address List to those members who had chosen not to receive paper copies of the Newsletter.

He also reported that the Constitution was now available on the website.

4 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that the Accounts had been prepared, and were with the Auditor. They showed a Surplus for 2006/07 of approx. £200. Of the total Income of about £5K, roughly 80% came from events. The balance sheet at 31 March showed funds of approx. £5K; of this, assets included 8 O-tops of value £50, while (after depreciation) tents and maps were valued at approx. £1300. (Maps in stock, made since 2005, included those for Calder Wood, Norman's Law, Drummond Hill and Riccarton.)

In Ben's absence at the AGM, John would present the Accounts.

5 Mapping

TAY were currently upgrading/extending the map of Glenearn & Berryknowe. Since we wanted to retain the copyright, we should probably pay them something. Paul would investigate.

ACTION: Paul

No OCAD original of this map existed, so it would need to be digitised.

ESOC had made an approach to take over the map of Inch Park. The Meeting did not agree with this.

6 Events

6.1 CATIs

Peter Murphy had organised the most recent INT event in the Series, held on 28 April at Colinton Dell.

6.2 Street-Os

This series of events began on 23 May, and two others would take place on 6 and 20 June. Organisers were Murray Strain, Robin Galloway and Stephen Haley

6.3 SoSOL 2007/08

Dates had not yet been established for this Series, but Paul hoped to derive a list soon.

ACTION: Paul

6.4 2008 SOL

The date for this event is expected to be 12 October 2008, at Inshriach.

6.5 Riccarton

A file for this area existed. To make planning events there easier, there was a need to know when access would be available during the year. In particular, the Club was planning to stage its SoSOL there during 2007/08.

6.6 2008 SOA Championships

Areas for the Championships had still not been decided. Ken had offered to plan the Individual, should no-one else wish to do so.

7 Juniors

The Scottish Schools Championships had recently taken place, and Club members had acquitted themselves with distinction. Stephen, Iain, Shaun and Stuart won the S4 Trophy for Firrhill High, and Christopher Galloway and Mark Haley were in the winning P7 team for Buckstone Primary (coming in 1st and 2nd respectively). Matthew Galloway was 2nd in the P5/P6 class, while Samuel Galloway, Cormac Reid and Lewis Reid also participated; these four would be able to compete in the P5/P6 class next year.

The Middle Distance event in the World Schools Championships would take place at Kinneil Wood in 2008.

Ann had asked that mention be made of a Training Day for Juniors, being held in conjunction with the ELO CATI at the John Muir Country Park on 23 June. She wondered if SOA Development Money would be available for subsidising the making-up of folders for Juniors (several of which had already been distributed).

8 Equipment

The 3-hoop tent had been lost, and found again. A set of replacement hoops for the 5-hoop tent was still needed.

ACTION: Paul

9 2007 6-Day Event - Day 3

There had been no new developments. The pressing issue at present was to identify key people to take on responsibility for the main areas in the Club's remit for Day 3 - these included the Blue/White Start and the String Course (and maybe a Drinks Station, near the Start). John agreed to investigate how many Club members had entered the Event, and then try to identify the key Officials.

ACTION: John

Paul reported that there would be 120 controls on the Day, but wasn't sure whose responsibility it was to provide the control flags (although it was suggested that this would be done by the standing Equipment Team). Ben and Heather offered to organise control collection, perhaps on the Rest Day, since they would be staying on the Day 3 site.

10 Newsletter

Brad said that, if no-one was identified at the AGM to immediately assume the editorial rôle, he would probably be able to produce a further issue by the end of July. A full Fixtures List wouldn't be needed, just details of local events.

11 A.O.B.

There was some discussion on the 2008 SOA Relays, and the hope it could be co-located with the Individual.

Ben recommended that, since they constituted such a small proportion of total Income, there was no need to recommend an increase in Club membership fees for 2008 at the AGM.

Various issues were discussed for the AGM arrangements. John would forward Steve Terry's comments on one particular proposed Constitution amendment to the Committee. Paul would produce a Report for presentation at the Meeting. Chris was not keen to be re-elected. Some other names of Club members were suggested to be approached to see if they would be prepared to come on to the Committee.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at a place and time agreed by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

The Meeting closed at 9.15. John Barrow – 16 July 2007