FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 29 October 2007, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

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

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4 June 2007 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Secretary's Report

John had received the first of a regular series of electronic Newsletters from the SOA. Among the items was notification that Donald Petrie had tendered his resignation as Professional Officer, with effect from 16 November 2007. Clubs and individuals were invited to contribute towards a leaving present.

The Meeting agreed that the Club should contribute £50, and John would send the cheque to Les Dalgleish, as requested. He would also circulate the information to the Club e-mail list, inviting individuals to contribute if they so wished.

ACTION: John

John had received a copy of the new BOF Whole Sport Plan for the period 2009/13. He would provide copies to Paul and Ben.

ACTION: John

Also received in the same mailing were details of new requirements to comply with the BOF Event Insurance conditions. In essence, it would become necessary to note details of all non-BOF members taking part at CATI events (i.e. all Category 5 events), and to include numbers on the ER3 return form. The intention was to protect an organising Club from any liability claim made by a non-member at such an event. John would copy the details to Paul and Ben.

ACTION: John

Some new Junior members had joined the Club, specifically in connection with the Jamie Stevenson Trophy event in September.

There had been two requests to use Kinneil Wood. The first was from ESOC to hold the 2008 Scottish Night Championships on 23 February 2008. The other was from Maureen Brown, who wanted to organise a training day there on Saturday 8 December for FVO and West Area Juniors. Provided there was no conflict of interest (and Janet Clark had indicated that this would be the case), the Meeting agreed with both proposals. In addition, we would provide the maps for free for the Junior training day. John would negotiate with Maureen.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that there had been little financial activity since the summer.

The Club had agreed that any surplus from our 6-Day Event day should be split equally between the organising Clubs on Day 3.

NopeSport were due to pay for the maps of KB used at the Rat Race. Ben would follow this up.

ACTION: Ben

John needed two cheques to BOF, one for £33 for the 2008 Club subscription renewal, and the other for £12 for 3 new Junior memberships.

5 Mapping

The map of Glenearn & Berryknowe had been extended by TAY, and used at their SOL event on 21 October. An OCAD copy of the map had also been created. It was mentioned that it wasn't certain that the INT logo had been incorporated on the new version. John would check with Dave Godfree to see if he had received a digital copy of the map from TAY.

ACTION: John

Inch Park in Edinburgh was under considerable reorganisation at present, because of the diversion of the Braid Burn as part of a major flood prevention scheme. Hence, it wasn't felt imperative to take any action to upgrade the map until this work had been finished.

It was felt that the map of Craigmillar could do with a re-furbish. Paul would ask Scott Fraser if he might be interested in taking this on.

ACTION: Paul

John had received an e-mail from a lady dog-walker, who frequently used Dechmont Law, and who had noticed permanent controls on the area. She had seen the orienteering map at the visitor centre at Beecraigs, but this map was blank (i.e. none of the permanent controls was shown). John had managed to contact Hugh Ilgunas of West Lothian Council (a one-time member of Livingston A.C., who knew Graeme Ackland and Dave Godfree), who had set out the controls, and who had his own map showing them. He agreed that it would be good if the controls could be incorporated on to a copy of the INT map of the area. John offered to find out if we could get an OCAD copy of our map to Hugh, so he could update it; we would then be in a position to have a map available for members of the public, perhaps available from a local outlet.

ACTION: John

Graeme was still pursuing Stirling Surveys with a view to obtaining a photogrammetric plot of the Braid Hills.

6 Equipment

The trestles on loan from the 6-Day Event company had all been re-numbered, and all the SI units are now in the range 100-160. An extra batch might be loaned from the company.

The stock of mini-kites probably needed checking over, and if necessary some more purchased.

A set of replacement hoops for the 5-hoop tent was still needed.

ACTION: Paul

7 Newsletter

No replacement Editor had been identified since the AGM. Neither Barry Owen nor Colin Inverarity was prepared to take on the job. Paul had obtained copies of the templates which Brad had used.

Emily offered to try to put together a minimal issue; this should probably include a report on the 6-Day Event, and perhaps some of the photos which Steve Terry had taken.

ACTION: Emily

8 Socials

The initial request to host the Hallowe'en Party had fallen on deaf ears. However, James Ackland (and his Mum and Dad) had come to the rescue. The party was held on 27 October, and was apparently very noisy.

There was some discussion about the Christmas Party. It was recognised that this was becoming almost too big for one family to host. Ann Haley had suggested hiring Fairmilehead Parish Church hall, and Emily would try to find out more details.

ACTION: Emily

9 Events

9.1 2007 6-Day Event - Day 3

Paul reported that the Day went very well. There were plenty of helpers, coordinated by John on behalf of Bob Cherry (AYROC). No equipment was lost. Any complaints made were not upheld.

9.2 Club Championships

These would take place on Sunday 9 December, organised by Gillian Godfree. She had initially hoped to hold them on MOD land at Dreghorn/Bonaly, but the MOD had decided to charge the sum of £58.75 for what was effectively an access charge, despite these now being illegal. They were claiming that part of the fee is a "licence" fee. Paul would follow up the matter with Ken, and perhaps the local MP. Meanwhile, the event would now take place at Hillend/Swanston.

9.3 New Year Score - 30 December 2007

Ken was organising and planning this event, at Achlean.

9.4 CATIs

Robin and Lucy Galloway had agreed to put on an event on Saturday 12 January at Mortonhall. Access permission was being sought, and then the event would be registered.

ESOC would be asked for permission to use Blackford Hill in the Spring.

Pete and Jen Murphy would organise a CATI in late Spring/early Summer.

9.5 SoSOL 2007/08

It was hoped to hold the Club's SoSOL event at Riccarton, on either 17 February or 9 March (depending on whether RR go ahead with a plan to move their event to 9 March or not). Colin Eades was a potential planner.

9.6 2008 CompassSport Trophy - 16 March

It was agreed to enter this competition. The Final would be at Sutton Park in the Autumn.

ACTION: John

9.7 2008 BOF Championships - 19 April

Fraser Purves, the Individual Organiser, had requested help from southern Clubs for this event, to be held at Culbin. Paul would reply.

ACTION: Paul

9.8 2008 SOA Championships

Both the Individual and the Relays would take place at Tullochroisk, on 24/25 May. INT would be the lead Club for the Individual. A Planner had been identified from within the ranks of TAY.

9.9 2008 SOL

Ken had volunteered to plan this event at Inshriach, on either 12 or 26 October. It was suggested that the possibility of booking Woodlands at Kingussie should be investigated. Lorna Eades had offered to negotiate with the University. Once the date had been confirmed by the SOA Fixtures Secretary, Lorna would be asked to proceed.

ACTION: Paul, Lorna

10 Juniors

Ann Haley had organised the entries to the Jamie Stevenson Trophy on 2 September, and there had been a very good turn-out from the Club (11 competitors on the day). The team was placed 8th, a significant improvement over previous years.

11 A.O.B.

As was clearly apparent by this stage of the Meeting, Paul had reluctantly agreed to continue as Chairman. However, he stressed that he would definitely stand down at the 2008 AGM. Possibilities for someone to take over included Ken Daly and Colin Eades.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 7 January 2008 at 62 Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 9.00. John Barrow – 22 November 2007