SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 7 January 2008, at 62 Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Anthony Squire.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 29 October 2007 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

£50 had been sent to Les Dalgleish as the Club's contribution to Donald Petrie's leaving gift.

Copies of the new BOF Insurance requirements were sent to Paul and Ben.

In the event, Maureen Brown had decided not to use Kinneil Wood for the FVO and West Area Junior training; although the Juniors themselves were not likely to be affected by any embargo on use of the area immediately before the Scottish Night Championships, any adult helpers would have been.

Ben had still not received any response from NopeSport regarding payment for the maps of KB. He would chase it up.

ACTION: Ben

Dave Godfree had confirmed that the Club's logo had been printed on the updated map of Glenearn & Berryknowe. However, he had not received any digital copy of the map. John would chase this up with TAY.

ACTION: John

John still had to arrange for an OCAD copy of the map of Dechmont Law to be sent to Hugh Ilgunas of West Lothian Council.

ACTION: John

The new hoop set for the 5-hoop tent was still to be acquired.

ACTION: Paul

Emily had put together the latest edition of the Newsletter, to great acclaim.

The Christmas Party eventually took place at the Haley's household. Trying to arrange it at Fairmilehead Parish Church hall proved too awkward; firstly, a member of the Club with a qualification in Kitchen Management needed to be present, and then there was a significant delay in finding out from BOF whether its Public Liability Policy covered such an activity.

The Club had been entered for the 2008 CompassSport Trophy. The Scottish round would take place at Dreghorn on 16 March.

Paul had replied to Fraser Purves regarding the Club's help at the 2008 British Championships. Ian McIntyre would coordinate the assistance.

Use of Woodlands at the time of the Club's SOL in October had yet to be investigated, but this would happen.

ACTION: Paul, Lorna

3 Secretary's Report

Paul suggested that the electronic SOA Newsletters should be circulated around the Committee.

The BOF Levy return for 2007 had been received, and the Club was up to date with its payments. Details for the Club Championships and the New Year Score event had still to be submitted.

A batch of 2007 SOL Certificates had been received, and distributed.

There had apparently been some significant discussion regarding the new conditions for complying with the BOF Public Liability Insurance Policy. The outcome was that, although names of all participants at Beginners' events needed to be taken, there would be no requirement to collect 50p per competitor nor to pay BOF this sum. As a follow-on, all Junior members of Interløpers would be encouraged to join BOF, at least as Local members, either through their Families or as Individuals. It was also agreed that this ruling would enable entry fees for CATI events to be pegged at £2 for Seniors and £1 for Juniors.

4 Treasurer's Report

Ben reported that there had been almost no recent financial activity. He had yet to receive details of the Club Championships expenses from Gillian. He had submitted a claim to SOA for an award of some Development funds for the Handbooks, but had so far heard no more.

ACTION: Ben

There had been no notification yet of the likely scale of any surplus from the 2007 6-Day Event.

5 Events

5.1 CATIs

Arrangements for the event at Mortonhall on Saturday 12 January were almost all in place. Ron Nolan would be holding a Junior Training session in conjunction, starting at 1pm (the CATI would start at 2pm).

At present, there were no firm plans for any further such events.

5.2 SoSOL 2007/08

This event would now take place at Dalkeith Park on 9 March. Colin Eades would be Planner, and Paul the Organiser. A Controller was being sought. The event is registered. Paul would try to find out what the likely charges for car parking would be, in order to assist in setting the entry fees.

ACTION: Paul

5.3 2008 BOF Championships - 19 April

As mentioned earlier, Ian McIntyre would be coordinating the Club's effort for this event.

5.4 2008 SOA Championships - 24 May

Officials for the Individual had now been appointed. Rob Lee would be taking entries, Paul would be Organiser, Dave Godfree the Webmaster, and the Ledlie Family would organise the String Course. The Planners are coming from TAY.

5.5 2008 SOL - 12 October

Rob and Patricia had agreed to be Organisers.

5.6 Club Championships

Ben, as winner at the recent 2007 Club Championships, announced that the 2008 event would probably take place at Riccarton, on either 14 or 21 December.

5.7 SOL 2009

It was agreed to apply for a date for this Series, preferably later in the year (particularly in view of the capercaillie restrictions). Drummond Hill was suggested as a venue.

ACTION: John

5.8 6-Day Event 2009

The Club had been allocated Day 6 in this Event (on 8 August 2009), to be held at Loch Ordie, just to the east of the A9 between Kindallachan and Ballinluig. The other clubs in the grouping were STAG, TINTO and EUOC. Two Planners, two Organisers and one Assistant Controller needed to be found from within these Clubs (including INT).

5.9 Relay Events 2008

The main closing date for the JK was 21 February.

ACTION: Anthony

So far, there had been no notification of that for the BOF Relays.

6 Mapping

Paul mentioned that EUOC would like to use Craigmillar for their Night Event series. It was suggested that they might like to undertake the updating of the map. It was rumoured that the Ranger at Craigmillar had indicated that the Council would like to have a Permanent Course established there. It was suggested that this should be coordinated through ESOC. The question was raised as to whether the Council had a Public Liability Insurance Policy for activities in that area. Paul would follow this up with Janet Clark.

ACTION: Paul

It was also rumoured that the Friends of Braidburn Park were intending to set up a Permanent Course on that area. Jane Ackland had more details.

It was mentioned that CONDES had recently been updated to Version 8, and that Clubs would need a new licence to run it (at a probable cost of £125). Whether (or, more likely, when) the Club should purchase one would depend on the intentions of the mappers for TAY 2009.

Subsequent to the Meeting, it was confirmed that the Event would standardise on CONDES 8, and that all Officials for a particular Day would be able to use the new version provided one of the Clubs involved on that Day had obtained a licence.

7 Juniors

Paul reported that Scott Fraser was likely to be appointed as the next ESOA Junior Development Officer; it just remained for the ESOA Committee to approve the appointment, and for Scott to obtain a Disclosure. Stephen mentioned that there was interest in those Primary Schools with Braidburn Park as their nearby area (South Morningside, Pentland, and perhaps Oxgangs). There had also been an expression of interest from Burdiehouse Primary. Paul was concerned that the remaining funds (£595) would barely last until this Summer, and the Clubs involved (INT and ESOC) would need to consider how to obtain continued funding. It was agreed to defer further consideration until the next Meeting.

Stephen mentioned that there had been two recent Junior Training events, a Night event at Mary Erskine (where 5 Junior Interløpers took part) and at Blackford Hill (with 11 Interløpers).

Stephen reported that, as a result of performance at the Scottish Schools Championships, and a selection event at Faskally on 25 November, he, together with Iain Cackette, Shaun Rogerson and Stuart Watson (representing Firrhill High School), had been selected to take part in the Senior Boys class for Scotland at the World Schools Championships, being held in Edinburgh in late April this year. As part of the arrangements, each participant was being asked to pay £300, the intention of which is to subsidise those competitors travelling from far afield (such as New Zealand). Accommodation will be in the Youth Hostel near the top of Leith Walk. Several schemes for fund-raising were discussed - Stephen was hoping that Firrhill would provide some, and that various other ideas would help, such as cake stalls, and a quiz. After some discussion, Ben suggested that the Club could offer the sum of £50 for each member. As for the competition itself, events would take place at Beecraigs, Bar Hill Wood, Devilla and Holyrood Park.

8 Newsletter

Emily mentioned that she quite enjoyed putting the recent issue together, and would be prepared to create a further edition to be released in, say, March. Colin Eades should be able to provide more material to follow that printed in Issue 142, and Stephen should be able to contribute an article. There might be some "house-keeping" material which could be included.

9 Socials

It was proposed to hold a Burns Night, probably on Friday 25 January. Gillian would be asked if she could host it.

Whether a Pancake Night could be organised, so soon after the above, was uncertain, but unlikely.

Jane Ackland had circulated an e-mail a couple of days earlier, describing some activities she proposed for quite young Junior members.

10 Equipment

The stock of mini-kites still needed checking over. Paul mentioned that those modified by Chris Godfree were more likely to need attention, rather than the others.

ACTION: Paul

11 A.O.B.

There was a brief discussion of training sessions, or rather the lack of them. It seemed that few Interløpers now attended the Tuesday Meadows sessions. In addition, the monthly Running Nights had ceased some while ago.

Paul suggested that, as a possible fund-raiser for the Juniors participating in the World Schools Championships, a CATI event could be held, perhaps in Colinton Dell. He would investigate possible dates. Perhaps Scott Fraser could be persuaded to organise a training session.

ACTION: Paul

Janet Clark had taken up the issue of charges levied by the MOD for the use of their land at Dreghorn; the charges appeared to have been a mistake.

Emily was thanked for her hospitality (and Chris for the butler service).

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 31 March 2008 at 50 Buckstone Road, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 9.40. John Barrow – 17 January 2008