THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 31 March 2008, at 50 Buckstone Road, 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 7 January 2008 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

Ben had still to chase up the payment by NopeSport for the maps of KB.

ACTION: Ben

Dave Prentice had sent a digital copy of the revised Glenearn & Berryknowe map to Dave Godfree.

John had asked Dave Godfree to sent an OCAD map of Dechmont Law to Hugh Ilgunas - however, this hadn't yet happened.

ACTION: Dave Godfree

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

ACTION: Paul

Investigations as to the availability of Woodlands at the time of the October SOL were yet to take place.

ACTION: Paul, Lorna

Ben had received payment from the SOA Development Fund for production of the Junior Handbooks.

The Dalkeith Park SoSOL had now taken place, and the entry fees were at about the usual level for a SoSOL.

John put in a bid for allocation of a SOL in 2009, but the bid was not successful.

JK Relay teams were duly entered.

Paul had pursued the establishment of a Permanent Course at Craigmillar (see under "Mapping").

Paul had begun a check of the mini-kites in his shed. However, progress had been interrupted by a broken door hinge.

No CATI had been organised in Colinton Dell (see later under the World Schools Championships).

3 Secretary's Report

John reported that the website registration (www.interlopers.org.uk) had been renewed, at a cost of £23.49, for a further two years.

He had begun to electronically distribute the monthly SOA Newsletter around the Committee. Stephen mentioned that he thought he had not received any, and John promised to check his e-mail distribution list. (John did indeed do so, and Stephen's address was correct on the distribution list.)

There was a brief discussion of Local and National membership non-renewals, and John mentioned the names of the culprits. He had also written to all the Club-only members, reminding them of the need to renew promptly - several had since done so. Paul pointed out that at least two of the BOF members mentioned would need to renew soon since one was about to be involved in the Schools Championships, and another was to be organising the Club's Street-Os.

John had drawn up a list of potential ESOA Junior Squad members from within the Club's ranks, and gave it to Paul for his comments.

4 Treasurer's Report

The sum of £312 had been received from the 6-Day Company as the Club's share of the surplus from the 2007 Event.

The SoSOL at Dalkeith Park was expected to raise approx. £300.

Other events throughout the Financial Year had brought in a further £200-300.

Ben was about to prepare the accounts for the 2007/08 Year (due to end today). It was agreed to see if Peter Dymoke would be prepared to audit the accounts again (although Ben had yet to receive back some paperwork from the 2006/07 Year).

5 Mapping

Paul reported that he had spoken to the Ranger at Craigmillar. The area was in need of some re-mapping, since several open areas now had lots of young trees, and some paths had disappeared, while others had been created. The establishment of a cemetery in the NW corner of the area would affect the map. In addition, a car park now existed on the W side of the area. The Council had provided copies of large scale maps of the area, which it was felt could be used as a basis for creating a Permanent Course on the area, which the Council was in favour of. Posts for markers were available. Once such a Course had been established, Janet Clark (ESOC) had offered to handle publicity and distribution of the maps for the Course. It was suggested that Scott Fraser be asked to see if he would be prepared to undertake the necessary re-surveying.

At Braidburn Park, some metal plates were need for Permanent Course markers there. The Friends of Braidburn Park would be providing maps.

Graeme Ackland had indicated that the University would be favourable to the establishment of a Permanent Course in the grounds of the Pollock Halls of Residence.

Paul announced that the Club had been allocated the organising of the Scottish Score Championships for 2009. He had asked Dave Godfree if Drummond Hill was likely to be a suitable venue. Dave had suggested that some pockets would need re-mapping if the area were to be used for a future large event. Hence it was felt that another area would need to be identified. One suggestion was Norman's Law, and John would check the file for the access situation - the constraints on the use of that area were quite tight. If these proved awkward, it might be suitable for the 2008/09 SoSOL. Another suggested area was the Lomond Hills - ESOC would be approached.

6 Juniors

Ann Haley had approached the City of Edinburgh Council, with regard to any possible sponsorship of the Firrhill Boys team participating in the World Schools Championships in April. The Council had come up trumps, and had agreed to provide £300 each from their Development Fund. This put the Club in a bit of a quandary, since it had offered to sponsor the team to the tune of £50 each. It was suggested that a stock of standard Silva compasses would be useful - Ann could probably look after the stock on the team's behalf. CompassPoint would be approached at the British Championships to see if they could provide suitable models.

Various other sponsors would be lending support to the Team, in the form of other kit.

7 Newsletter

Emily had produced another excellent issue, recently distributed. She would be happy to prepare the next issue. Stephen would write an article, but not until after his exams.

8 Socials

There had been no organised social activity since the last meeting. However, the usual post-AGM meal would be arranged.

ACTION: Emily

9 Events

9.1 CATIs

The event at Mortonhall on Saturday 12 January had attracted 70 participants. Thanks were due to the Galloway family for organising the event.

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

9.2 SoSOL 2007/08

This duly took place at Dalkeith Park on 9 March. 154 competitors took part.

9.3 2008 BOF Championships - 19 April

Ian McIntyre had circulated the e-mail list, asking for volunteers.

9.4 Street-Os

Will Mair had agreed to coordinate this series, starting from about mid-May.

9.5 2008 SOA Championships - 24 May

The Club would probably be manning one Start and the String Course, as well as perhaps another responsibility.

9.6 2008 SOL - 12 October

This event was still part-registered, with Ken planning and Rob Bloor organising. The event would take place in the southern part of Inshriach, and would also host the Junior Inter-Area Championships. There might be a BASOC event the day before. Ben and Rob would need to agree a budget.

ACTION: Ben

9.7 2009 Scottish Score Championships

The Club had been allocated the organising of this event, sometime in November 2009. As mentioned under “Mapping”, an area needed to be identified.

10 A.G.M.

Paul stressed that, this year, he would most definitely not be standing for re-election as Chairman. Ken's name was suggested, and Paul would sound him out.

ACTION: Paul

Of the remainder of the current Committee, John, Ben (with the usual caveat that anyone else was welcome to take on the job), and Stephen (who presently was not intending to move away from Edinburgh after finishing his Highers) would be prepared to continue in office. Emily felt that she would be happier to be formally elected as Newsletter Editor, rather than Social Secretary. Since she did not have children herself, she felt that her talents would be better used in another capacity, and that an appropriate parent would be better suited to organising socials, particularly those involving the younger members of the Club; Jen Murphy's name was mentioned.

The date of Thursday 12 June was suggested for the AGM. John would check with the Centre for Sport and Exercise at Pleasance regarding our use of their Meeting Room.

ACTION: John

11 A.O.B.

Ben mentioned that ESOC had declared a closing date for entries to the Scottish Round of the CompassSport Trophy, held on 16 March. As well as being outwith the Rules of the event, Ben also felt that it was not very encouraging. As far as the Club's performance was concerned, we did not have enough counters on one course, and so did not qualify for the Final.

Paul was thanked for his hospitality.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 May 2008 at a venue to be decided.

The Meeting closed at 9.15. John Barrow – 23 April 2008