SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Tuesday 23 September 2008, at 1 Nettingflat Cottages, Heriot

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 1 July 2008 were approved.

2 Matters Arising (Action Items)

- Ken had still to contact Hugh Ilgunas regarding an OCAD map of Dechmont Law.

ACTION: Ken

- John would contact Janet Clark (ESOC) regarding auditing of accounts. Pat recommended that the 2007/08 Accounts were acceptable as they stood, despite the lack of an official Auditor.

ACTION: John

- John had completed the bank's Change of Signatories form, and delivered it to Pat. The change-over had now been completed.
- Ken had still to contact Brad regarding layout software for the Newsletter.

ACTION: Ken

- Ken had not managed to contact Will Mair. However, it was now too late to organise a Street-O series for this year.
- Liaison with ESOC and ELO had still to take place regarding the extension of the local-event Fixture List. John would speak to the relevant representatives at the forthcoming ESOA meeting.

ACTION: John, Ken

- John had sent details of the new Committee to Anne Hickling, the SOA, BOF and CompassSport.
- Paul had still to compile an up-to-date list of Club equipment.

ACTION: Paul

- The request for ideas for disposable controls would be included in the next Newsletter, soon to appear.
- Colin had agreed to take over the role of Club Mapping Coordinator.
- Ken had yet to respond to the SOA regarding any comments to be made on the Competitions structure.

ACTION: Ken

- Graham McIntyre had volunteered to be second Planner for Day 6 of Tay 2009, while Paul would be Assistant Controller. John suggested that Paul be told about any forthcoming Grade 3 Controllers courses being run by the SOA.

ACTION: John

- Pat reported that there was still a significant stock of O-kit available. There were tops in all sizes, but no trousers. Members would be notified in the newsletter - prices would be £20/£10 for Seniors/Juniors.

3 Secretary's Report

John mentioned the issue of SOA Newsletters from Hilary Quick. It was suggested that the programme of courses be published in the Club Newsletter.

He also mentioned that several requests to join the Club had come from Juniors who had been attracted by Ann Haley's recruiting efforts (for which she should be congratulated).

4 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that he had now taken over the books from Ben, and all was in order. A budget had been prepared for the SOL on 12 October. He suspected that the outstanding sum due from NopeSport had now been settled.

Ken mentioned that Paul had suggested that the annual cost of running the Club was in the region of £1K. Pat suggested that a budget could be set appropriately.

ACTION: Pat

5 Events

5.1 Tay 2009

As mentioned above, two Planners and an Assistant Controller had now been identified for Day 6 of this event at Loch Ordie on 8 August 2009.

5.2 SOL - 12 October 2008

Ken reported that the planning for this event was nearly complete. The event Organiser was Rob Bloor. All permissions were in place. Parking would be on forest roads. Robin Strain and Andrew Dalgleish would oversee Graeme on the SI organisation. The String course was under control. Fliers had been distributed. Ken would send an electronic version to John for distribution to SOA Club Secretaries.

ACTION: Ken, John

5.3 SoSOL - 8 February 2009

Richard Speirs would be the Planner for this event, but an Organiser was still needed. Paul had recommended that the landowners be approached as a matter of urgency, and John volunteered to do so.

ACTION: John

The Event Registration form would need to be updated in due course.

5.4 CATI events

At present, there were no Local events planned by the Club in the near future. However, discussions would be held at the forthcoming ESOA meeting with the representatives of ELO and ESOC, to try to derive a programme of such fixtures in the period up to the summer of 2009, in which the Club would, it was hoped, play a full part.

ACTION: John

Colin and Lorna organised an event at Kings Buildings in Freshers Week. They were thanked for their efforts.

5.5 Street-O

It was suggested that a programme of these events be put on during May/June in 2009. Ken would try to approach Will Mair, or perhaps someone more experienced.

ACTION: Ken

5.6 2009 SOA Score Championships

The Club was due to organise this event, but it wasn't clear what the proposed date was, nor where an appropriate venue might be found. John would check with Paul. Suggested venues were Glenearn & Berryknowe (but only if the date were in September - any later, and the area would be much less suitable), or Gullane Dunes.

ACTION: John

6 Mapping

This item was largely covered under Action Items earlier.

It was mentioned that the updated map of Craigmillar Castle woods was now finished, and the Permanent Course was nearly ready. Paul was about to buy marker plates for the controls. It wasn't clear where a suitable outlet for the map units might be - John would ask Paul.

ACTION: John

7 Equipment

As mentioned earlier, a current list of Equipment was needed. A budget needed to be set to maintain the stock. The banner pole had been purchased, and it was reported that the 5-pole hooped tent was now fixed

There was some discussion on methods to ensure that the Club tent was taken to appropriate events. Ken would apply some thought to this.

ACTION: Ken

8 Club Captain/Relays

Recent results were very encouraging. The Club won the Handicap class at the 11-Person Relay. Anthony was thanked for organising the Team for this event. In the Jamie Stevenson Trophy, the Club team came 6th, its best ever result. Ann Haley was due thanks for coordinating this.

Mark Haley and Christopher Galloway were expected to be selected for the World Schools squad; the next Championships would be held in Madrid in April 2009.

9 Juniors

As mentioned earlier, good performances featured in the JST Relay, and in the World Schools selection race at Beecraigs on 12 September.

10 Newsletter

Emily had made some enquiries, and had concluded that colour printing would be much too expensive.

It was suggested that approximate copy dates be posted on the Website.

ACTION: Emily

11 Website

Graham McIntyre's efforts to devise a new site had now culminated in switching the Namesco entry from Dave Godfree's pages on 9 September. It was recommended that any future reference to the Club's website address be to "www.interlopers.org.ok", so that any change of the actual address would not prevent outside users from reaching the site.

John would check the links to the Club's page on the BOF website. Other possible pages included NopeSport, the 6-Day Company, and the ESOA site.

ACTION: John

John offered to begin a "Potted History" of the Club to be included on the website.

ACTION: John

It was pointed out that all the membership were expected to make the effort to contribute snippets of news to the website on a not infrequent basis.

12 Socials

Lorna reported that there were 1 or 2 beds still available at Woodlands for this weekend's Club Training on Speyside. Woodlands would also be available during the SOL weekend of 10-12 October. Lorna was thanked for organising these two weekends.

Lorna also mentioned that a room at KB could be available for a Hallowe'en Party, but the Club would have to accept a buffet provided by the University; this would range between £6.55 and £12.65 per head. The details should be posted on the website, after checking with the Ackland family. Lorna would find out further details of the buffet. It was suggested that attendees be asked to pay £5/3.

13 Training

Ken mentioned that the current programme was advertised on the website. It had been adjusted to avoid any clash with EUOC's Fight With The Night series. The programme, with a variety of activities, would currently last until the New Year.

14 Marketing

Ken suggested that the Club logo, and website address and other contact details should be included on all Club maps. Colin would investigate.

ACTION: Colin

It was also suggested that it would be good to forge stronger links with EUOC. Lorna would be meeting some of their representatives on Thursday. John would also speak to Lucy Fryer (their new Secretary) at the ESOA meeting.

15 A.O.B.

It was mentioned that Ben, Lorna and Ann had been selected for the Veteran Home International team.

Scott Fraser had performed exceptionally over the summer on the World stage.

The Senior Home Internationals were to be held on the last weekend in October. This was effectively an Interløpers event, since Andy Kitchin was organising, Rob Lee was planning, and Graeme and Colin were controlling.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 November at 34 Queen Margaret Close, Edinburgh.

Colin and Lorna were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.25.

John Barrow – 4 November 2008