FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY THIRD YEAR

8.00pm, Monday 23 February 2009, at 11 Wilton Road, Edinburgh

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

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 25 November 2008 were approved.

2 Matters Arising (Action Items)

- Colin had still to send an OCAD map of Dechmont Law to Hugh Ilgunas for him to draw on the locations of his permanent controls. Ongoing.

ACTION: Colin

- John had still to talk to Janet Clark regarding the possibility of finding someone in ESOC who might be prepared to audit the Club's accounts.

ACTION: John

- See under "Equipment" for the current status of Club equipment.
- Ken had still to respond to the SOA Competitions Review, to express the Club's view that back-to-back SOL events were not in the best interests of competitors.

ACTION: Ken

- Now that it was a fait accompli, it seemed pointless to make any further comment on the new BOF Events structure.
- See under "Equipment" for further discussion on the state of the Club tents.
- Insertion of copy dates into the Newsletter and on the website had happened.
- John had notified BOF of the Club's change of Mapping Representative.
- The ER1 for Norman's Law had been updated and sent off.
- See under "Events" for developments in the CATI programme.
- A plea for volunteers to plan and organise the Scottish Score was included in the recent Newsletter.
- See under "Events" for further discussion on the Street-O programme.
- Ken had been in touch with Steve Terry to pursue the possibility of mapping a small area near Shotts.
- See under "Equipment" for discussion on methods to ensure the Club tent was taken to important events.
- A piece had been included in the Newsletter, suggesting that members might consider attending coaching courses.
- Organising a quiz at a social event was still to happen.

ACTION: Ken

- Ken had made a start on formulating a Business Plan for the Club.

ACTION: Ken

3 Socials

Lorna had asked if this Item could be discussed early in the Meeting, since she needed to leave early.

A Skittles Night would be held at the Sheep Heid on 4 March, in conjunction with EUOC.

Between them, Ken and Lorna had made more substantive plans for a Club weekend in the Lake District on 18/19 April. It would be based at Cartmel, which offered hostel-style accommodation at a cost of £10 per person per night. Lorna would contact the centre to see if the Club could make a reservation. Ken would finally be able to hold his much-postponed Quiz.

ACTION: Lorna

A mountain bike day was suggested for a date in May, perhaps in conjunction with ESOC, and maybe including a MTBO event. The dates of 16/17 May were a possibility, or perhaps the previous weekend taking in the SoSOL at Drumlanrig.

Unfortunately, it hadn't been possible to organise a Burns Supper.

4 A.O.B., part 1

Lorna pointed out that the 2010 Future Champions Cup Finals were due to be held in Scotland, and a Club needed to be found to coordinate them. It was expected that there would be 3 races (Sprint, Middle and Long). There was some discussion on how the Club could contribute to the staging of the Event, and details of any area embargoes and event groupings would need to be known. Lorna would liaise with Jason Inman.

ROMPs. Paul would be asked to talk briefly about this at the next ESOA Meeting.

5 Secretary's Report

Pat asked if John could advise him of the current status of membership renewals for 2009.

ACTION: John

6 Treasurer's Report

There had been no completed set of finances for the Norman's Law SoSOL, although it was expected that the event would make a profit of the order of £350.

There were also some loose ends to tidy up in relation to accounts and expenses for the October SOL and New Year events.

Pat had prepared an updated budget for the Club's annual activities, which was discussed in some detail.

7 Events

Ken expressed his thanks to all Officials in recent events, especially the SoSOL at Norman's Law.

7.1 CATI events

The Club would hold a CATI event at Craigmillar on 18 April, organised and planned by Paul. The date currently clashed with the planned Club Weekend at Cartmel, so Ken agreed to liaise with Paul.

ACTION: Ken

7.2 Street-Os

Ken had been seeking volunteers to put on events in this series, to take place from mid-May until mid-late June. To date, he had expressions of interest from Paul, Stephen and Dave/Gillian. Pat offered to also put one on, using KB and/or his estate. So the seeds of the programme now looked like this:

Stephen	from 26 Swan Spring Avenue (Pat Squire)
Pat	from 11 Wilton Road
Dave/Gillian	from 104 Tryst Park
Paul	from 50 Buckstone Road

Ken would act as Coordinator.

7.3 Tay 2009 Day 6 - 8 August 2009

Colin reported that all courses were now with the Controller. All potential control sites had been tagged. A member would need to be found to coordinate the Club's effort on the day. Members would be encouraged to enter.

7.4 2009 SOA Score Championships - 22 November

Gullane Dunes was now the proposed venue for the Scottish Score, but was relatively small and narrow for a major Score event. Therefore, Ken had written to the SOA for consent to vary the competition in any of the following 3 ways: (a) use a map exchange; (b) use fixed first and last legs to get competitors to and from the middle of the area before they pick up their Score map(s); (c) increase the course times by 10-20 minutes to compensate for the fixed legs. Ken was also looking for an Organiser and a Planner.

However, any plans currently in place might be affected by whatever transpires for the 2010 FCC Finals (if Gullane is selected as one of the areas, and an embargo comes into play).

7.5 2010 SOL

In view of the fact that the Club missed out on a date for 2009, it was felt that we should apply for a date in the 2010 series. John would circulate the list of possible dates to the Committee, with a view to a date in May (with the FCC Finals in mind). The area would need to be chosen with a potential embargo in mind (probably one year for a Level 2 event). It was expected that BOF would recommend a date for the FCC Finals of late April or early May (depending on the English exam period).

ACTION: John

8 Mapping

Ken had contacted Steve Terry regarding the latter's suggestion of a possible small area near Shotts. Ken would try to visit the area once the nights were lighter.

ACTION: Ken

John finally handed Colin a paper copy of the Polkemmet map, forwarded by Hugh Ilgunas. The area would be investigated to see if it might be suitable for a CATI, at least. Colin would liaise with Hugh.

ACTION: Colin

9 Equipment

The current list of Club equipment was now on the website. It was agreed on Paul's recommendation that no new purchase of O-kites need be made yet. The smaller 3-pole tent was OK. The 5-pole tent needed to be erected to check it out. The old square tent was basically OK, although some peg loops needed attention.

10 Club Captain/Relays

The Club had been entered for the 2009 CompassSport Trophy. The Scottish round would take place at Craigallian and Mugdock on 29 March. There was some discussion over entry fee subsidy, the outcome of which was that the suggestion to pay Junior fees in full, and 50% of Senior fees, was adopted. The remaining half of the Senior fees would be collected from competitors on the day. John would communicate this decision to Anthony, who would solicit expressions of interest in taking part by e-mail, and then submit entries.

ACTION: John

Anthony mentioned in an e-mail that there would be a Harvester Relay event, probably in mid-June in Wales. He would e-mail potential participants.

He would also pursue the entry of some teams for the British Relays on 1 March, in particular a Mens Open and a Women 40.

He would also ask for interest in the JK Relays on Monday 13 April.

ACTION: Anthony

The Club had declared that it would not be a counter in the UK Cup 2009. (The Club had no real intentions for the Cup in 2009, and the declaration would allow Scott to run competitively for EUOC.)

11 Juniors

Stephen had been nominated as Young Volunteer of the Year, on the basis of his work with his school, his Scout group and Interløpers. There would be a presentation to him at the JK. He would receive £150 and a trophy, while the Club would receive £50. The Club thanked and congratulated him for his achievements.

It was agreed to earmark the Club's £50 for Junior Development, to be available for coaching equipment rather than any one Junior's travel.

The ESOKids training sessions were continuing.

There would be training sessions for the World Schools team on two weekends in March. The Team would fly to Madrid immediately after the JK in April. It was agreed to donate the sum of £50 each to the two members of the Club in the team (Mark Haley and Christopher Galloway). (ESOC had decided to make the same gesture for their four members, while the ESOA would donate £25 each for all seven members.) There had been no word from BOF on the progress, or otherwise, of the application for support to the Bertie and Elsie Ward Trust. John would try to get an update from Laura Young at BOF Office.

ACTION: John

12 Newsletter

Emily was putting together a new issue, to be produced in March, and would be soliciting articles for inclusion.

13 Website

As ever, contributions were always welcome.

14 Training

The Thursday sessions were proving successful. It was hoped that the lighter nights in the Spring would increase the level of participation. Ken would keep everyone informed by e-mail. They would probably metamorphose into the Street-O events in May.

15 Governing Bodies

Nothing to report.

16 Marketing

Nothing to report. The Club web address and logo should be added to maps, etc., in due course.

17 A.O.B., part 2

Ken mentioned that he had e-mailed the Club members, seeking interest in a course on the use of the SportIdent system at events. So far, only one member (Rachel Kirkland) had expressed interest. Subsequently, Stephen had responded, making two. In addition, John mentioned that he had been on an SOA-sponsored course led by Robin Strain.

Stephen also mentioned that he would be interested in attending a Coaching Course - the SOA schedule of courses in its monthly Newsletter could provide the necessary information on what courses were coming up. It transpired that there was a Coaching weekend being held in late March on Speyside, offering training in courses of TD3 and above.

Paul had reported that the map of Craigmillar needed the addition of a small extension and finalisation of the permanent course. He would liaise with Edinburgh Council.

It was mentioned that the EUOC Fight With The Night series had restarted.

It was suggested that John make a start on his potted history of the Club for the website.

ACTION: John

There was a short discussion on when to hold the AGM. Eventually it was agreed to settle on the date of Thursday 18 June, at Pleasance. John would attend to the booking arrangements.

ACTION: John

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on either Monday 11 May or Wednesday 13 May, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin. John would contact Emily to see which date she preferred, and then confirm the date with the rest of the Committee. (Subsequently, Emily confirmed that Monday 11 May would suit her fine.)

Su and Pat were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.18pm.

John Barrow – 16 April 2009