FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 29 June 2009, at 19 Waverley Park, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Mark Haley, Rachel Kirkland.

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

Ken welcomed Mark and Rachel to their first Committee Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11 May 2009 were approved.

2 Matters Arising (Action Items)

- John reported that Ben Bate (ESOC) had agreed to audit the Club's accounts.
- Ken was just about to send off a reply to the SOA Competitions Review.
- Ken would be in further contact with Steve Terry regarding the area near Shotts.
- Organising a quiz at a social event was still to happen.

ACTION: Ken

- Formulating a Business Plan for the Club was still outstanding.

ACTION: Ken

- A response should be made to Hilary Quick regarding the Central Belt ROMP proposal.

ACTION: John

- See under "Treasurer's Report" for more on the status of membership renewals.
- John's potted history of the Club was still to be started. However, he did have a photograph of the 1969 EUOC JK Relay winning team, which it was felt should be put on the Club's website. It was also suggested that some way of obtaining a Club photo should be found for posting on the website. John said he thought he might have a picture taken when the Club won the CompassSport Trophy at Brown Clee Hill in 1996.

ACTION: John

- The Club contact details needed to be added to the Club's maps, as an Ongoing action.

ACTION: Colin

- It was stressed that volunteers needed to be found and training arranged to allow them to become Coaches and SI officials. It seemed that there had not been an SI course organised for some months. Ken said he would contact Robin Strain to see if there were any plans to hold one in the immediate future. Between them, INT and ESOC could probably raise sufficient interest to make this worthwhile.

ACTION: Ken

- See under "Junior Report" for details of the Jamie Stevenson Trophy.

- A Day Organiser and a String Course Coordinator had now been appointed for the Club's day at this year's 6-Day Event..
- Ken reported that Keith Dawson had offered to be Planner for the SOA Score Championships, and Pat Squire would Organise. Ken would finalise details with TAY regarding our use of their map.

ACTION: Ken

- John would contact ESOC to confirm that they could use Kinneil Wood for their Sprint event on 31 January 2010.

ACTION: John

- Ken would investigate the possibility of making an Award For All or other grant application for the Norman's Law and Dechmont Law mapping proposals.

ACTION: Ken

- Ken had checked the 5-hoop tent, and confirmed that a new pole set would be needed. There were also three holes to repair.

ACTION: Ken

- In Lorna's absence, there was no news regarding any possible Club Weekend in the Autumn.
- John had forwarded the Compliments Slip to Pat.
- Mark had taken over from Stephen as Junior Representative.

3 Secretary's Report

There was some discussion on creating a publicity flier for distributing to potential members, for instance at CATI events. There was a rumour that Iain Cackette was artistic, and might be interested in creating a template. Mark was asked to sound him out, or ask Ann to do so.

ACTION: Mark/Ken

A questionnaire on Coaching had been received from the SOA. John had already copied it to Ken, and the SOA had asked for responses by the end of July.

ACTION: John, Ken

John had received an e-mail from Paul as SOA Fixtures Secretary, regarding some relaxing of the current strict interpretation of the new BOF Fixtures Policy. Not being able to remember the details, he would forward the message to Ken after the Meeting.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

Pat and Ken had discussed the possibility of the SOA charging for map copyright for our 2008 SOL at Inshriach. If they charge, then we would ask if a deduction could be made for the map corrections the Club had paid for. Pat would talk to Les Dalgleish. If the upshot was that a fee was payable, then Pat would update the Accounts accordingly. What wasn't clear was if any other Club had either paid, or been asked to pay, such map copyright fees recently.

ACTION: Pat

Given that the major source of Income was from Events, there was some discussion on the likely level of income from the various events planned by the Club for the forthcoming year. Based on such figures, Pat would prepare a Budget for 2009/10 for the next Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Pat

Pat asked John if he could supply details of BOF membership, as known to the BOF database, to be able to compare with the known membership income.

ACTION: John

5 Events

5.1 Street-Os

The programme was now running well. Ken suggested that some form of prize could be devised for the winners. The Meeting agreed that the remaining 4 Club T-shirts could be used as prizes.

John Mitchell would be asked if he would host a Street-O next year. Subsequent to the Meeting, he agreed to do so.

5.2 2009 6-Day Event - Day 6 - 8 August

Rob Bloor as the Club's Day Coordinator would soon be recruiting key officials. Barry and Fiona would be ably assisted by Robin and Lucy Galloway, as well as Jane Ackland and probably others, on the String Course.

5.3 2009 SOA Score Championships - 22 November

Now that the Planner and Organiser had been identified, a Controller would be sought. Ken would sound out TAY to see if they could supply someone. He would draft a budget for this event, because it related to the map copyright deal he was negotiating with TAY, the WC provision and his search for a Controller.

ACTION: Ken

5.4 Scottish Sprint Championships - 6 March 2010

Now that the Club had agreed to stage this event, it would be necessary to find a Planner and Organiser. Pat would prepare a draft budget.

ACTION: Pat

JOK had asked Graeme if he would host the JOK Sprint event, and Graeme had asked the Club if it was conducive to this being combined with the Scottish Sprint. The Committee felt it would be best to keep the two events separate, not least because the former was a two-race format, and the Club might prefer a single race for the Scottish Sprint. Also, it would not achieve an aim of adding to the race calendar.

ACTION: Pat/Ken

5.5 CATIs

It was planned to organise two CATI events in the ESOA Saturday Series. The first would be at Braidburn on 12 September, while the second would take place at Mortonhall, perhaps in October. Paul had offered to organise both. However, Mark indicated that he would quite like to help plan such an event. It was suggested, therefore, that he take on Mortonhall, with Paul acting as mentor.

(Subsequent to the Meeting, the date of the Mortonhall event was set to be 21 November.)

5.6 SOL 2011

It was currently the Club's intention to hold a SOL in Spring 2011 on an extended map of Norman's Law.

5.7 SoSOLs

It was pointed out that at present the Club had not committed itself to staging an event in the 2009/10 SoSOL Series. It was accepted that it was not practical to try to put on an event before Easter 2010, but perhaps late April or early May might be feasible. In addition, an event in October 2010 might be appropriate for the 2010/11 Series, perhaps on a revised map of Dechmont Law. John would investigate the Fixture List for possible dates.

ACTION: John

5.8 Other Future Events

Looking even further ahead, it was mentioned that the 2011 6-Day Event would be based in Oban.

6 Mapping

Ken explained that Colin was only the map custodian, but he would enquire to see if Colin would be able to help develop a mapping contract for the proposed Norman's Law extension and Dechmont Law re-survey.

ACTION: Ken/Colin

It was also mentioned that Graeme was currently updating the map of Kings Buildings. It should be checked that this upgrade would provide a map drawn to IOF standards for possible use for the Scottish Sprints.

7 Equipment

Ken would arrange for the repair of the 5-hoop tent.

ACTION: Ken

8 Club Captain

Nothing to report.

9 Juniors

Mark gave details of Club performances at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy. The Club was placed 6th overall with 563 points. 9 members took part, with 6 counting. In the Yellow Boys, James Ackland was 3rd, Michael Addison was 8th, and Thomas Bartos was 18th. Unfortunately Samuel Galloway mispunched. Hannah Addison was 16th in Yellow Girls. In Orange Boys, Matthew Galloway was 6th and Cameron Winterburn was 11th. Christopher Galloway was 3rd in Light Green Boys, while Iain Cackette was 12th in Green Boys.

Junior Training sessions were continuing.

Stephen had begun planning for next Thursday's Street-O.

10 Newsletter

Emily had been touch to say that she intended to prepare the next issue for release soon after the 6-Days.

11 Website

Graham had asked for more photos to be submitted for inclusion on the website. He was working on the possibility of more than one person being able to add material to the site.

12 Socials

It was agreed that the meal at Tusitala after the AGM was much enjoyed (despite the Social Secretary not receiving her main course).

It was suggested that a Social Programme be drawn up for the year ahead, aiming for an event each month, albeit that the occasional event might be cancelled if volunteers did not step forward.

ACTION: John, Lorna

13 Training

It was felt that the Street-O programme would be a good lead-up to the 6-Day Event. However, it might be a good idea to organise some sort of terrain run in the intervening week.

After the 6-Days, Ken intended to continue the programme of terrain runs, but would also try to create a second group to run shorter, approximately half-length, routes (a short run leader would be sought).

ACTION: Ken

14 Governing Bodies

Nothing to report.

15 Marketing

As mentioned earlier, Iain Cackette would be asked if he could create a template Club flier, containing suitable artwork, for publicity purposes. It should be machine-readable.

Colin would include Club details on maps.

It was suggested that a Club T-shirt be produced, using the existing or a new design.

It was hoped that a suitable occasion could be found to set up a Club photograph, for inclusion in the Newsletter and on the website.

16 A.O.B.

- It was felt that Lorna should be asked to try to set up, before the next Committee Meeting, an Autumn training weekend, probably based at Woodlands in Kingussie.

ACTION: John, Lorna

- Ken would give the SI kit to Mark for Stephen to use at the following Thursday's Street-O.
- Ken reported that Paul had found a stock of paper maps of Glenearn & Berryknowe in his loft, together with some of Archerfield and Craigmillar. It was agreed that these were now well out-of-date, and could therefore be disposed of. Pat pointed out that their asset value would have reduced to zero some time ago.
- It was recognised that the Welfare rôle needed to be investigated and possible volunteers identified.
- Mark mentioned that he would be taking part in a sponsored cycle ride the following weekend; all others present volunteered to sponsor him.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14 September at 62 Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

John Barrow – 8 July 2009