SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 9 September 2009, at 62 Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Mark Haley, Rachel Kirkland, Emily Seaman.

Apologies for absence were received from Lorna Eades and Anthony Squire.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 29 June 2009 were approved.

2 Matters Arising (Action Items)

- 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

- Ken had replied to Hilary, regarding any potential Central Belt ROMP. The view was that this was not practical, given the lack of suitable quality areas, the potential for vandalism, and the shortage of volunteer effort to manage it.
- John's potted history of the Club was still to be started.

ACTION: John

- Club details would be added to maps by default as updates were made.
- It was pointed out that any plans to try to stage an SI course might have to be put on hold, dependent on any decision to invest in Andrew Dalgleish's replacement software.
- Negotiations had now been satisfactorily completed with TAY over the use of their map of Pitmedden for the Scottish Score Championships.
- John had contacted ESOC to confirm that they could use Kinneil Wood for their Sprint event on 31 January 2010.
- Ken had still to investigate the possibility of making an Award For All grant application for the Norman's Law and Dechmont Law mapping proposals.

ACTION: Ken

- A problem had arisen with the refurbishment of the 5-hoop tent. Paul had been briefed by Ken, and would pursue the matter.

ACTION: Paul, Ken

- Ken had been in e-mail contact with Iain Cackette regarding developing artwork for a publicity flier.
- The SOA Coaching Questionnaire had still to be completed.

ACTION: Ken, John

- John had forwarded the relevant Fixtures e-mail to the Committee. The key issues were a relaxing of the current embargo for Level 2 events, and the possibility of upgrading Level 3 (Local) events to Level 2 (Regional).
- A Controller for the Score Championships had been identified, in the person of Martin Quirke (ESOC).
- Some officials for the 2010 Scottish Sprint Championships had now been appointed; Graeme Ackland would Plan, while Ann Haley would Organise. A Controller was yet to be found.

  It had been agreed that the JOK event would be separate from this Sprint event.
- A potential date for the Club's SoSOL event in the 2009/10 Series had yet to be chosen.

ACTION: John

- Ken was still trying to find a suitable Contract to use for the Norman's Law / Dechmont Law upgrades.

ACTION: Ken

- Ken had e-mailed Lorna regarding establishing a Social Programme for the forthcoming year.
- Ken would upgrade the website programme of Terrain Training runs. He reported that these sessions had resumed after the summer.

ACTION: Ken

- No action had been taken on trying to organise an Autumn training weekend.

3 Secretary's Report

John reported that several people had recently joined the Club. Matt Speake (a British International) and Alistair Hindle (previously a member) had joined as National members, while Robin Strain had joined as a Club-only member (principally to be included in the Club e-mail list).

4 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported on his Action items.

He had e-mailed Les Dalgleish regarding potential SOA map copyright fees, but so far had not received a reply.

John had sent BOF membership statistics to Pat, and they had been found to agree with the known membership income.

A budget had yet to be drawn up for the Sprint Championships.

ACTION: Pat

Pat reported that the 2008/09 Accounts had yet to be audited. He was waiting on a resolution of the SOA Map Copyright issue.

He then presented a tentative Budget paper for the year 2009/10. There was some discussion on Income/Expenditure on Competitions, including Relay subsidies, as well as on organised Events and anticipated Income. Adult members would be asked to contribute £5 for taking part in the 11-person Relay. Entering two full teams for this event would cost £132. A small perturbation on Income might occur if the Club Championships were opened up to non-Club members, and became a fully-fledged Local event, probably at Craigmillar. In addition, CATI income might be higher than shown. It was pointed out that efforts should be made to utilise Stephen's award of £50 on Junior Development.

John was asked to find out from Paul where maps of Craigmillar might be obtained, in particular where an outlet for Permanent Course maps might be.

ACTION: John

Equipment expenditure currently consisted largely of the materials used to construct the permanent controls at Craigmillar. Tent repairs would also come into this category.

Mark was asked to speak to Ann regarding any possible need for spending on Junior support.

ACTION: Mark

5 Events

5.1 CATIs

Preparations for the next events were in hand, to be held at Braidburn on 12 September and at Mortonhall on 21 November. Mark had offered to help Paul with the planning/organising of the latter event.

5.2 2009 SOA Score Championships - 22 November

Arrangements were well in hand. It was agreed that putting an advertisement in CompassSport was not worth the investment of £50. Pat Squire would set up on-line entries in www.oentries.com, as well as apply for the Forestry permit. It was also agreed that the only colour-coded courses would be White and Yellow, with no String course. (This was subsequently changed to Yellow only, but with a String course.) Once he had the necessary information, John would update the on-line BOF Registration.

ACTION: John

The question of electronic punching was discussed. It was mentioned that Andrew Dalgleish had produced a more sophisticated version of the SI software, and that this would cope with Score event organisation. Colin would follow up with Andrew on the progress of this software. The Club was prepared to invest in a one-year purchase of the software, but anything further might depend on the SOA's intentions to buy into any new version of the SportIdent software.

ACTION: Colin

5.3 Club Championships - 13 December

These would be held at Craigmillar. Graeme Ackland would Plan, while Ken would Control. John was asked to check the BOF Registration details on-line.

ACTION: John

5.4 New Year event - 2 January 2010

Ken would once again be putting on an event on Speyside at New Year, this time at Loch Vaa North. He would check the date with BASOC.

ACTION: Ken?

5.5 Scottish Sprint Championships - 6 March 2010

It had been agreed that this event would consist of just one race. Graeme would plan, and Ann would organise. No Controller had yet been appointed. The map of KB would be updated. It was agreed to apply to the SOA Fixtures Convener (Paul) to have the event's status raised to Level 2, but for the implicit embargo to be waived.

ACTION: Ken/John

5.6 Street-Os in 2010

So far, two members (John Mitchell and Donald Reay) had volunteered to organise an event in this Series. Attempts would be made to find a Coordinator other than Ken.

5.7 Elite selection races - 2010

It was rumoured that some Elite selection races would be held in Scotland next year, and that we might be asked to help in some capacity.

5.8 SoSOL 2009/10

John had still to investigate the Fixture List for possible dates in April or May 2010. This was less critical if the Club Championships were elevated into a SoSOL-standard event.

ACTION: John

5.9 SOL 2011

It was now hoped to hold this event at either Norman's Law (if a date in the Spring were available), or else at Dalrulzion (for a date nearer the Summer). Ken would summarise the possibilities in an e-mail to John.

ACTION: Ken

It was noted that the World Park Tour would be passing through Scotland in September 2010.

6 Mapping

It was rumoured that Andy Kitchin was preparing a map of the grounds of the Royal Bank HQ at Gogar.

It was suggested that Rob Bloor might be able to obtain a Mapping Contract template, to assist with the preparation of the updating of the maps of Norman's Law and Dechmont Law. Colin would contact him.

ACTION: Colin

It was mentioned that Scott Fraser had asked Oleg Chelepin to show us the base map he had obtained of Gore Glen.

7 Equipment

Apart from tent repairs mentioned earlier, there were no other Equipment issues outstanding. There was no need for the purchase of any more control flags.

8 Club Captain

There was discussion on the forthcoming 11-Person Relay event at Faskally. Adult competitors were to be asked to contribute £5, while Juniors would be fully subsidised. The Club should try to compete within the spirit of the competition, i.e. Seniors should only run the longer courses, leaving Juniors to run the Orange courses. There ought to be more than 11 members willing to take part, but whether sufficient to make up two 11-Person teams could be found was unknown - it might be that one team might need to compete in the 8-Person format.

9 Juniors

A new programme of Junior Training had been announced, covering the period up to the end of the 2009/10 academic year.

10 Newsletter

The new issue had been published, and the majority of e-mail subscribers would receive it today.

A discussion on possible new O-top designs was deferred to AOB.

11 Website

Graham was still pursuing the possibility of more than one person being able to update the site. Ken wanted to stress that he expected others to submit items for the site, since Graham did not really have time to solicit material himself.

It was suggested that some sort of "roving reporter" could be identified to fulfil this rôle.

12 Socials

It was hoped to hold a Hallowe'en Night at the end of October, as well as the usual Christmas Party. Venues for these two events needed to be found. Ken would e-mail the Club, asking for volunteers.

13 Training

Thursday training sessions have resumed. Ken had sent the programme to Graham for inclusion on the website.

14 Marketing

It was hoped that Iain Cackette would be able to create a template Club flier, containing suitable artwork, for publicity purposes. Mark was asked to try to find out periodically if Iain had made any progress.

ACTION: Mark

15 A.O.B.

- The question of a new Club O-top was discussed (noting that there were still 6 remaining of the existing design). It was pointed out that any new design would be quite expensive (approx. 44 euros, or £40). However, we hoped to renew our sponsorship deal with Compass Point. Ken would e-mail possible designs to the Committee, and asked for replies.

ACTION: ALL

- Anthony would try to put together a team to take part in the 2010 Jukola Relay in Finland.
- It was agreed to renew our contribution to RouteGadget (to the tune of £22), via the SOA.
- It was agreed that ELO could use our Gullane Dunes map for a SoSOL on Sunday 7 March 2010 (the same weekend at the Scottish Sprints and British Nights). A proviso was that they make arrangements to update the map, showing the changes to the Jamie's Neuk area.
- Rachel asked everyone to check that they had her up-to-date e-mail address.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 2 November at 11 Wilton Road, Edinburgh.

Emily was thanked for her hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm. John Barrow – 25 October 2009