# FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIFTH YEAR

**7.30pm, Tuesday 3 August 2010, at 19 Waverley Park, Edinburgh**

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Rachel Kirkland.

Apologies for absence were received from Tricia Alston, Chris Galloway, Ann Haley, Mark Haley and Anthony Squire.

## 1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 April 2010 were approved.

## 2 Matters Arising (Action Items)

- Formulating a Business Plan for the Club was still outstanding. Ken intended to send out a draft to the Committee for comment before the AGM.

ACTION: Ken

- There had been no further progress on writing a potted history of the Club.

ACTION: John

- Addition of Club details to Interløper maps was ongoing. It looked as if the logo would have to be created from first principles, or with professional assistance.

ACTION: Colin

- The SOA Coaching Questionnaire had still to be completed.

ACTION: Ken, John

- John had prepared the Final Details for Calder Wood, and had liaised with Robin Strain regarding provision of SI equipment.
- A Controller had now been appointed for the Devilla SoSOL, in the person of Rob Hickling (GRAMP).
- Ken had written to the SOA regarding the staging of the Sprint event at the 2012 JK, but so far had received no reply.
- Colin had prepared an e-mail to send out regarding soliciting volunteers to organise CATI events, but had not yet sent it out.

ACTION: Colin

- Ken would remind Paul about the purchase of a new tent.

ACTION: Ken, Paul

- Lorna had not yet submitted an article to the Newsletter on the SOA Coaching Conference.
- Lorna had arranged the post-AGM meal at Tusitala.

## 3 Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

# 4 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that the Accounts for 2009/10 had not yet been audited, but Ben Bate would attend to it after his return from holiday.

Pat then presented a draft budget for 2010/11, and drew attention to several points.

The Calder Wood SoSOL made a net profit of about £73. There was some discussion on the finances for the Devilla SoSOL. Ken pointed out that there would be associated mapping costs of approx. £400. In view of this, it was suggested that the entry fees be set at £8 for Seniors and £3.50 for Juniors. Any profit would be very dependent on turn-out.

Pat suggested that the eventual surplus for the year would be in the region of £650. It was hoped that this would enable the subsidising of the new O-kit to the tune of approx. £5 per top.

John had e-mailed Ken and Pat with a summary of the recent history of Club membership fee levels. It was agreed to re-address this issue in the Spring of 2011, prior to any discussion at the AGM.

There was some discussion on SOA Development Funding, for which the next deadline would be 1 October 2010. Suitable projects for such funding could be the support for members to obtain Coaching qualifications, a Schools Mapping programme, a programme of CATI events, and acquisition of a Training SI kit. It was agreed that a priority could be to obtain a basic Training SI kit, to enhance organisation of CATI and Street-O events (thus not having to rely on borrowing such kit from Robin Strain each time). What a basic minimum kit would consist of, and what the cost would be, needed to be established.

Ken would recruit a smaller group to meet to consider an application further. Pat would consult Hilary on how to prepare an application for funding, and Colin would liaise with Andrew Dalgleish regarding any SI purchases.

ACTION: Ken, Pat, Colin

# 5 Events

## 5.1 SoSOL 2009/10 - 9 May 2010

This had duly taken place, with a turn-out of about 140 competitors.

## 5.2 Street-Os

This programme was proceeding well, with good turn-outs. The final two events would take place tomorrow, at Liberton, and on 18 August, at The Gyle.

An issue had arisen in that official BOF recommendation was that under-16 competitors should be discouraged from taking part in events where major roads might be encountered. It was agreed that the organisers could only stress that such runners take part "at their own risk", but they could not be formally prevented from competing.

## 5.3 SoSOL 2010/11 - 12 September 2010

Verbal permissions had now been obtained from the Police and the Forestry Commission. All officials were in place, the map updating survey had been completed, and course planning was in hand; the cartography would follow. Graham McIntyre would set up O-entries, using fees as agreed during the Treasurer's Report.

## 5.4 2010 Club Championships - 19 December 2010

Graeme Ackland had agreed to plan this event, to be held at Dechmont Law, and an urban area nearby. Martin Hyman was providing Graeme with some useful local assistance. Graeme would prepare the map of the urban area, while Ken would update the old terrain map. The event would be publicised as an Open event, at Level 3.

## 5.5 New Year event - 2 January 2011

Permissions and mapping were in place for this event. Parking had still to be checked.

### 5.6 SOL 2011 - 6 March

It was noted that this event would definitely take place at Dalrulzion - the JK organisation was no longer interested in the area. Verbal permission had been obtained from the FC, with parking on forest roads. Pat Squire had offered to be Organiser, while the Planner and Controller had yet to be chosen. (It was rumoured that Robin Galloway might be interested in either planning this event, or involvement with planning the 6-Day event.)

### 5.7 2011 SOA Relays - 29 May

TAY (in the person of Dave Prentice) had done a lot of groundwork to select an area for this event. The eventual location was Twenty Shilling Wood, at Comrie. Graeme Ackland had offered to plan the courses, though an Organiser had yet to be appointed.

### 5.8 Oban 2011 6-Day Event - 4 August

An Organiser from the Club had provisionally to be identified. Possible planners were Graham McIntyre and Robin Galloway, though it wasn't clear at this stage whether anyone from Moravian was also interested.

### 5.9 SoSOL 2011/12

Just putting down a marker for an event in this Series.

### 5.10 JK 2012

The suggestion now was that the Sprint event might be held in the Livingston area. If so, the Club could still offer to stage it.

### 5.11 CATIs

As mentioned earlier, these events could be considered in connection with any application for SOA Development funding. Ken added that he would like the Club to host more CATIs.

## 6 Mapping

Ken had reached an agreement for Devilla, whereby he would undertake the survey, and Stirling Surveys would merely check his work and do the cartography / write-up. He therefore thought a similar approach might work for Dechmont, with either Stirling Surveys or Graeme doing the cartography.

Ken had drawn up a list of some smaller areas in Fife which might justify further investigation. Jon Musgrave recommended that we go for one significant bid rather than multiple smaller projects / bids.

## 7 Equipment

Items for purchase during the forthcoming year would be a new tent, and a Finish banner to replace the one which had gone missing in the past year.

## 8 Club Captain

Anthony had reported by e-mail.

He mentioned the forthcoming CompassSport Trophy round, and asked whether Club entries should be subsidised and to what degree. It was agreed that Senior members should be asked for only £5 (i.e. a subsidy of £3), while Juniors would pay £2 (a subsidy of £1.50).

The 11-Person Relay was taking place on 4 September. It was agreed to set the entry fees at £5 for Seniors, and nil for Juniors; the Club would pay the balance.

Anthony had summarised what he was due for entries to the JK, BOF and SOA Relay events, and had sent it to Pat.

He raised the possibility of entering a Club team for the 2011 Jukola Relay. This year, there had been several Interløpers running, though most had been competing for other teams (whether British or overseas). There was some discussion, but the overall feeling was that it would be difficult to dissuade some members from competing for other teams. It would be worthwhile consulting the membership to assess the likely chances of forming a Club team, possibly with some subsidy of entry fees.

## 9 Juniors

Nothing to report.

## 10 Newsletter

Nothing to report.

## 11 Website

Nothing to report.

## 12 Socials

Nothing to report.

## 13 Training

Nothing to report.

## 14 Marketing

Nothing to report.

## 15 A.O.B.

- A decision needed to be made between the No-Name and Trimtex O-tops, in the chosen design. It was rumoured that the No-Name sizes tended to be on the small side. Ken had some samples, and Rachel modelled some examples to try to assist in forming a consensus. It was eventually agreed to go for the Trimtex make, with the wording "INTERLØPERS" and "COMPASSPOINT" on the back.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 11 October 2010 at 2 Broombank Terrace, Edinburgh

Ken was thanked for his hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.06.

John Barrow – 1 October 2010