SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY FIFTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 11 October 2010, at 2 Broombank Terrace, Edinburgh

Present: Tricia Alston, John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Ann Haley, Rachel Kirkland.

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Eades, Chris Galloway, Mark Haley and Anthony Squire.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 3 August 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.

ACTION: Colin

- Completing the SOA Coaching Questionnaire had been superseded by the request from Roger Scrutton for Clubs to respond to a more recent questionnaire on Coaching support. The Club had replied to the latter request.
- 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 (a 3-pole, rather than a 5-pole) and a Finish banner.

ACTION: Ken, Paul

- There had not been any progress with formulating an application for Development assistance. The most recent date of 1 October had now passed.

3 Secretary's Report

John reminded the Meeting that the ESOA AGM would be held at The Steading at 7pm on Wednesday 3 November, followed by a meal at 8:15pm.

There had been a request from Maureen Brown for a ScotJOS training session at Kinneil Wood on Sunday 7 November. Verbal permission had already been granted, and the Meeting formally ratified this decision.

Alice Leake (EUOC) had asked for permission to use Buckstone and Riccarton for her Club's "Fight With The Night" Series on 10 February and 3 March respectively. The Meeting agreed with this request. It was pointed out that, if EUOC wanted to incorporate part of Mortonhall with the Buckstone event, then formal application would need to be sought from Mr Trotter. John would check with Janet Clark on obtaining access permission for Riccarton.

ACTION: John

The BOF plan for a 4-Level Event Structure had been circulated around the Committee. There were no comments.

The ESOA had arranged a full-day First Aid Course as required for Levels 1 and 2 Coaches, to be held in the Edinburgh area on Saturday 27 November. The Club membership had been circulated with the details, but so far only Ann had replied. Several names were suggested, and John would approach them to see if they were interested. Ann pointed out that a Level 1 Coaching course would be held in Edinburgh on 7-9 January, so this would be an ideal opportunity for potential coaches to become fully accredited.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that auditing of the Accounts for 2009/10 had now begun.

He mentioned that the surplus for the Devilla SoSOL/CSC would be approx. £300, although BOF and SOA levy, and Ken's mapping expenses, remained to be paid. Three Clubs had still to pay their entry fees.

It was rumoured that entry fees for the ESOA Championships at Deans on 19 December had been announced somewhere. Pat would try to find out what had been published, and see if there needed to be any adjustment before these fees could be entered into the BOF registration.

Pat still needed to chase Murray Strain for a final financial report for the Street-O series (some income, expenses, results, overall standings and levy return information remained outstanding).

ACTION: Pat

Ken initiated a discussion on the formulation of a Business Plan for the Club. He felt that, at present, the emphasis had been on trying to maintain low event entry fees, and the consequent continuing discussion on the affordable level of subsidy for Club members attending Relay events. He wondered if the emphasis should be reversed, by trying to establish what the aims of the Club should be, and then establishing event entry fees accordingly to be able to fund these activities.

It was noted that a major expenditure item recently had been the part-purchase of a new generator (shared with ESOC). This had been christened at Devilla, and had proved most successful.

5 Events

5.1 Street-Os

Murray was formally thanked for organising this series, which attracted good turn-outs (40 on average).

5.2 SoSOL/CSC 2010/11 - 12 September 2010

Congratulations were due to Graham McIntyre and Barry Owen for the success of the joint SoSOL 1 / SOA CompassSport Cup round and the Junior Home International events at Devilla.

5.3 2010 Club Championships - 19 December 2010

This year's ESOA Championships would now be held in conjunction with this event. Details of the mapping between colour-coded courses and age classes had been obtained from Janet Clark, and passed to Planner and Organiser

Main officials had now been appointed. The Planner was Oleg Chepelin, Paul was the Controller, and Graeme the Organiser.

It was expected that Janet would handle the trophy distribution. John would check with her. John would also check that Robin Strain would be able to oversee the SI operation.

ACTION: John

5.4 New Year event - 2 January 2011

Ken was hoping that Hilary would be able to control this event. Parking had still to be checked.

ACTION: Ken

5.5 SOL 2011 - 6 March

Ken reported that Robin Galloway had agreed to be Planner, and Pat Squire the Organiser. A Controller had still to be appointed. John mentioned that Marjory Craig had recently stood down from being SOA Controller of Controllers, and that Rob Hickling had taken up the position.

5.6 2011 SOA Relays - 29 May

The event would almost certainly take place at Twenty Shilling Wood, at Comrie. Graeme Ackland had agreed to plan. An Organiser still needed to be found. Robert and Fiona Findlay (ESOC) had offered to act as the Weekend Coordinators.

5.7 Oban 2011 6-Day Event - Day 4 - 4 August

Most officials were now in place for this event. Planners were Paul Caban and Graham McIntyre, the Organiser was Colin Eades with Kim Eden (MOR) as Assistant Organiser, and the Assistant Controller might be Ken.

5.8 SoSOL 2011/12

Just noting that in due course the Club would need to apply for an event in this Series.

5.9 JK 2012

Ken had written to the SOA, offering the Club's services in putting on the Sprint event at Livingston, possibly with Graeme Ackland planning. No reply had yet been forthcoming.

5.10 CATIs

Janet Clark had mentioned that she had sounded out ELO about dates for events, and they had replied that INT should simply select preferred dates which ELO would work around. Ken stressed that it was important that Colin send out his e-mail soliciting interest in staging CATIs, and then perhaps some dates could be chosen.

Ann and Ken pointed out that Iain Cackette had produced some draft material which could be adapted into a Club flier to publicise these events (and others). However, Iain was now at university in Aberdeen, so was unlikely to progress this work. Tricia offered to look over the material to see how it could be tailored for Club use.

5.11 Street-O Series 2011

Discussion on this Series could be deferred until next Spring. It was mentioned that Darina had offered to put on an event in the series, and it was suggested that the existing map of Liberton could be extended southwards to include the Guardwell estate.

6 Mapping

There was nothing extra to report. However, Ken pointed out that it was still the Club's intention to extend the map of Norman's Law in Fife, and to investigate some smaller areas around Livingston.

7 Equipment

Ken mentioned that 10 new full-size kites had recently been purchased.

It was pointed out that plastic control stakes were advertised on the back of "Focus", and they may be of future interest to the Club.

8 Club Captain

Anthony had submitted a report by e-mail, which Ann read to the Meeting.

The main point to note was the qualification of the Club for the final of the CompassSport Trophy, being held on Sunday 17 October on Burbage Moor, Sheffield. Anthony wanted to record his thanks to those Club members who, at short notice, had agreed to attend.

He also mentioned that he had recently become Club Captain for his local club in Essex, HAVOC. However, he stressed that this would not affect his first claim with Interløpers. The Club confirmed that it had no problem with this, and was supportive of Anthony's work to support HAVOC.

9 Juniors

Ann reported that a programme for Junior training sessions had been agreed, covering the period up to April 2011. This programme had been included in the latest Club Newsletter. Jane and Pat were now assisting with these sessions. Jane's role included negotiating for the use of appropriate areas for the sessions. Pat needed a Disclosure, and Ann would provide him with the necessary forms.

ACTION: Ann

Ann mentioned that there had been a selection exercise to choose a team to attend that World Schools Championships, being held in Italy next Spring. Unfortunately, Fiona Sutherland could not attend the session because of a family wedding. However, Matthew Galloway was selected for the team. The Boroughmuir boys team just missed out on selection by 33 seconds.

10 Newsletter

The latest issue had been distributed by e-mail over the weekend, and the remaining postal copies were prepared with address labels supplied by John. There were many very favourable comments on this issue.

11 Website

One or two people reported problems with visibility of the Club website, with some images not displaying properly (although the text was OK). It wasn't clear if this might be a browser issue (matter referred to Graham McIntyre).

As previously mentioned, the results of the Street O 2010 were outstanding.

12 Socials

Tricia proposed several suggestions for social events over the next several months.

She had been trying to find suitable available locations for a Hallowe'en Party. She had found the Parkside Bowling Club, located near the Commonwealth Pool, which could be hired for £50 for a Friday evening. Unfortunately, this venue was not available this Autumn, but she felt it was such an attractive proposition that it should be considered for 2011, and probably worth booking at this early stage. As for this Autumn, she had investigated the pavilion near the south end of Jawbone Walk, on the Meadows. It was available for, say, 6pm - 9:30pm on a Friday evening, and would cost £50 for the basic hire, £75 to include salad-style dishes, and £150 for a full buffet. Assuming an attendance of 30 or so, this would mean a unit cost of approx. £5, which the Meeting thought quite acceptable. It was agreed to

go ahead on this basis, and fix the date for 29 October. It was also suggested that some orienteering courses could be put on, ranging from a simple maze to a longer more adventurous course on the Meadows itself. Jane could be asked to organise this.

ACTION: Tricia

Tricia offered to host the Christmas Party at her house at 12 Dryden Place. After some discussion, it was agreed to hold it on Sunday 19 December starting at about 4pm (after the Club Championships at Dechmont Law).

Tricia suggested that a Spring Training weekend could be held at Woodlands, probably on either 19/20 or 26/27 March. Once the date had been agreed, Lorna would be asked to find out about the availability of Woodlands. Tricia asked the Club to find a.n.other volunteer to organise the training sessions.

ACTION: Tricia

She proposed that a BBQ could be held during the 6-Day event. After discussion, it was suggested that this could be held in the late afternoon of Day 5.

Finally, the Meeting agreed that we should go ahead and book the Parkside Bowling Club for a Hallowe'en Party in 2011.

ACTION: Tricia

There was some discussion on a suggestion to begin a regular post-training get-together, either at a cafe, or a pub, or to alternate around people's houses. The consensus appeared to be to settle on a pub, perhaps The Steading. Ken would give it some further thought, and look to build something into the programme.

ACTION: Ken

13 Training

Ken had mentioned that the Club's Thursday sessions would be held alternately with the EUOC "Fight With The Night" series which had just started.

14 Marketing

As mentioned during the discussion on CATIs, Tricia offered to help with creating posters and other marketing material. Ann and/or Ken would send her the material which Iain Cackette had devised.

ACTION: Ann/Ken

15 A.O.B.

- It was pointed out that the BOF website was being revamped, and people may wish to pass comment to BOF, before it became too late to influence the outcome (if not already too late).
- Ann asked about the trophy which Pat Squire had made, and which the Club had donated for the Scottish Schools Championships. She mentioned that she had had a quote for initial engraving of the trophy, which came to £30. It was agreed that the Club would pay for this.
- Ken had e-mailed Trimtex with our design for O-tops. The agent (Par) promised to send a graphic for consideration. Once this was received, Ken would send it out to the Club for comments. It looked as if the total cost of the tops would be about £30.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 January 2011 at 12 Dryden Place, Edinburgh.

Rachel was thanked for her hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.00. John Barrow – 2 January 2011