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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIRTY EIGHTH YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 13 November 2013, at 11 Wilton Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Rachel Kirkland, Rob Lee.

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Eades, Barry Owen and Mary Ross.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 August 2013 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Ken had submitted his Chairman's Report for the AGM to John, who had incorporated it into the Minutes. These were now complete, and John had posted them on the Club website, under the "Committee" tab.

The SOA had informed Clubs that, since the SOA was now a registered Charity, HMRC had agreed that subscriptions would qualify for Gift Aid. In order to facilitate this, each adult SOA member would be asked to complete a Gift Aid Declaration, and the resultant Gift Aid would then be passed on to the Clubs. Club Secretaries would be asked to coordinate the distribution of Declaration forms to members, and to return them to the SOA.

Janet Clark had been approached by a Richard Lord who was qualified to hold First Aid courses. It looked as if this would be a good way for Club members to obtain the necessary qualification to keep their Coaching status validated. John would investigate further.

ACTION: John

Rob mentioned that a potential new member was currently staying with him, and asked if a look-out could be kept on BOF membership returns to see if he had successfully changed his Club.

3 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that Rob was still owed some Relay entry fees from 2012 and earlier. Rob would also soon be sending out a demand for repayment of 2013 fees.

To date, there had been no word of any pay-out to Clubs from the 2013 6-Days Event.

For 2014, the main source of income was expected to be the INTrepid Weekend. Pat would soon draw up budgets for both the SOUL and SoSOL events. There was some discussion about the provision of toilets at the events. It was generally felt that competitors had come to expect such a facility, so that, if an event assembly area did not have access to pre-existing toilets, then portaloos should be hired, and the entry fees set accordingly.

ACTION: Pat

It still remained for the Club to get together with West Lothian Council to discuss financial issues in connection with the Development Project.

In answer to a question, Pat reported that money for the new O-tops was now coming in.

He had not yet been able to confirm with Jane the situation regarding funding for the Peter Palmer Relays.

4 Events

4.1 Club Championships

Ken offered Pat his congratulations for a successful competition, although the Results were currently shrouded in secrecy.

Ken distributed copies of a spreadsheet, showing plans for events for the next couple of years.

4.2 Kinneil Wood Local Event

Plans were proceeding for this event, to be held on 22 February 2014. Barry was happy to plan this, despite being bereft of a wife who was part of a mini-Club-tour to Lanzarote. Ken might organise if no-one else volunteers. The event also clashed with the National Cross Country Championships, but it was expected that there would be sufficient manpower available on the day.

4.3 INTrepid Weekend

Steven McHarg had agreed to plan the SOUL event at Howden. Ken mentioned that there had been an approach from some elite competitors, asking if a Sprint race could be incorporated into the SOUL event. The general feeling was that an elite race could be too complicated, and therefore it needed to be simplified if it was to be an elite race.

4.4 Craigmillar Local Event

A further Local Event had been registered for Craigmillar on 29 March 2014. Jane Ackland had agreed to plan, and an Organiser was currently being sought (subsequently identified as Mary Ross).

4.5 WLC Primary Schools Championships

This event was planned for Tuesday 13 May 2014, or possibly another weekday such as Friday 16 May, and the Club had been asked to provide some help. Max volunteered his services.

4.6 SOC 2014 - 24/25 May

Ken had accepted that he was now de-facto Individual Organiser. He reported that there was currently a problem with parking. The approach was along a narrow lane, and entry to the parking field was through a narrow gate which couldn't be widened, and at which the landowner had stipulated that no gravel could be used to provide a firmer grip for cars. He was pressing for a one-way system to be put in place, and planned to contact the local police.

ACTION: Ken

It also transpired that the Controller had resigned. However, it was up to BOF to find a replacement.

To add to the event's woes, Margaret Dalgleish had indicated that she could no longer continue as Weekend Coordinator, since her own paid work, and her commitment to the 6-Days 2015 and the WOC, meant that she could not devote sufficient time to do justice to the Coordinator's role. The ESOA Clubs had been circulated to try to find a replacement.

4.7 SoSOL 2014/15

Originally, the suggestion had been to hold this event at Culteuchar, but TAY now had a prior event on this venue. However, in the light of the investigations into Turnhouse Hill, it was decided to stage it there instead. The date of 21 September 2014 was suggested, and John would try to register it.

ACTION: John

4.8 Race the Castles

This was a series of events held over two weekends, on 11/12 and 18/19 October 2014, in Edinburgh, Stirling, Balmoral and Aberdeen, and incorporating (on the second weekend) the SHI and SOL 7. Graeme Ackland was one of the major drivers of the Series, and had asked if Interløpers would be prepared to put on a warm-up Urban event on the first Friday evening (10 October). Graeme had suggested the area bounded by Lothian Road, Shandwick Place, Gardner's Crescent and Fountainbridge. The Meeting's response was positive. There should be no map costs.

4.9 SOL 2015

The dates of 7/8 March 2015 had now been set for this weekend, and the preferred venue was Drummond Hill, subject to permissions and mapping.

5 Mapping

At present, updates were needed of the maps of Drummond Hill, Dechmont Law, and Mortonhall. Ken suggested that we should try for an Awards for All grant to cover all three updates.

ACTION: Ken

6 Equipment

An adequate display board was still to be obtained. John would contact Paul.

ACTION: John, Paul

It was suggested that a replacement String (for String courses) be sourced, perhaps with some coloured material. The current one was now rather dilapidated.

ACTION: Ken, Paul

7 Club Captain

Rob mentioned that entries would soon be due for the CompassSport Trophy for 2014. As usual, there was no entry fee. The SOA round would be held at South Achray on 16 February, organised by FVO. The Final was on Saturday 8 November, near Aldershot (the Saturday avoiding Remembrance Day on the Sunday). Rob mentioned that there were new Rules which he would check. He thought it would be possible to make up a full Team with 3 car-loads of people.

The conclusion of the ensuing discussion was that we should go to South Achray, and then, if we qualify, ask potential Team members if they would be prepared to travel to Aldershot for the Final.

Collection of outstanding Relay entry fees was continuing.

8 Training

The Club Training Weekend had been organised for 7/8 December, based at Woodlands in Kingussie, and the membership had been circulated with the details. There were still some places remaining. Graham McIntyre would arrange maps and permissions for the planned areas. Max would re-circulate the membership, and ask for help with control hanging. The Club's SI kit could be used.

ACTION: Max

The Weekend should be registered as an Activity.

ACTION: John

9 Juniors

ESOA Junior training sessons were continuing.

10 Child Protection

There was nothing to report. It was suggesed that Barry should be informed about the possiblity of First Aid courses referred to in the Secretary's Report.

ACTION: John

11 Newsletter

Mary would soon be sending round an e-mail, asking for contributions for the next issue.

12 Website

Ken had sent some feedback to Graham. He had also made some suggestions to John, who had implemented them.

There was a discussion about Flickr accounts (which both Ken and Max mentioned that they had), and how to access Flickr sites from the Club website. It was pointed out that great care would need to be taken with publishing photographs of children. It was thought that there was some guidance on this issue on the BOF website.

ACTION: John

13 Socials

It was mentioned that the Hallowe'en Night had been excellent, incorporating a Norwegian Spook-O.

The next occasion would be the Christmas Party. One suggestion was to hold it at the same time as the EUOC Big Weekend. Mention was made of the party held at the Inch Centre last year, and that we should arrange a similar occasion. Pat would check with Jane and Ann. It was decided to try for 12 January (after the SoSOL at Wishaw), between 4pm and 7pm-ish. Members would be asked to bring food contributions. Patricia and/or Ann could be approached for contact details.

ACTION: Pat, Su, Max

14 Marketing

John had now scanned the Event Record Card, and posted it on the website.

The issue of a Welcome Pack was discussed. It was agreed that it was not really necessary to provide a formal Pack for new adult members, but that the Junior Welcome Pack, which Ann used to hand out, should be made available. John would try to obtain the material from Ann, and make it available on the website.

ACTION: John

There was a short discussion on the Club's significant anniversary date. It was appreciated that the 40th anniversary of the Club's actual founding (in 1971) had now passed. There was possibly the date when the Club went Open (1974), or the date of the first AGM (1976). However, it was agreed that we should keep in mind the 50th anniversary of the founding, and defer any plans until 2021.

15 A.O.B.

- Max mentioned the mini-tour to Lanzarote in Fevruary 2014, and that seveal Club families were going. Others would be very welcome.
- John announded that, from 6 January until 9 February, he would be in Australia for Lucy's wedding. In the mean time, he suggested that e-mail addressed to info should be diverted. Last time, this was handled by Paul. John would ask him if he would be prepared to take it on again.

ACTION: John

- Ken referred to the Action item to find an Events Coordinator. He felt that the spreadsheet he distributed earlier could be treated as the current programme.

ACTION: TBC

- He was concerned about the publication of O-maps on the website (and on an O-map site run by Graeme). He felt there might be a possibility of OS Copyright conflict. Efforts should be made to check the copyright licence.

ACTION: TBC

- There might be an issue regarding the Club accounts being referenced on the BOF website, involving HMRC.

ACTION: Pat

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 24 February 2014 at 19 Waverley Park, Edinburgh.

Ken expressed the thanks of the Meeting to Pat and Su for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.10. John Barrow – 23 December 2013