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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 2 December 2015, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Rob Lee, Pat Squire.

Apologies for absence were received from Ken Daly, Colin Eades, and Mary Ross.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 September 2015 were approved.

2 Action Items

The Action Items spreadsheet had been previously distributed. Comments on the Items follow in the order on the spreadsheet.

- The Scottish Universities Open Relay Championships had finally been held at Riccarton on 15 November, with Alison Campbell organising, Helen Bridle (ESOC) planning, and Paul Caban controlling. 26 teams took part, on 4 courses. The event had been registered under the ausices of Interløpers. It was noted that the tents, still wet, remained at Riccarton, so arrangements needed to be made to reclaim them. Either Rob or Jane would try to contact someone to arrange collection.

  ACTION: Rob, Jane

  There was some discussion on what to do with any surplus from the event. It was suggested that £150 be offered to the students of HWUOC, while the Club would retain the balance.

- John had downloaded a form from the bank to enable Max to be added as a cheque signatory. He had originally configured it to add Max and remove Ken's name, but Pat B suggested that Ken's name could be retained as a signatory, even though he was no longer on the Committee. John would re-run the form, simply adding Max's name.

  ACTION: John

- It had been suggested that the discount offered by Run & Become should be made more prominent on the website. John would investigate, and make any necessary modifications.

  ACTION: John

- Jane had investigated setting up a Facebook account. However, it transpired that there was already a link to Facebook on the website, but to a different account. Jane would try to resolve the situation.

  ACTION: Jane

- It was suggested that a reference to the discount card scheme offered by Tiso's should be advertised in the same way as that for Run & Become on the website.

  ACTION: John

- Rob had arranged that the Club Championships be run in conjunction with the SOA Score Championships. This duly took place, and the results were included in the new issue of the Newsletter.

- No further action had been taken to register the Club training sessions as Activities.

- The suggestion to investigate the suitability of Portmore Loch had not yet been followed up.

- One Local Event had already taken place, on 7 November at Blackford/Hermitage, organised by the Carcases. A further event was planned for 5 December at Mortonhall, organised by Colin Ledlie, using the upgraded map by Robin Galloway and others.

- There was some discussion on the possibility of putting on an event in the SoSOL Series in the Spring. Three events in the Series were already in the Fixture List, orgnised by AYROC, ELO, and SOLWAY. On inspection of possible dates, two were suggested, 15 and 29 May. It was felt that the earlier date would be preferable. The venue would be Calder Wood. Several people would be sounded out to check that the vegetation would not be too thick at that time of year. As a consequence, a Planner and an Organiser would need to be identified. The ESOA would be informed, and an initial approach made to West Lothian Council.

- Max reported that most permissions were in place for the SOL at Culteuchar & Dron on 10 April. Max was to be Planner, and Robin Galloway the Organiser. A Controller would be needed, and John suggested that Rob Hickling should be approached to see if he could find one. It was also suggested that John Emeleus might be interested, and he could be contacted directly.

  At the same time, it was accepted that a Controller for the SOUL at Livingston would be needed, and that perhaps a candidate could be found from the ranks of ESOC or FVO.

- Max was still hoping that, after discussions with Graeme Ackland, the choice of an extended map of Gullane Dunes would be suitable to hold the SOA Individual Championships in 2017. Terry O'Brien should be contacted to check requirements.

- Creation of a Business Plan was Ongoing.

- An Event Safety Training course had been held on 23 November, led by Ian Pyrah and Roger Scrutton. Lucy Galloway, Pat Bartlett, and Colin Ledlie had attended, along with two from ELO and two from ESOC.

- As referred to above, the land ownership on Culteuchar & Dron had now been established.

- After a long period of inactivity, John had recently taken delivery from Roger Scrutton of a batch of Tiso posters, for display at Community Centres and High Schools in the area. John would discuss with Janet Clark the nature of what should be included on the posters, and the division of responsibility for distribution between ESOC and INT.

  ACTION: John

- Jon Musgrave had now replied to Pat S regarding unassigned duties for the 2017 6-Days. He would be in touch again, but for the time being no further action was needed.

- Updating some of the control sites at Craigmillar was still outstanding.

  ACTION: Paul

- The Dechmont Law permanent course map updating was now complete. It just remained to replace the plates at the control sites.

  ACTION: Ken

- The A-frames had now been ordered, and delivery was awaited.

- Most of the information to carry out a Software Licence review had now been collated.

- Work on writing up the Club History was still to be undertaken.

3 Secretary's Report

Paul had offered to put on a Local Event on 6 February 2016 at Craigmillar. It was pointed out that this was on the same day as the SOA Night Championships in the Pentlands, but also clashed with an ESOA Junior Training session. John would check with Janet Clark whether it would be appropriate to proceed with this.

Terry O'Brien had circulated Clubs, asking for expressions of interest in putting on a SOL in 2017. The Meeting discussed this, and concluded that, if we were to put on such an event, then it would need to be in the Autumn. Suggestions for areas included Drummond Hill and Dalrulzion. We should proceed with care in considering Drummond Hill, considering the problems with capercaillie and the zip-wire installation encountered in 2014. The costs of re-mapping both areas should also be considered.

John had been contacted by Club Sport Edinburgh, which was an umbrella organisation representing all sports at all levels in the Edinburgh area. It was understood that ESOC had signed up to the organisation. John would check with Janet Clark about the merits or otherwise of affiliating.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that the current bank balance was in the region of £13000.

He mentioned that, at the 2015 AGM, it had been agreed not to try to make any further attempts to collect Relay entry fees for 2014. He now recommended that the Club also absorb the cost of such entry fees for the 2015 events, and the Meeting agreed.

There had been a suggestion that the Club invest in some SPORTident units, at a unit cost of approx. £100. There were already 10 such units in the kit that we had on loan from BOF, so the purchase of a further 30 might enable the Club to run a Local Event without recourse to borrowing the SOA kit. It was also suggested that we investigate the possibility of creating a pool of SI equipment jointly with ESOC. John would try to find out how many they had, and whether they would be amenable to this suggestion.

ACTION: John

It was mentioned that it might be possible to apply for some form of development grant, most of which are match-funded. Max would try to find out the availability of such grants. After some internet searching, it transpired that a recent deadline had passed in respect of the 6-Day Company grants (which were usually for mapping projects). However, there was the possibility of applying for an SOA Development Grant of £1000, for which it was expected that the next deadline would be in March 2016 - Pat discovered that several SOA clubs had recently benefitted specifically from these grants for purchase of SI equipment.

As mentioned earlier, it was suggested that, of the surplus from Scottish Universities Sprint Championships at Riccarton on 15 November, £150 should be offered to the students at Heriot-Watt, while the remainder should be retained by Interløpers.

5 Events

5.1 Local Events

These were discussed in Action Items and the Secretary's Report.

5.2 INTrepid Weekend 9/10 April 2016

Discussion of this Weekend was held under Actions.

5.3 Other Future Events

It was speculated that Graeme Ackland might be interested in organising the potential Summer Urban Series in 2016.

5.4 Event Safety Training

As mentioned in Action Items, a course had recently been held.

6 Mapping

The Mortonhall update had been completed by Robin Galloway, with help from others.

Outstanding areas to be considered for updates included Gullane, Drummond Hill, and Portmore.

7 Equipment

This Item had been dealt with in Action Items.

8 Club Captain

Rob reported on the CompassSport Trophy Final, mentioning that the Club had lost out to South Ribble by the narrowest of margins.

For the 2016 competition, the SOA qualifying round would be held at Dumyat, by Stirling University, on 13 March. The Final would be at Tankersley, between Sheffield and Barnsley, on 16 October.

Pat B mentioned that, for the 2015 event, the Club had paid £325 in entry fees.

9 Training

Nothing to report. The ongoing programme of Club Training was on the website.

10 Juniors

Max mentioned that the programme of ESOA Junior Training sessions had re-started, led by Ian Pyrah.

It had been announced that someone to take over ScotJOS from Maureen Brown and Bill Stevenson had been found, in the person of Elizabeth Furness. Jane gave a few details about Elizabeth, and offered the opinion that she would be a worthy successor.

Max also mentioned that he might be able to develop a sponsorship opportunity for ScotJOS. Rob pointed out that James Ackland and Pippa Carcas had recently been included in the Squad.

11 Child Protection

In Barry's absence, there was nothing to report.

12 Newsletter

Mary was hoping to issue the latest Newsletter in the next few days. She was just waiting for a report from Max.

13 Website

Jane wanted to know the situation regarding the publishing of photographs on the Club website, particularly those including Juniors. It was suggested that she contact Barry, who should be able to advise on the legality or otherwise.

14 Socials

Jane was thanked for organising the Hallowe'en Party, which everyone agreed went very well.

She mentioned the New Year Club Party, which would take place on Sunday 3 January 2016. It would start with some sort of "happening", arranged by Jane Ackland; this would be followed by "afternoon tea" at 5 Strathearn Road. Ann Haley had suggested that people bring party games. A presentation would be made at the Party for the Club Championships.

15 Marketing

The only item of note was the receipt of the Tiso posters, already mentioned.

16 A.O.B.

- Rob wondered what arrangements, if any, had been made to refund John's Club membershp fee, in the light of the agreement at the AGM to grant him Honorary Membership. John mentioned that he had already renewed his BOF subscription, which of course included elements payable to the Club, the SOA and BOF. Pat B confirmed that a refund would be due, and consequently wrote out a cheque for £5 to John.
- Rob also mentioned that Martin Hyman had donated a sleeping bag to the Club, as a contribution to the formation of a Survival Kit which should be taken to every event the Club put on. Rob would try to find out what else the contents of such a Kit should include.

ACTION: Rob

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

Subsequent to the Meeting, the date was rearranged to be MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016, at the same time and venue.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.24. John Barrow – 24 February 2016