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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTIETH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 9 May 2016, at 11 Wilton Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Rob Lee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mary Ross and Pat Squire.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 29 February 2016 were approved, after the following minor amendments:

in Section 4, Treasurer's Report, 2nd para, for "Sarah Bridle" read "Helen Bridle";

in Section 5.1, Local Events, for "Paul" read "Max".

2 Action Items

The Action Items spreadsheet had been previously distributed. Comments on the Items follow in the order, firstly in the Minutes, and then on the spreadsheet.

- All arrangements were in place for our SoSOL 6 event, at Calder Wood on 15 May.
- There had been no progress so far with joining ClubSport Edinburgh.

ACTION: John, Max

- The link on the website now pointed to the correct Facebook page.
- The Dechmont Law POC was now complete.
- Ken, with Max's help, had also brought the Polkemmet POC to fruition.
- Paul's suggestion to amend the registration card to include an e-mail address had yet to be followed up.

ACTION: Jane, Rob

- Our SOL in 2017 had now been moved to 15 October, still at Drummond Hill. Colin Eades had offered to plan. Permissions had yet to be applied for.
- The programme for the Summer Urban Series, re-named SprINTelope, was now in place, and posted on the website. RR, ESOC, and ELO had agreed to put on some events in the Series. See under "Events".
- The creation of a Club Survival Kit was Ongoing.

ACTION: Rob

- The bank had returned the form intended to add Max as a signatory, complaining that (despite advice from the bank itself) we had filled out the wrong form, and that some of the information was incomplete. John would follow this up.

ACTION: John

- Registering training sessions as BOF Activities was Ongoing. It was suggested that an attempt be made to derive a generic Risk Assessment to cover all the sessions.

ACTION: Ken

- Investigations into mapping Portmore Loch were Ongoing.
- See under "Events" for further discussion on the 2017 SOA Championships.
- The creation of a Business Plan was still Ongoing. Ken pointed out that the Development Plan had been completed, and was now in place.
- Pat S had reported that the Central Organising Team for the 2017 6-Days would now be meeting at the SOA Championships. Ian McIntyre had declined the position of Treasurer, and Pat Bartlett had offered to step in. It was suggested that Pat S be asked to circulate job descriptions for the remaining unfilled positions on the COT.

ACTION: Pat S

- Ken would confer with Paul about obtaining replacement plates for those damaged or lost on the Craigmillar POC. However, this would have to wait until after SoSOL 6, for which Ken was Planner.
- Ken would pursue the status of the various software the Club had taken out licences for.

ACTION: Ken

- Creation of the Club History remained Ongoing.

3 Secretary's Report

John mentioned that this coming Wednesday 11 May had been designated as World Orienteering Day. As for events local to Edinburgh, ESOC already had a Local Event planned at Hillend Park.

John asked Max if he could supply some paperwork associated with the Local Event at the Hermitage last November. There was also some outstanding from the Universities Sprint Relays at Riccarton in the same month.

John summarised the status of membership renewals for 2016. There were a few laggards, who would be chased up, as well as some others who had indicated that they would not be renewing.

4 Treasurer's Report

The application for an SOA Development Grant had been submitted, to assist with the purchase of extra SI units. Pat was able to report that a Grant of £1000 had been awarded to the Club. Paul Caban had offered to obtain the equipment, consisting of 30 stations and 15 cards, with the help of Robin Strain. The conditions of the Grant stipulated that the Club should stage a Local Event in Livingston, probably this Autumn, together with a further two events by March 2017.

The INTrepid events had been financially successful: the SOUL had realised £778, while the surplus for the SOL was expected to be approx. £1850. There were some outstanding bills to be settled.

A further injection of funds should be forthcoming from the SoSOL at Calder Wood.

The Meeting agreed that Relay entry fees should continue to be fully subsidised. However, there were still some outstanding amounts owing from previous years. Pat might need to check some members' addresses with John.

It was reported that Scott Fraser had recently staged a fell race in Holyrood Park, which attracted a large entry, and consequently made a significant profit. He had acknowledged that he had received some help from the Club, and was prepared to make a donation of £50 to Interløpers. It was suggested that this amount could be directed towards supporting Junior Relay entry fees.

5 Events

5.1 SoSOL

All arrangements for SoSOL 6 at Calder Wood were now in place.

5.2 SprINTelope

Graeme had posted the programme of events in this Series on the website. Pat Squire was also putting one on, but the date was as yet unknown. John mentioned that he had registered the Club's events in the Series as Level 4 Events in the BOF database. After some discussion, it was recommended that entry fees be set at £2/£1, which should provide for a small surplus after payment of BOF levy.

5.3 SOA Championships 2017

Those involved were now satisfied that the extended area of Gullane Dunes would be able to cater for the demands of the Championships Weekend. The mapping contract would probably be placed with Stirling Surveys. Colin would check whether there was still a 6-Days mapping fund.

ACTION: Colin

5.4 Other Future Events

Once the SoSOL at Calder Wood was over with, Ken would turn his attention to look for a possible date to hold a Local Event in the Livingston area.

6 Mapping

It was rumoured that Graham Gristwood was producing a map of the Grangemouth area. Depending on its quality, the Club might be interested in seeking to obtain its copyright.

7 Club Captain

As predicted at the last Meeting, there was no success for the Open Team at either the JK or the British Relays. However, there was great encouragement for the future, since the M18 team of Freddie, James, and Alex won their class at the British Relays.

Rob had until the following day to submit entries for the SOA Relays on 22 May at Balmoral.

He would soon be starting to make arrangements to persuade enough members to go to the CompassSport Trophy Final on 16 October at Tankersley, near Barnsley.

Max wondered if there might be enough interest to make up a team to attend the Jukola Relays on 15/16 June, but there was not much enthusiasm.

8 Training

Nothing new to report.

9 Juniors

The ESOA Junior Training was continuing; the final session for the season would take place on 28 May.

The Scottish Schools Championships would take place on Friday 3 June at Dalkeith Park.

The Jamie Stevenson Trophy would be held on 19 June at Balkello, near Dundee.

The Junior Inter-Area Championships would take place on 29/30 October at Culbin, near Forres.

10 Newsletter

Mary had not received enough material to make it worthwhile to produce a March issue, so she would hold over what she did have until June.

11 Website

As mentioned in "Action Items", the link to the Club's Facebook page was now correct in the "Links" panel.

John reported that he and Ken had now put together material to populate the "Permanent Areas" page, with sub-pages devoted to each POC.

Pat expressed concern that News was not being updated sufficiently frequently; witness to this was the fact that, of the five items in the "Recent News" panel, two were for occasions in 2015. He suggested that members be encouraged to submit newsworthy material for adding to the website. To assist in this endeavour, it was recommended that the names of those who felt competent to add material to the website should be publicised.

12 Socials

Max pointed out that the offer of a free meal at Illegal Jack's had still not been taken up since Race The Castles in October 2014. He had also received a free T-shirt from them, and wondered what an appropriate use for this could be. Someone suggested presenting it to the Club Champion.

There was also the prospect of the usual meal to follow the Annual General Meeting.

13 Marketing

Already discussed.

14 A.O.B.

There was a short discussion on formalising the arrangements for the 41st Annual General Meeting. It was decided to hold it on Thursday 9 June. It was suggested that a change of venue might be desirable, and the Charwood (ex-Tusitala) was proposed, with the fall-back option being The Steading. John woud check the availability, and announce the outcome on the website and via e-mail.

ACTION: John

(The following was submitted by e-mail the following day.) Ken suggested that the creation of a Club business card might be a good idea. It would be useful to be able to give out to interested parties, such as landowners when seeking permission. It would bear the Club logo, as well as contact e-mail and web addresses. He suggested asking Tricia Alston to design it.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at a place and date to be decided by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

Pat and Su were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm. John Barrow – 21 September 2016