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FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Wednesday 21 September 2016, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Robin Galloway. Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Rob Lee, Pat Squire.

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Bartlett and Colin Eades.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9 May 2016 were approved.

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.

- No action had been taken regarding joining ClubSport Edinburgh. It was agreed to drop this Item.
- Regarding amending the Registration Form, Rob had found a Word document, but was unsure whether it was the most up-to-date version. John would send him the version he was sure was the current version.

  ACTION: John, Rob

- The creation of a Club Survival Kit was Ongoing, and it wasn't clear to whom the Action should be allocated.

  There was a brief discssion about the availability of a defibrillator. (There had been a communication from Ewart Scott, ESOC President, on this matter.) It seemed that they cost approx. £2000 but, since it was agreed that acquisition of such an instrument was not thought to be a BOF requirement, it was decided not to pursue it. It was thought to be a good idea to identify the nearest convenient location of a defibrillator for future events.
- Revised bank forms had been completed and returned in June, to try to arrange the addition of Max as an account signatory. However, there had been no reply. It was agreed that John would send copies of the returned forms to Robin, who would try to follow up what needed to be done to get this matter resolved.

  ACTION: John, Robin

- 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.
- The Central Organising Team for the 2017 6-Days duly met in May. Pat had circulated job descriptions for the remaining unfilled positions on the COT. This Item was Complete.
- Paul was still to liaise with the Council regarding obtaining replacement plates for those damaged or lost on the Craigmillar POC.
- 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.
- The AGM was duly arranged, and took place on 9 June.

3 Secretary's Report

John mentioned the BOF EGM, scheduled for 29 October. The main item for discussion would be raising subscriptions and Levy, to counteract the effect of the cut in funding from SportEngland. John would forward the main e-mail from BOF, describing the rationale behind the EGM, and the various proposals to be considered.

ACTION: John

He would circulate the Club with details of the Barcelona City Race. being held on 5/6 November.

The appointment of Rona Lindsay to the position of Regional Development Officer for Central/South Scotland had recently been announced. It was suggested that she be invited to our next Committee Meeting.

ACTION: John

It had also been recently announced that the next European Orienteering Championships would be held in Switzerland in May 2018.

The Committee was aware that we were still without a Club Child Protection Officer. It was suggested that Barry be asked to write a Job Description, which could then be supplied to any member who responded to a Club e-mail soliciting a volunteer to take up the position.

ACTION: John

BOF had announced that, with effect from 1 January 2017, all major Event Officials would be required to have attended an Event Safety Workshop. Pat woud circulate the Club, asking for volunteers to attend such a course. Two such Courses would be held in the Central Belt in November, in Glasgow on the 7th and Edinburgh on the 21st. It was agreed that the Club would subsidise any costs involved in attending a course.

Hilary Quick had announced the availability of an updated Course Planning Workshop, suitable to be given within a Club context by any experienced planner.

4 Treasurer's Report

Following significant offline activity, it was announced that Robin Galloway had agreed to assume the role of Treasurer, in succession to Pat Bartlett.

The hand-over was largely complete. Amendment of the bank account signatories would need to be arranged.

Robin would try to calculate the amount of any surplus from the SoSOL at Calder Wood on 15 May.

It was understood that Paul had taken delivery of the new batch of SI units. It wasn't clear, however, whether the SOA grant had yet been received.

It was agreed that the Club would pay the entry fees for those attending the CompassSport Trophy Final on 16 October.

It was confirmed that the BOF Levies for the SprINTelope events had been paid. John would ask Scott Fraser to pay the Club for the amount due for Event 4 at Loretto.

ACTION: John

5 Events

Pat presented his Report.

5.1 SprINTelope

Graeme was to be thanked for organising a successful SprINTelope Series, comprising 17 events in total. The Club itself had put on 9 of these events.

5.2 SOA Championships 2017

To date, there had been no progress in identifying an Organiser for the Relays.

Max summarised the situation regarding the Championships as a whole. The original plan had been to extend the existing Gullane Dunes map to the SW, towards Aberlady, but permission for this had eventually been refused. This limited the possibility of holding both the Individual and the Relay on the same area, particularly as the inclusion of Yellowcraig to the east was also not possible. A recent development was the possibility of parking in the Archerfield Estate, which could help in providing more versatility in planning the Individual, although any per-car costs would need to be ascertained. However, it had become clear that a separate area would almost certainly be needed for the Relays; Graeme would be checking to see if Binning Wood would be suitable.

Pat Blashill of Stirling Surveys had agreed to undertake any re-surveying necessary. Efforts needed to be made to try to work out overall costs. It might be necessary to bid for either an SOA Development grant or assistance from the 6-Days fund to pay for mapping for the Relay area. Max and Robin would try to find out further information.

ACTION: Max, Robin

5.3 Other Future Events

Other possible events in 2017 were an INTrepid Weekend, a further SprINTelope Series in the summer, a SOL at Drummond Hill in October, and several more Local Events.

Lorna mentioned that the grounds of Newbattle Abbey would be suitable as a location for small events; she might ask Graeme for his advice.

Pat Squire announced that he would be taking over from Andy Paterson as SOUL Coordinator.

There was further discussion on an INTrepid Weekend in 2017. The outcome was a preference for the weekend of 14/15 October, with a SOUL event on the Saturday and the SOL at Drummond Hill on the Sunday.

Max suggested that a small event should be held in the grounds of Heriot's, before the current Headmaster retired during 2017.

6 Development

Ken reported on the current status of the Club's Development work.

He mentioned that the Club now has a lot of maps and permanent courses around Livingston, and ought to make good use of them in 2017.

The maps include Polkemmet, Howden, Eliburn, Almond Park, Calder Wood, Dechmont Law, and Almondell (to be completed). He added that the Kinneil Wood map is out of date because of new fences, and there are plans for a mountain bike track. He has also been encouraging the FVO club to update their Beecraigs map and permanent course.

The permanent courses are located at Polkemmet, Eliburn, Almond Park, Dechmont Law, and Polkemmet (to be completed).

Part of the conditions under which West Lothian Council and Awards for All supported some of the maps and permanent courses was that Local Events should be held in at least two of these areas in 2016, which has happened, and the sport be encouraged thereafter. Ken therefore suggested that a pattern be established whereby the Club stage a Local Event on the first Saturday of each month; this would fit in with the usual practice of ESOC holding an event

on each middle Saturday, and ELO using the last Saturday of the month. He hoped to begin this series on 4 March 2017. Promotional material would need to be produced to advertise the series. The Committee confirmed its support.

It was suggested that the first Saturday event could be part of the 2017 INTrepid Weekend, with a SoSOL or other event on the Sunday, at another of the maps.

Ken added that a bid for Grant Aid might be required to fund the purchase of posts, plates and maps for permanent courses at Almondell, Polkemmet (maps) and Craigmillar.

7 Mapping

Nothing to report.

8 Club Captain

Rob reported that he was about to send out another message about the CompassSport Trophy to those planning to take part. He was hoping to persuade some others to agree to enter. He had already recruited a W20 from EUOC to run for the Club. Lorna was hoping to persuade a couple of others.

Contrary to the mention in the Minutes of the last Meeting, an Interløpers-only team did take part in the Jukola Relay in Finland in June, the first time ever.

9 Training

Nothing new to report.

10 Juniors

Lorna introduced some samples of the new Club jackets. She was liaising with Rick Houghton of CompassPoint. It was anticipated that the jackets would cost approx. €35 + VAT. Other items under consideration were buffs and hats. It was agreed that any text on the jackets should be in black. Lorna would circulate the Club with this information.

Mairi and Pippa had been selected to take part in the World Schools Championships, taking place on 24-28 April 2017 in Sicily. There would also be two new members of the Heriot's team joining the Club in due course. It was suggested that they all be encouraged to apply to the Club for financial support.

11 Newsletter

The September issue was rumoured to be imminent.

12 Website

John and others were doing their best to at least keep the website up-to-date. However, the perennial problem of a lack of News items persisted.

13 Socials

Thanks were due to Ann Haley for arranging the stay at Woodlands for the Highland Wolf Weekend.

The next social occasion would be the Hallowe'en Night. Jane suggested that it should take place on the evening of Monday 31 October, probably at their house again. An activities organiser would be needed.

After this, the Club Championships and the Christmas Party would need some thought. It was suggested that perhaps the former could be held in conjunction with the ESOC SoSOL at Penicuik on 6 November.

14 Marketing

Nothing to report.

15 A.O.B.

None.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7:30pm at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

Max and Jane were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.20pm. John Barrow – 4 December 2016