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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 5 December 2016, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

In addition, the recently-appointed Regional Development Officer for Central/South Scotland, Rona Lindsay, was present.

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

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Regional Development Officer, Central/South Scotland

Rona was welcomed to the Meeting. She began by briefly describing how she saw her rôle.

Her remit was the same as that fulfilled by Johannes Petersen in the North Area. She was employed for 3.5 days each week, and her main function was to act as a liaison with Clubs, by facilitating contacts with outside bodies. Given the extended nature of the area in her remit, one suggestion was to investigate the possible appointment of a Development Officer to be responsible for INT, ELO, and ESOC, and maybe KFO.

Various issues were discussed. One concerned the retention of participants at Local Events, many of whom attended only one event. This might involve training of parents as well as children. There followed a long discussion on how to encourage new participants. One suggestion was to appoint within the Club a "new people" contact, who could follow up these one-off folk. Other approaches might involve corporate events, establishment of best practice principles, and development of websites. Help with obtaining access permissions could be provided.

A lot of what was discussed was included in the SOA Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

2 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21 September 2016 were approved.

3 Action Items

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

- John had invited Rona to the Meeting.
- John had circulated the Committee with the e-mail from BOF, detailing proposals for increases to Subscriptions and Levy to be put to the EGM on 29 October. These proposals were drafted in the light of the cut in funding to BOF from SportEngland.

- John had e-mailed Barry Owen, asking him to provide some sort of Job Description for the CCPO, but to date there had been no reply.
- Scott Fraser had transferred money to the Club's bank account to cover payment of the BOF Levy for SprINTelope 4.
- Discussion of mapping an area for the 2017 SOA Relays was deferred to "Events" and "Mapping".
- John had sent Rob the current version of the Event Registration form for updating. Max would also consult Paul.

ACTION: Rob, Max

- In view of some continuing confusion over the date of the event, Max would check what the final agreement had been for the proposed SOL at Drummond Hill in October 2017. Colin had been investigating the possibilities for parking, and had developed a "cunning plan". Robin offered to be Event Organiser.
- It was noted that the proposal to affiliate with ClubSport Edinburgh had been abandoned.
- Rob would investigate what components should constitute a Club Survival Kit. Apparently MAROC had such a kit, and consulting Jon Musgrave might be worth pursuing.

ACTION: Rob

- It was noted that the link on the Club's website to its Facebook account had now been corrected.
- New Mandate Variation forms had been received from the bank. See further under "Treasurer's Report".
- There was an Ongoing Action item for Ken to investigate the question of registering Training sessions as BOF Activities.

ACTION: Ken

- Investigations into mapping Portmore Loch were Ongoing. It was suggested that Graeme Ackland be consulted.
- Discussion on the SOA 2017 Relays was deferred until later, under "Events".
- Preparation of a Business Plan was Ongoing.

ACTION: Ken

- Paul was still to liaise with the Council regarding obtaining replacement plates for those damaged or lost on the Craigmillar POC. Ken would be asked to investigate the matter as well.
- Ken would pursue the status of the various software the Club had taken out licences for. It was suggested that a list of the various packages should be posted on the website, though of course details of software keys and passwords should not be included.

ACTION: Ken, John

- Creation of the Club History remained Ongoing.

4 Secretary's Report

John mentioned the sad, untimely passing after a short illness of Ray Heyworth, who had been a Club stalwart since the 1970s. Several Club members attended his funeral at Warriston Crematorium, and afterwards at the Toby Carvery at Lauriston Farm.

BOF had announced a Coaching Course being held in Crewe in January. It was suggested that this information be circulated to the Club. There might be the possibility of some subsidy from the Club.

ACTION: John

Paul and John had undertaken some streamlining of the Club's e-mail distribution list, removing old entries, and adding new members. There remained a couple of entries which were bouncing, although at this stage it wasn't clear why. There was also a slight problem when people who were not members of the list attempted to send to it - nothing happened, except that a message would be sent to the moderator (Paul), who might not notice it for a few days, and the originator would be unaware that the message had not been sent.

John had also kept Jane Ackland updated with details of new Club Juniors, so that she could include them in ESOA activities.

5 Treasurer's Report

Robin was waiting for the invoice from Stirling Surveys for the print run of maps for the Braidburn event on 8 October.

The invoice for the SI Base plates received by Paul was now ready for payment.

The new buffs had been received in time for the CompassSport Trophy Final, and several participants wore them. After some discussion, it was agreed to fully subsidise the buffs for those participants. Any new sales would be charged at a rate of £4.25 each. The new jackets were expected soon.

A new set of mandate variation forms had been received from the bank, and Robin was in the process of asking each prospective signatory to complete his own section, before returning the entire set to the bank.

ACTION: Robin

6 Events

Pat presented his Report.

6.1 Local Events in Livingston

Ken had proposed a series of Local Events to be held on some of the new areas around Livingston. They would be monthly, at the start of each month from March to July (thus interleaving with ESOC and ELO dates at other times in each month). The Meeting agreed with these proposals, and John would register the dates with BOF.

ACTION: John

6.2 INTrepid Weekend

There was some discussion on when to stage the 2017 INTrepid Weekend, whether in the Spring with one of the Livingston Local Events in conjunction with some other competition, or else in October when a SOUL could be combined with SOL 7 at Drummond Hill, on 28/29 October. It was agreed to plump for the latter. John would register the SOUL date with BOF.

ACTION: John

6.3 Scottish Championships 2017 - 20/21 May

Preparations for the Individual at Gullane Dunes were progressing.

Graeme Ackland was hoping to be able to stage the Relays at Binning Wood, although there were several obstacles to overcome. Colin offered to be the Organiser. Max and Robin would pursue access permissions.

ACTION: Max, Robin

6.4 Other Future Events

The Club would be putting on the Scottish Relays on 21 May, the Local Events already mentioned, and the INTrepid Weekend in late October. In addition, it was joint Lead Club for the 2017 6-Day Event in July/August. There would almost certainly be another SprINTelope Series in the Summer. In view of these commitments, and after some discussion, it was agreed not to seek a date to put on an event in the 2017 SoSOL Series. John would communicate this decision to the ESOA.

ACTION: John

7 Mapping

Some re-mapping of Gullane Dunes and Archerfield would be necessary for the Scottish Championships Individual event on 20 May 2017. There would also be some re-mapping of whichever area was finally chosen for the Relays the following day.

Colin mentioned that, for SOL 7 on 29 October 2017, the existing map of Drummond Hill was still quite accurate. However, inevitably some updating would be required.

8 Development

Nothing further to report from the Minutes of the last Meeting.

9 Club Captain

Since the last Meeting, the Club had been victorious in the CompassSport Trophy Final, held at Tankersley on 16 October.

Rob reported that he had entered the Club for the 2017 competition, the Final for which would be held near Plymouth. He made the point that, if a strategic number of families could agree well in advance that they would be able to attend the Final, this would provide the minimum number of 13 scoring competitors. This, of course, pre-supposed that the Club would progress through the qualifying event, which was to be organised by KFO at Tentsmuir on 12 March 2017.

No action would be needed on compiling Relay teams until well into the New Year.

10 Training

Nothing new to report.

11 Juniors

Mairi mentioned that Alex and Freddie Carcas had been invited to join the BOF Talent Squad.

The new Club jackets had been ordered. Thanks were due to Lorna and Mairi for pushing ahead with this initiative.

It was also mentioned that the ESOA Junior Training sessions had re-started, the first being held at the Royal High School on 19 November. Bill Stevenson and Maureen Brown were now the Organisers.

12 Newsletter

Mary had reported that she had insufficient material for a Newsletter this month. Accordingly, she would hold over the next issue until the New Year.

She had also indicated her wish to stand down at the 2017 AGM.

13 Website

John and others were continuing to to try keep the website up-to-date. However, the perennial problem of a lack of News items persisted, with a few exceptions.

14 Socials

Thanks were due to Jane for organising the excellent Hallowe'en Party and Maze on 31 October.

23 members attended a most enjoyable meal at Illegal Jack's on 28 November.

The next social occasion would be the Club Championships, held in conjunction with EUOC's Big Weekend on 20-22 January 2017. The prize-giving and Party would be held on the Sunday evening.

15 Marketing

Nothing to report.

16 A.O.B.

Rob mentioned that the first closing date for 6-Days 2017 entries would be 31 January 2017.
Pat was keen to find someone who could design the coaster for the same event.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 27 February 2017 at 7:30pm at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

Max and Jane were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.18pm. John Barrow – 16 February 2017