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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FIRST YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 27 February 2017, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

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

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 5 December 2016 were approved.

2 Action Items

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

- John had circulated the Club with details of the BOF Coaching Course in January.
- The series of Local Events had been registered.
- The SOUL event on 28 October had been registered.
- The ESOA had been informed of the Club's decision not to put on a SoSOL event in 2017.
- Barry Owen had responded, and had provided a Job Description for the CCPO which had now been posted on the website.
- The issue of mapping for the 2017 SOA Relays had now moved on significantly (details later in these Minutes), so the Item regarding liaising with Stirling Surveys had been superseded. It was noted that the Weekend's finances would be handled by Simon Firth, the ESOC Treasurer.
- The revision of the Event Registration form was still Ongoing. Rob would liaise with Jane C.

ACTION: Rob, Jane C

- It had been confirmed that the Club's SOL event would take place at Drummond Hill on 29 October. Robin would try to obtain permission from the Forestry Commission. It was noted that at present no Controller had been appointed, so it was suggested that an approach be made to Rob Hickling (the SOA's Controller of Controllers).

ACTION: Robin, Colin

- Investigations into what components should constitute a Club Survival Kit were Ongoing. Rob had still to get in touch with Jon Musgrave.

ACTION: Rob

- The required signatories on the bank account had now been approved by the Bank of Scotland.
- 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.
- See under "Events" for a discussion on the status of the 2017 SOA Relays.
- Preparation of a Business Plan was Ongoing.

ACTION: Ken, Max

- 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.

ACTION: Paul, Ken

- 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.

3 Secretary's Report

John reported that he had recently received a cheque from the SOA Treasurer, Ian McIntyre, for Gift Aid on members' subscriptions to the SOA, which had been registered as a Charity a few years ago.

Early in 2014, when the offer of refund of Gift Aid to Clubs had been announced, the Club's adult tax-payers were asked to complete forms in order to apply for Gift Aid. However, after three attempts to persuade members by e-mail, the number of responses had been so poor that it was felt that no further action should be taken.

This recent cheque had re-kindled the idea that applying for Gift Aid should be resurrected, and John had submitted claims on behalf of those who had completed forms in 2014. The SOA had made a claim form available on their website, so that it was now much easier for individual members to submit their applications. Indeed, the existence of this form had been announced in the January and February on-line Monthly News from the SOA. John would try to find out who in the Club had submitted claims, and try to persuade the remainder of the Club's tax payers to apply.

ACTION: John

A batch of certificates for the 2016 SOL Series had been received, and John would distribute these in due course. Similarly, he had received notification from Robin Strain of certificates for the 2016 SoSOL Series; these had been downloaded, and re-distributed to the winners.

ACTION: John

John then summarised the status of membership renewals, and mentioned those who had yet to rejoin. He had e-mailed the parents of the four Juniors yet to renew, and had also notified Jane Ackland of these members in her capacity as Junior Coordinator. There were also several Seniors yet to renew who had been e-mailed, and some of those present offered suggestions as to how to follow these up. John also mentioned that two new Family groups had joined the Club from ESOC, the Dalgleish and Ward families.

As an aside, it was suggested that, subject to parents' permission, e-mail addresses of some Juniors could be included on the Club's distribution list. John would e-mail the list, asking for suggestions for additional inclusions.

ACTION: John

Rona Lindsay had been in touch, asking whether the Club could provide a presence at the Mid and East Lothian Schools competition events on Wednesday 3 May at Vogrie, and Thursday 1 June at Musselburgh Lagoons. The intention would be to help the organisers, and to advise parents/teachers/pupils about the local orienteering scene, with a view to improving the take-up of school competitors into Clubs. John would e-mail the Club to see if anyone could help (bearing in mind that these two dates were mid-week).

ACTION: John

John mentioned that the SOA AGM would be held at the Golf Inn, Gullane, at 5:30pm on Saturday 20 May.

Ted Finch had been in touch, advising that the 2018 Harvester Trophy event had yet to be allocated, and wondering if the extensive mapping of Livingston would provide a possible venue, organised as a collaborative venture between INT and FVO. He himself offered to act as local liaison. The Meeting felt that some further clarification was needed. It wasn't clear at this stage what date the event would take place, there being no entry in the Fixtures database.

Finally, John announced that EUOC had accepted an offer to use Riccarton for their SoSOL on 19 November 2017, to incorporate the ESOA Championships.

4 Treasurer's Report

The invoices for the new buffs and jackets had been paid. The items were now available at £4.25 and £32 respectively (although the buffs were free to those who took part in the CompassSport Trophy Final).

The new mandate for the bank account had finally been accepted by the bank, and Max and Robin were now official signatories, in addition to John and Ken.

Graeme Ackland had secured a Lottery Grant for £2400, to cover mapping and publicity for the SOA Championships, as well as for this year's SprINTelope Series. The money would be shared between several Clubs, principally ESOC, ELO, and INT. Graeme was to be thanked for his efforts in obtaining the Grant. A consequence of this Grant was that no charge would be levied for the use of the maps at the Championships.

5 Events

Pat presented his Report.

5.1 Local Events in Livingston

Several volunteers had come forward, offering to take up positions of either Planner or Organiser at these Local Events. There followed some discussion about the proposed Events in September and October, as well as a new date on 4 November.

FVO had offered to organise the event at Beecraigs on 7 October on our behalf. However, there was now a feeling that some of these Autumn dates should feature events in the Edinburgh area. This partly depended on whether Firrhill H.S. would hold another Open Evening, with a possible consequence that the Club could stage a Local Event at Braidburn Valley Park as a follow-up. Eventually, it was decided to retain the 2 September date at Eliburn, and put on events on 7 October and 4 November in Edinburgh (whether at Braidburn Valley Park, Colinton Dell, Craigmillar Woods, or elsewhere).

Pat had been investigating preparing a flier to advertise these Local Events, and had ascertained that a print run of 500 would cost approx. £50. Robin agreed that this sum would be fine.

5.2 Scottish Relay Championships - 21 May

Arrangements for this event, to be held at Binning Wood, were beginning to crystallise. Anne Thom had been appointed Day Organiser for the Individual, and had begun to organise various functions which would be set up in common with the Relays (such as toilets). Max offered to be Organiser, and John would add this appointment to the BOF registration. Updating of the map would be covered by the Lottery Grant, referred to earlier. Agreement had been reached with a farmer for the use of a field for parking, and it appeared that there would be no charge.

5.3 INTrepid Weekend

There was some discussion on the choice of venue for the SOUL on 28 October. There had been a suggestion that Graham Gristwood's map of Grangemouth could be used; however, this was discounted, partly because the area was a bit small and uninteresting, and partly because of the initial charge that Graham had suggested for the use of his map. Eventually, it was agreed to try to find an area in Livingston which should prove more suitable. Oleg Chepelin had offered to be Planner.

6 Mapping

This subject had been covered in the discussions about Events.

7 Development

Lorna Eades and Jane Carcas would represent the Club at the SOA Development Summit on 1 April, to be held at Dounans Outdoor Education Centre, Aberfoyle.

8 Club Captain

Rob had circulated the Club that evening with the details of this year's CompassSport Trophy Scottish Heat, to be staged by KFO at Tentsmuir on 12 March. He gave a description of the courses available, and offered advice to members contemplating entering, stressing that the closing date was 5 March.

He pointed out that entries for forthcoming Relay events would soon need to be considered. The JK Relays were being held at Pippingford Park in the Ashdown Forest, near Uckfield, East Sussex, on 17 April, and entries close on 19 March. The next event would be the British Relays, taking place at Summer House Knott in the Lake District on 7 May; entries close on 16 April. The SOA Relays, organised by the Club, would be run at Binning Wood, near Tyninghame in East Lothian on 21 May. Finally, the Harvester Relays take place on 25 June, also in The Lakes. Rob would ask Mary to include this information in the next Newsletter.

9 Juniors

John mentioned that he had included the dates of this term's ESOA Junior Training sessions on the website.

10 Newsletter

Mary had set a copy date of Friday 3 March for the next issue of the Club Newsletter.

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

11 Website

Max thanked John for his continuing efforts to keep the website up-to-date. It was noted that Graeme had submitted a News item about a recent training week in Lanzarote which several members had attended. There had also been an Item describing the 2016 Club Championships, held in conjunction with EUOC's Big Weekend urban race on the weekend of 20-22 January. On the Events page, the programmes of 2017 Local Events and the Sprintelope Series had been announced.

12 Socials

The Club's Christmas/New Year Party on 22 January had been a great success.

The next social event would probably be a Barbecue at the 6-Days, perhaps in Ballater.

13 Marketing

Nothing to report.

14 A.O.B.

Robin asked Max to sign a bank form, authorising the setting up of internet access to the Club's bank account. The intention would be for Max and John to have read-only access, while Robin would have authority to make transactions on the account.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7:30pm at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

Max and Jane were thanked for their hospitality once again.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm. John Barrow – 7 March 2017