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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 6 November 2017, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland and Mairi Eades.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4 September 2017 were approved.

2 Action Items

The Action Items spreadsheet had been previously distributed. It was agreed to deal with these as they occurred during the course of the Meeting, following the usual agenda.

3 Secretary's Report

John mentioned the BOF EGM and Association/Club Conference, both held in Leeds on Saturday 14 October. He had decided not to circulate the membership with this news, nor with the item regarding Junior Away Days, since every member would have received notice of them anyway; the proposed business of the EGM had very little relevance to the Club, and it was felt that the Away Days were all too remote to interest our Juniors.

For 2018, the SOA was introducing another tier to the membership structure. The concept of "SOA-only" membership was being re-introduced. In the recent past, this was not an option. However, members could now choose it, since it offered the chance to participate in events throughtout Scotland at discounted entry fees, without having to pay the BOF affiliation fee. There would also be an SOA Public Liability insurance policy. The full list of benefits, and restrictions, was available on the SOA website at https://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/membership. John would circulate the membership, highlighting this membership option for those who were unlikely to need to join BOF, particularly those who wanted an introductory level of membership, say, after attending 3 Local Events. It was suggested that the Club membership form be amended appropriately.

ACTION: John

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that the Accounts for 2016/17 had now been signed off by the Auditor.

He mentioned that there were still some bills to be paid and expenses claims settled for the recent INTrepid Weekend. The entry fee money from Fabian4 would not be received until the end of November. The overall surplus would be influenced by several factors, including accounts to be paid to the farmer and the Forestry Commission, expenses claims from officials, the loss of two SI units, and the need to provide disinfectant at the SOL.

The sales of Club kit were quite healthy.

There had been several instances of SI equipment going missing. Paul would be arranging for replacement items to be purchased.

Ken asked about funding for new mapping in the Livingston area, and wondered if a Grant Bid should be pursued.

Katherine Ivory had mentioned that her employer occasionally made awards to sporting bodies, and had wondered if the Club could take advantage of this scheme. It was suggested that acquiring flyers for the 2018 Local Event series could benefit from this. Unfortunately, the latest deadline of 26 October had been missed, although it might be that we could take advantage of the next one, which could be expected to be in the New Year.

Jane suggested that it might be advantageous to put out a call among the membership for unused SI dibbers to be handed in, since these could be re-programmed for newer members.

Max offered the thanks of the Club to Colin, Robin, Murray and Graham for their efforts in Organising and Planning the events at the INTrepid Weekend.

It was noted that EUOC had been informed, via Alex Carcas, of the Club's offer of free membership for students.

5 Events

Pat had submitted his Report before the Meeting.

The issue of following up non-members who had supplied their e-mail addresses at Local Events was discussed. It was suggested that it should be fairly straightforward and not too time-consuming to add such addresses to a spreadsheet, which could be interrogated by a clever piece of HTML to prepare an e-mailing list. As a start, the addresses of the punters who attended the Mortonhall and Braidburn Valley events should be obtained, and communicated to Jane.

ACTION: John

There was some discussion on the choice of a date for the Club's SOL in 2018. The dates in the programme were listed in the previous Meeting's minutes, and there were not many suitable dates remaining. It was felt that 9 September was too early in theAutumn, and 8 April was in the middle of the school holidays. Accordingly, it was agreed to apply for 29 April, at a venue yet to be determined. John would check with Paul.

ACTION: John

The programme of Local Events listed in the previous Minutes was largely agreed, with a few changes in the venue order (as shown in an update to Pat's Report).

Consideration of choosing a date for the SOUL event then ensued. It was agreed that it should be held in conjunction with a Local Event later in the Autumn, and paired with a SoSOL to form an INTrepid Weekend. (It was noted that the CompassSport Trophy Final would be held near Stafford on 21 October.) It might require a further alteration in the Local Event locations (which had been set up to provide for venues alternating between Edinburgh and Livingston). Eventually it was decided to organise the SOUL at a Livingston venue, and to apply to hold the SoSOL at Dechmont Law, both on the weekend of 3/4 November.

John would register all the Local Event and SoSOL dates in the BOF database.

ACTION: John

The question of applying for a date in the 2019 SOL series ws briefly discussed, with the probable intention of holding the event at Drummond Hill, subject to capercaillie restrictions. These would be checked. Paul would be approached at the earliest opportunity to try to reserve a date.

ACTION: John

6 Marketing

The subject of creating a Club Welcome Pack was discussed. Ken mentioned the SOA Welcome Pack, designed for new members, and described some of the contents. John said that he had at least one such pack at home, and agreed to dig it out and inform the Committee of its full contents. Ken went on to suggest the sort of material which should probably be included in the Club Pack. He would take this on, liaise with Katherine, and report back to the next Meeting.

ACTION: John, Ken

Ken mentioned that Brendan Parsons, a geography teacher at Deans CHS, had now been given the stock of Eliburn Park maps. He intended to use them to take pupils on tours around the park, to show how maps related to the ground, but not to indulge specifically in orienteering. It was suggested that the Club could benefit from being publicised at the school, and that they could be informed about the Club's website and Facebook page.

It was suggested, and agreed, that funds could be made available for a flyer for the 2018 Local Event series.

It was suggested that advantage might be taken of the various local Newsletters to try to spread the word about the Local Events. However, it was pointed out that there was no guarantee that any material supplied would appear in print.

7 Mapping

Ken mentioned that he was interested in five small areas around Livingston which he felt should be mapped. Graeme had agreed to have a look round at least two of them.

8 Development

Nothing to report.

9 Club Captain

Rob was offered congratulations on bringing together the Club Team which successfully defended its CompassSport Trophy title at Virtuous Lady, near Yelverton, on 21 October. It had been announced that Murray Strain had been awarded a one-third share in the Golden Boot.

The 2018 Final, assuming we qualified at the SOA heat on 11 March, would be held near Stafford on 21 October.

10 Juniors

Several Club members were part of the East Area team at the Inter-Area Championships on 28/29 October.

11 Newsletter

Graeme was congratulated, *in absentia*, on his first issue as Editor.

12 Website

As a stop-gap measure, John had added names of the Committee, without any link to their e-mail addresses. However, it was believed that there was some code which could be included to provide these links, without compromising security.

It was also suggested that a Gallery page could be set up, as was the case on the old site. (This was subsequently done a few days after the Meeting.)

13 Socials

A scary Hallowe'en Party was held on the evening of 4 November. Grateful thanks were due to Jane and Max for hosting this once again. Thanks were also due to the Eades family for organising the maze.

It was suggested that a Christmas/New Year Party be held. After some thought, the date of 3 February 2018 was agreed, and probably to be hosted at 5 Strathearn Road.

There was some discussion about the Club Championships. It was understood that last year's Champion was Ben Ross. It was suggested that this year's Championships could be incorporated into the ESOA Championships, being organised by EUOC at Riccarton on 19 November. John would check with the Ross family.

ACTION: John

14 A.O.B.

The next Committee Meeting was to have been held on Monday 5 February 2018 at 7:30pm, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. **This date was subsequently changed to Monday 12 February 2018, at the same time and venue.**

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm. John Barrow –11 February 2018