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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY SECOND YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 12 February 2018, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland, Jane Carcas (and presumably Colin Eades and Mairi Eades).

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 6 November 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

It wasn't clear whether it would be possible, or even necessary, to amend the Club's membership form to accommodate SOA-only members, since potential members could already indicate what level they wanted to join at. In addition, word had clearly got around, since four members had already joined directly at SOA-only level, including two new members.

It was pointed out that, although SOA-only members could not qualify in the CompassSport Trophy Final, they would be eligible to count in the SOA qualifying round.

John had sent out a reminder to those BOF members (4 Senior and 12 Junior) who had not yet renewed for 2018. There were also several Club-only members who had not yet renewed.

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that there had not been much recent activity. The current balance in the Club's account was £13,333.

He mentioned that most transactions involving the recent SOUL and SOL events were now complete. He anticipated that the surpluses for the events would be approx. £100 and £1000 respectively.

He announced that the Club's Auditor, Ben Bate, had intimated that he would prefer to relinquish the rôle. Robin had presented him with a bottle of whisky as a token of the Club's thanks. As a replacement, Robin mentioned that

a neighbour might be able to take on the position. Otherwise, it was suggested that Ben or Heather Hartman might be interested (Heather was already the ESOA's Auditor).

There was some discussion about applying for a grant from Katherine Ivory's company. No bid was made for the January deadline. It was felt that any bid should be for more than simply a one-off purchase of equipment (such as a new banner, or the printing of flyers for the Local Event series), and more for something like an overall Local Events package which could be shown to be benefitting the community. It was agreed to try to put together a bid, probably in time to submit it for the April deadline.

ACTION: Robin

5 Events

Pat had submitted his Report before the Meeting.

He reported that in principle all events in the Local Event programme had approval from the relevant landowners (although formal approval for Braidburn Valley was still awaited). Planners and Organisers had been identified for the first two events.

Graeme Ackland had e-mailed the Club, mentioning that ELO had already reserved five dates for Sprintelope events, between 18 April and 13 June, and asking Club members to volunteer to stage other events in the Series on Wednesday evenings up to mid-August.

In addition to the event programme for 2018 outlined in Pat's paper, a request had been lodged with the SOA Fixtures Secretary (Paul Caban) to bid for an event in the 2019 SOL Series, specifically 13 October of that year at Drummond Hill.

As a follow-up to the identifying of non-members who had attended the Braidburn and Mortonhall Local Events in late 2017, it was suggested that they all be informed about the forthcoming Local Events.

ACTION: Max

Ken suggested that, in the context of the Local Events in West Lothian, it might be helpful if our website included a link to the WLC site, and the Council would be encouraged to set up a link to our website.

ACTION: John, Ken

Max had produced a revised Event Registration form which he suggested should be used at all future Local and Regional events.

6 Marketing

Ken had discussed the make-up of a Club Welcome Pack with Katherine, and they had come up with some recommendations. He would produce a trial Pack in time for the first Local Event on 3 March. John had received a number of small folding cards showing examples of pictorial control descriptions, sent by the SOA at Glenmore Lodge. Ken suggested that these cards would be ideal for inclusion in the Welcome Packs.

ACTION: Ken

7 Mapping

Ken mentioned that he wanted to map five small areas around Livingston, namely Ravenscraig, Fauldhouse, Pumpherston, Campridge, and Whitrigg and Blaeberry Hill. He was working on an Awards For All bid to assist in tnis endeavour. There was also the continuing possibility of the development of Portmore Loch. Ken also showed round a leaflet advertising Glendevon Woodland Trust in south-east Perthshire, an area which could prove interesting. (John mentioned that he had competed at Glendevon in the distant past, using photocopied OS maps.)

Max reported that, as part of the 2019 6-Days event, the map of Culteuchar would be updated.

Further into the future, there was a possibility that Riccarton might be in line as one of the areas to be considered for the WOC Sprint in 2022. If so, any plans for INT, ESOC or EUOC to use the area would be affected by what would almost certainly be a two-year embargo.

8 Development

Nothing to report.

9 Club Captain

Rob announced that the Club had been entered for the 2018 CompassSport Trophy event. The SOA qualifying round would be held on 11 March at Beecraigs. 11 Scottish clubs had entered the Trophy event. The first two teams would qualify for the Final, to be held on 21 October near Rugeley. However, if INT were 1st or 2nd, then a third club would also qualify. Rob would send out an e-mail to the Club, emphasising that individuals must enter the Beecraigs event themselves.

ACTION: Rob

The first of the major Relays in the year would be the JK, being held on 2 April at Beaudesert in Staffordshire. Entries close on 4 March.

The British Relays would take place on Deeside on Sunday 20 May, while the SOA Relays would be held on the following Sunday, 27 May, at Roseisle.

Other possible Relays included Jukola on 16-17 June at Lahti-Hollola just north of Helsinki, and the Harvester on 24 June, near Crawley. Max would try to gauge interest in forming a Club team for Jukola.

ACTION: Max

10 Juniors

Nothing to report.

11 Newsletter

A further issue from the Ackland stable appeared in December (apparently prepared at great personal effort on a flight to South Africa, followed by a fight with the internet).

12 Website

Appropriate code had been included in the Committee list to enable e-mail addresses to be shown in a secure manner. Two of those present reported that they had recently received messages sent to the links shown on the web page.

As mentioned in the previous Minutes, a Gallery page had now been established, although it was fairly sparsely populated at present. Ken mentioned that, in the old website, there had been a link to the Club's Flickr archive, but that this had not been ported to the new site. John would investigate the situation, and try to set up the link once again.

ACTION: John

John also mentioned that he had added extra material to the front page, in the form of a list of forthcoming European events, and a section describing the BOF Incentive Awards scheme and those Club members who had already qualified in 2018.

13 Socials

A very enjoyable Christmas/New Year/Spring Party was held chez Carcas on Sunday 4 February. The 2017 Club Champion had previously been announced as Laurence Ward, and he was presented with the trophy.

It was suggested that some sort of social gathering might be held in conjunction with the Scottish Championships in Nairn on the weekend of 26-27 May.

14 A.O.B.

Max had been in discussion with Richard Oxlade, the SOA's Strategy Director, about a forthcoming Conference/Workshop to be held at Fordell Firs on Saturday 28 April. To this end, a consultation exercise had begun, seeking the views of SOA members on how to achieve the aim of the SOA "to foster, encourage, promote and develop" orienteering within Scotland. Max intended to attend this Conference. Several discussion points were mentioned, including holding events designed to attract corporate sponsorship. and the coordination of obtaining access permissions (part of the SOA Events Manager's remit).

He also mentioned that he had had several e-mails from Rona Lindsay on various topics, although it seemed that these messages had not been sent to anyone else on the Committee. Rona would be asked to add the names of the other Committee members to her distribution list.

John mentioned that he would be on holiday in Australia from 22 February until 29 March, although still in e-mail contact.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 30 April 2018 at 7:30pm, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm. John Barrow –16 February 2018