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FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 17 September 2018, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apart from a minor spelling mistake, the Minutes of the Meeting of 30 April 2018 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 had not obtained 10 Welcome Packs from the SOA. He would do so.

ACTION: John

The Club renewal documents had been received from BOF. John would complete the Return and Club Contacts forms, and send them to BOF. Robin would arrange to transfer the Club affiliation fee by direct bank transfer.

ACTION: John, Robin

It was generally assumed that the Club was now conforming to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

It was also assumed that the current version of the Event Registration form was satisfactory, and that the long-running Action Item could now be written off.

It was confirmed that Pippa Carcas would be willing to act as the Club's Junior Representative.

It had been formally announced in August that Edinburgh would play host to the World Sprint-O Championships in 2022. Max had attended a meeting with Colin Matheson and representatives of the other Edinburgh Clubs to discuss issues arising from possible embargoes on the use of popular city areas. In particular, EUOC were concerned about any restrictions involving Holyrood Park. It might be feasible to seek partial exemption from the IOF.

EUOC had been in touch regarding identifying possible Controllers for their Big Weekend in January 2019.

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin now had full copies of the audited accounts for 2017/18. As hinted at during the AGM, the Club's finances remained healthy.

He would arrange to transfer the Club's 2019 Affiliation Fee to BOF. It was noted that the fee was now £60, after having been £46 for many years.

The forthcoming First Aid courses, arranged by the ESOA, would cost £35 per person. The ESOA had already agreed to subsidise this fee by £20 per person. The Club would pay the remaining £15 for those members of the Club attending.

Robin reported that the promised grant of £750 from Registers of Scotland had now been received. It was proposed to buy 3 event banners (£250), and to set aside £150 for the preparation of Club Welcome Packs. The remainder would be directed towards map updates, publicity, and flyers. Ken would advise Robin of those Club maps which already bore the RoS logo.

LIDAR could be used to provide contours to superimpose on existing maps to create new base maps. Ken recommended that £250 be earmarked for producing new maps, using Stirling Surveys. He suggested choosing a Livingston and an Edinburgh permanent course map, adding the RoS logo, and then printing 50 of each area. Ken would contact WLC regarding map replacements.

5 Events

Pat had submitted his Report before the Meeting.

He mentioned the participation numbers for recent Local Events. There were 74 at Colinton Dell in May, 31 at The King's Buildings in July, and 23 at Pathhead in August. There were also 65 at the final SprINTelope at Astley Ainslie, also in August.

It was confirmed that Ken would be Organiser for the SoSOL at Dechmont Law on 4 November. At this stage, no Controllers had been appointed for the INTrepid Weekend. It was suggested that Paul could do the honours for the SoSOL, and maybe Ewart Scott would be interested in the SOUL at Eliburn. Max would ask him.

ACTION: Max

The question of Pre-Entries was discussed. Now that O-Entries no longer existed, possibilities included Fabian-4, or SPORTident, or maybe Chris Smithard. Paul woud be asked to investigate these possibilities, and liaise with Robin. Graham McIntyre had offered to set up the use of SPORTident for the Weekend.

Our involvement in the 2019 6-Days was also discussed. At this stage, it seemed that the Club needed to find a Planner for Day 6 at Grandtully, as well as being Organising Club for Day 4 at Culteuchar and Dron. Max had offered to be the Day 6 Planner.

[Subsequent to the Meeting, arrangements regarding Day responsibilities had changed again, and the Club would now provide the Day 4 Planner, as well as the Organising Team. Max was happy to assume the Planning responsibility for Culteuchar and Dron.]

The implications of Pat Squire's impending "retirement" also needed to be discussed.

Graeme had offered to organise the SprINTelope programme for 2019. In addition, Ken was devoting some thought to the Local Event programme. He suggested the following:

- 2 March at Craigmillar
- 6 April at Calder Wood (the FVO Mixed Team Relay was on 7 April)
- 4 May at Colinton Dell
- 1 June at Almondell
- 6 July at Eliburn
- (nothing in August - 6-Days)
- 7 September at Braidburn (same w/e as Score/SOL)

At this stage, we had a date of 13 October for our SOL at Drummond Hill, so it was thought unworkable to put on a Local Event the previous weekend.

It was noted that the JK would take place on 19-22 April in South Central.

Max expressed the grateful thanks of the Club to Pat for his sterling efforts over the past four years.

It was suggested that a Job Description for the Events Organiser would be very useful, and Pat was asked to write one.

ACTION: Pat

6 Marketing

Nothing to report.

7 Mapping

Largely covered in the discussion on funding in the Treasurer's Report.

Max would try to find out whether Graeme had managed to have a look at Portmore Loch.

ACTION: Max

8 Club Captain

Rob reported that he had been trying to raise a team to take part in the CompassSport Trophy Final at Cannock Chase on 21 October. He was currently short of M21s - the names of Megan Mowbray, Peter Gardner, Scott Fraser and Oleg Chepelin were mentioned. Colin said that he and Lorna had been trying to allocate potential participants to appropriate courses.

9 Juniors

Nothing to report.

10 Newsletter

Graeme had recently released Issue 180.

11 Website

John felt that the information on the site was a bit thin. It really needed input from others to pad it out a bit more. However, he had tried to keep the details which were there as up-to-date as possible.

12 Socials

Jane mentioned that she was planning to organise a Hallowe'en Party for Wednesday 31 October, based at 5 Strathearn Road.

13 A.O.B.

BOF had recently announced the creation of an Agreement with MOD. Max would try to follow up on the implications for the use of local MOD land.

ACTION: Max

Ken wondered if the Club should be offering free membership for the first year to new M/W 20/21s, i.e. to students who might be about to graduate. Such members would be likely to be potential team members.

He was concerned about protecting the Club's interests with West Lothian Council, when taking on the mapping of new areas.

Lastly, he wondered whether the Club should consider becoming a Limited Company. However, it was generally felt that the potential advantages would be outweighed by the disadvantages.

There was a brief mention of the launch of the SOA's Club Accreditation scheme. Not much was known about this among those present. However, it was felt that an investigation of the scheme should be carried out by perusing the SOA website.

ACTION: John, Max

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 26 November 2018 at 5 Strathearn Road at 7.30pm.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality once again.

The Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

John Barrow – 18 November 2018