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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 26 November 2018, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Jane Carcas (later), Max Carcas, Pippa Carcas, Ken Daly, Rob Lee, and Pat Squire.

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland, Colin Eades, and Robin Galloway.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 September 2018 were approved.

2 Action Items

These would be dealt with as the Meeting progressed through the Agenda.

3 Secretary's Report

John had now obtained the 10 Welcome Packs from the SOA.

Two new members had joined the Club. Amius Marshall De'Ath and Eunus Rehman were at George Heriot's with Angus Ivory, and, together with Tommy Thin and perhaps Tomas Macdonald, they would form their school team to compete at the 2019 World Schools Championships in Estonia.

Max pointed out that his meeting with Colin Matheson and reps from other Edinburgh Clubs (referred to in the previous Minutes), regarding possible embargoes for the 2022 World Sprints, was very informal. However, he would be meeting the official IOF representative, Daniel Leibundgut, in the coming week to discuss the issues.

Craig Anthony from BOF had contacted all Club Chairs and Secretaries, announcing the availability of some new software to provide displays of statistics on both Club membership and events held over specified periods, for both individual Clubs and Associations. Max demonstrated the displays to the Meeting.

Following EUOC's request for Controllers for their Big Weekend in January, Graeme Ackland had offered to officiate at the classic race on the Sunday.

4 Treasurer's Report

Nine Club members attended the recent First Aid course. They had been encouraged to copy their newly-acquired certificates to BOF so that the qualifications database could be updated.

Lorna would be contacted to see if she could make arrangements to purchase the three banners, being bought from the RoS grant.

ACTION: ?, Lorna

Helpers at the recent INTrepid Weekend were encouraged to submit any expenses claims with alacrity.

5 Events

Pat had submitted his final Report before the Meeting, together with a Job Description for the Events Coordinator.

Max offered his congratulations to all who helped at the recent successful INTrepid Weekend.

Max would write to Katherine Ivory, expressing the Club's thanks for organising the recent Junior Inter-Area Relays. It was noted that Angus organised a very enjoyable quiz at the Youth Hostel.

ACTION: Max

It was mentioned that arrangements for the 2019 Scottish Night Championships, being held at East Links/Hedderwick Hill, were in hand. Caspian Richards was the Planner and Paul Caban the Organiser. It was hoped that ESOC could provide a Controller.

There was some discussion about this year's Club Championships. After a little research, it was discovered that Laurence Ward had won the 2017 event. Consequently, Claire and Ray would be contacted to see if they could dream up something for this year. As for an event to piggy-back on, it was suggested that the FVO SoSOL on 16 December at Barr Wood might be suitable.

ACTION: Max

It was noted that the original suggestion to use the date of 13 October for our 2019 SOL event had been amended; it would now be on 8 September, still at Drummond Hill. It was noted that a Planner and an Organiser needed to be identified. There was a query over whether the Planner and Controller would be able to visit the area while capercaillie restrictions were still in force (supposedly due to end on 31 August). Max would seek advice from Colin Matheson.

ACTION: Max

Max confirmed that he and Robin would be Planners for Day 4 at next year's 6-Days, and that the Club would be Lead Organisers on the same day (at Culteuchar and Dron), Thursday 1 August 2019.

There was discussion on whether, and when, to hold a SoSOL event in 2019. Paul had suggested a list of possible dates, but John unfortunately had forgotten to circulate this list to the Committee. He would do so.

ACTION: John

Ken was keen to see his updated map of Kinneil used, so it was suggested that this area could serve as a venue. If there were a date available in May, the Meeting recommended that this be selected.

There was further discussion on the possible dates for Saturday Local Events in 2019. Of the dates mentioned in the last Minutes, those of 2 March, 6 April, 1 June, 6 July, and 7 September were thought to be OK. 4 May might be a problem, since this was the weekend of the British Championships in Yorkshire. However, the programme could be augmented by using 5 October, perhaps at Mortonhall, since the date of our SOL had been moved away from October. It was noted that Paul's maps and courses for Craigmillar could be used next year, since the event planned for earlier this year was snowed off. Ken would try to finalise the list, send out an e-mail, and John could then register the events.

ACTION: Ken, John

Graeme had offered to organise the SprINTelope programme for 2019.

Paul had recently distributed a list of possible dates for SOLs in 2020. After some discussion, it was agreed to apply for the date of 6 September, probably at Gullane. John would reply to Paul accordingly.

ACTION: John

Paul had also approached the ESOA Clubs regarding the staging of the SOA Championships in 2020. There had been an approach from landowners on Bute to hold an event on the island. Areas had been investigated, and were thought to be "excellent". It seemed that they would be prepared to put up the mapping costs, expected to be at least £3K. However, if (as was now being suggested) the event were the SOA Championships, there would need to be a Relay event, and this could take the mapping costs to nearer £5K. It wasn't clear whether the landowners would be prepared to agree to covering the increased costs. Major factors to be considered were the logistics of holding the event on an island, local accommodation, and organising a major event at a (considerable) distance. There may prove to be an obstacle in that the ferry from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay, although frequent, had a maximum capacity of 50 cars.

The subject had been briefly discussed at a recent ESOA Committee Meeting, at which it was generally expected to involve quite some difficulty, although not insurmountable. Ken and Max would pursue the idea with Paul and with Chris Smithard (representing Masterplan Adventure), who had already undertaken a reconnaissance of the areas. In principle, the Club was interested in the idea, but really needed more information to make an informed decision. Ken would formulate a reply, and send it to John for forwarding.

ACTION: Max, Ken

John mentioned that, at the recent ESOA Meeting, Janet Clark had described a scale of entry fees which ESOC intended to charge at future Local Events. ELO had expressed an interest in this, and Janet had copied the details to them and to INT. Unfortunately John had omitted to bring the details with him. However, he felt that it would be a good idea if the charges at all ESOA Local Events conformed to a consistent pattern. He would circulate the suggested fees to the Committee after the Meeting.

ACTION: John

Pat raised the topic of the SOUL Series for 2019, and wondered if the Club wanted to put on an event in the Series. It was suggested that we could combine a SOUL with either the SOL or a SoSOL, to make next year's INTrepid Weekend. The dates of either 8/9 June or 7/8 September were suggested. Pat stressed that a date should be selected fairly soon, preferably before the end of the year.

Max would apply some thought to trying to identify a new Events Coordinator.

ACTION: Max

There was a suggeston that the duties mentioned in Pat's draft Job Description should be separated into Personnel Recruitment, Dates and Access, and Marketing.

6 Marketing

A leaflet would need to be produced to advertise the 2019 Local Event series.

The Club's Twitter handle should be identified on the website.

ACTION: John

There was some concern that ESOC had been distributing flyers at INT events which included ESOC membership forms. Max would write suggesting that this practice was a bit unfair.

ACTION: Max

7 Mapping

Max had yet to contact Graeme Ackland regarding Portmore Loch.

ACTION: Max

8 Club Captain

As was by now common knowledge, the Club was triumphant in the CompassSport Trophy Final, held at Cannock Chase on 21 October. This was the Club's third win in a row. Colin and Lorna had sorted out who should run in which course. Thanks were due to them, and to Rob.

The SOA round for the 2019 event would be held at Aberfoyle on 17 March. The Final would take place at Pippingford Park, near Crowborough, on 20 October.

No action was needed yet on the three principal Relay events for 2019. The JK would take place on 22 April at Minley, near Fleet, the British on 6 May at Middleton Park, near Leeds, and the Scottish on 26 May at Drumlanrig.

9 Juniors

By this stage of the Meeting, the Junior Representative had retired to bed.

However, it was noted that Alex had been selected for the BOF Senior Squad. Leah and Pippa would be taking part in a Junior Regional Camp at Hawkshead in the Lake District. Mairi had attended an International Camp in China.

10 Newsletter

It was understood that Graeme ws looking for articles for the next issue. It was suggested that Max's photos from the CompassSport Trophy Final should be posted on the website.

ACTION: Max, John

11 Website

Not really anything to report. However, a general feeling was expressed that the site was too "old-fashioned", and really needed a complete refresh. There was not really enough substantial content. Max would approach Paul Frost for advice.

ACTION: Max

12 Socials

A very successful Hallowe'en Party took place on Wednesday 31 October. Prizes were won by Lucy Ward and Angus Ivory. Jane was thanked fo organising it.

A Christmas Social would be held some time in the New Year. The date was yet to be decided.

13 A.O.B.

Max mentioned that he would be attending a Coaching Course.

Ken forwarded paperwork from the INTrepid Weekend to John.

Congratulations were due to Caspian Richards and Rachel Kirkland for winning M/W 45 at the recent Scottish Score Championships.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 25 February 2019 at 5 Strathearn Road at 7.30pm.

As ever, Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10:15pm.

John Barrow – 6 December 2018