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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY THIRD YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 13 May 2019, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

Judy Bell's suggestion of offering help to EUOC during Freshers' Week should be followed up.

ACTION: Max

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4 March 2019 were then approved.

2 Secretary's Report

The issue of Club Accreditation had not yet been addressed. John would find out what was required, and advise accordingly.

ACTION: John

He had now reviewed the list of non-renewing members, and had asked Paul to remove their addresses from the distribution list.

The new banners which were to be bought from the remaining RoS grant had not yet been acquired. However, Mark Haley had been asked to advise on the design.

Three members had still to notify BOF of their recent First Aid qualification. They would be reminded.

ACTION: John

There had been an e-mail from BOF, describing various issues of Land Access and problems encountered by some Clubs with landowners, and seeking responses to a short survey. Ken mentioned that he had had occasional issues with West Lothian Council, specifically in connection with access to Seafield Law and Ravencraig, but these had largely been resolved. Generally, it was felt that any issues which did arise could usually be resolved locally.

A request had been received from the organisers of the Tiomila, asking that a survey be completed. This was forwarded to Morag McIntyre, representing the team of herself, Lorna, Ann and Trisha, who had taken part in the recent event.

Thanks had been received from Katherine Ivory, Amius Marshall-De'Ath and Tomas MacDonald for the support given to the George Heriot's Boys team which had competed in the recent World Schools Championships in Estonia.

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that the Accounts for 2018/19 had now been signed off and audited. The surplus for the Year was approximately £2.5K. It was reiterated that the Club sponsors entries to the JST, the CSC Final, and the three main Relays.

4 Events

Scott Fraser had offered to act as Planner for the SOL at Drummond Hill on 8 September. Robin had already offered to Organise, and Max would assist. A Controller would be needed, and Colin offered to speak to Scott to see if any names sprang to mind. As an aside, John wasn't sure that Scott had joined BOF for 2019, although he was an SOA member. He would check with BOF.

ACTION: John

Permissions would need to be checked with Forestry and Land Scotland.

Arrangements were in hand for the SoSOL at Kinneil Wood on 6 October.

So far this year, successful Local Events had been held at Craigmillar and Colinton Dell. Ken had arrangements in hand for Almondell in June, and Paul would be taking on Dechmont Law in July. The remaining events would be at Braidburn in late August, and Mortonhall on 5 October. The latter event would be combined with the SoSOL at Kinneil to form the INTrepid Weekend.

World Orienteering Day would take place on Wednesday 22 May. ESOC were planning events in Holyrood Park, and would welcome help.

Katherine had the organisation of the Club team for the Jamie Stevenson Trophy on 9 June in hand.

The Club was still looking for an Events Coordinator.

Possible dates for the SOA Championships in 2020 had been identified, viz. 22/23 August, with a view to holding both the Individual and the Relays at Tentsmuir. There were sensitive wildlife issues to consider, involving ground-nesting birds. John Emeleus (FVO) was in negotiations with Forestry and Land Scotland, and would report back to the ESOA Committee in due course.

It was still hoped to hold a SOL at Gullane Dunes in Autumn 2020.

The Sprintelope Series was continuing, with the next INT event at Astley Ainslie on 22 May.

For information, the VHI Relays would now take place on 21 September at Binning Wood. Roger Scrutton was the Planner, and Colin Eades the Controller.

5 Marketing

Judy Bell had produced a comprehensive Fixtures List for the East of Scotland, and had distributed it around the Clubs.

A need had been identified for some form of brainstorming session, perhaps asking an "outsider" such as Judy to act as facilitator. If it were decided to initiate such a Workshop, Max would offer to organise it.

William Ivory had started his weekly round-up e-mail "INTeresting" for circulation to the Club. It had been very well received.

Graham McIntyre had suggested that a small sub-group get together to review the content of the website. Max would try to set this up.

ACTION: Max

Claire Ward was now routinely updating the Club's Facebook page, and Katherine Ivory was attending to the Twitter account. Thanks were due to both.

6 Mapping

Graeme had been applying some thought to the selection of new ares for mapping. His latest suggestions were Blairadam (a KFO area, not used since 2009), Rachan and Dreva Hill (TINTO), and Ravencraig and Cairnpappel (which Ken had also expressed interest in). Bishop Hill, adjacent to the Lomond Hills, had also been mentioned. Max would ask Graeme to prioritise these areas.

Robin mentioned that he had received a copy of the "Funding for All" application form from James Tullie. He wasn't sure when any application closing date might be. Ken suggested that some effort be put into mapping Ravencraig, perhaps enlisting the help of the Ranger at Almondell to liaise with his counterpart there.

It was also suggested that Colin Matheson might be asked to consult the landowner of Portmore Loch to pursue ways of gaining access to that area. Two other areas which might be brought back into use were Norman's Law and Turnhouse Hill.

7 Club Captain

Rob mentioned that he would soon be sending out an e-mail, soliciting expressions of interest in taking part in the SOA Relays on 26 May.

There would be no further team activity until the CompassSport Trophy Final on 20 October at Pippingford Park, Crowborough.

Rob mentioned that the W120+ team at the JK were 2nd, as were the Women's Short team at BOC.

8 Juniors

At the World Schools Championships in Estonia, Angus Ivory came 4th in the M2-School Long course, while the boys team were 8th in both that event and the Middle Distance event. All agreed that that they had had a "brilliant time".

Pippa Carcas had been selected to attend a Talent Squad Summer Camp. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Blair and Lorna Young.

ACTION: Max

At some point during the year, the Club should try to put on a Junior Coaching session as part of the ESOA Programme.

9 Newsletter

Graeme had asked for material for the next issue.

10 Website

Nothing to report.

11 Socials

Jane announced that it was planned to hold a BBQ at the 6-Days, on the Tuesday evening (Day 3).

Jane was thanked for organising the very successful Skittles and Meal night at the Sheep Heid on 16 March.

12 A.O.B.

There had been a communication from Jamie Millar, a teacher at East Calder P.S., asking if the Club would be able to provide some help in the form of a taster session at their Health Week, planned for 10-14 June. Judy Bell had suggested that playground sessions might be appropriate. (As an aside, it was mentioned that ESOC now pursued a policy of only offering help to schools who were prepared to send teachers on an SOA Introductory course, so that the school would be able to do its own training, perhaps with a Club's help.) However, it transpired that Jamie had withdrawn the request, realising that he would be unable to assign sufficient preparation time in the timescale involved. In the mean time, we would keep his contact details on file.

An item for possible discussion at the proposed Workshop should be the Incentive Scheme for Volunteers.

There was a suggestion that elections of Office Bearers might be restricted to a specific timescale.

Jane had been working on a scheme to attract current members of EUOC, and other Edinburgh universities, to join the Club by offering free membership for at least the first year. She would e-mail the draft offer around the Committee.

ACTION: Jane

It was suggested that Judy's Fixtures List be forwarded around the Committee.

ACTION: John

There was a brief mention of setting up a Lift-Share scheme, which could be advertised on the Club's Facebook page.

After some discussion, the date of the AGM was fixed at Thursday 20 June at 7pm, at the Charwood Bar and Restaurant, Fairmilehead. The Meeting would be followed by a meal. John would make the reservation.

ACTION: John

The next Committee Meeting would be held at a time and place to be decided by the new Committeee elected at the forthcoming AGM on 20 June.

Jane and Max were once again thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10:20pm.

John Barrow – 23 July 2019