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## FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FOURTH YEAR

**7.30pm, Monday 2 September 2019, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh**

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Robin Galloway, Angus Ivory, William Ivory and Rob Lee.

## 1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 May 2019 were approved.

## 2 Secretary's Report

John reported that, as a result of implementing the graduate sponsorship scheme, two ex-EUOC graduates had applied to join the Club (Madara Brice and Ali Masson). After enquiring of BOF, it was possible to transfer their Club affiliation to INT with immediate effect.

The issue of Club Accreditation had not yet been addressed. It was suggested that an attempt be made to check what the Club was already doing, and what still needed to be done.

ACTION: Max, Jane, Judy Bell

John was confident that all current Club members were on the e-mail list (including the two recent ex-EUOC members).

Two members had still to notify BOF of their First Aid qualification from 2018. They would be reminded.

ACTION: John

## 3 Juniors Report

This item was brought forward in the Agenda, to allow Angus to leave earlier.

Angus mentioned the Club members selected for both the JHI and JIRCs. Details are in the relevant News item on the website.

Younger members to have performed well at the 6-Days included Ben Ross, Laurence Ward, and Lucy Ward.

Max was planning to put on a Junior Coaching session.

Freddie Carcas was a member of the M20 GBR team which came 6th at the JWOC in Denmark in July.

Lorna would be taking a group to the ScotJOS training camp on 11/12 January in Stirling.

There were tentative plans for a Club Weekend in The Lakes on 24 November.

# 4 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that there was a healthy bank balance. He was thinking of investigating whether a higher-interest account might be available.

£283 had been taken from entries at the Braidburn Valley Park Local Event. BOF Levy had yet to be paid.

He mentioned that pre-entries for SOL 4 were somewhat down on expectations. A few additional helpers still needed to be identified.

A preliminary submission of a Postcode Lottery grant application had been made.

# 5 Events

There was currently no Events Coordinator, although William was thinking of volunteering. It was felt that names of any other potential volunteers should be sought. William also suggested that templates for how to stage events at various levels would be useful. It was suggested that such templates could be stored either on the website or on Google Docs.

Robin reported that all was in hand for the SOL at Drummond Hill on 8 September. He just needed a few more helpers to make up the 42 that would be needed.

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

It was suggested that Oleg Chepelin could be approached to put on the Local Event at Mortonhall on 5 October.

There were no new developments for the 2020 SOA Championships, to be held on 22/23 August.

There had clearly been a mix-up over allocating dates for events in the SOL Series for 2020. Although the Club had applied to put on an event in the Autumn at Gullane Dunes, all the available dates had been allocated without any apparent notification to the Club, and the only dates now remaining were in early or late Spring. In the event, none of these dates was suitable.

As a side effect, it was agreed by all parties that the Club would definitely be given a preference in selecting a date for an event in the 2021 Series.

Ken would apply some thought to selecting dates and venues for Local Events in the first half of 2020.

# 6 Marketing

Following an original suggestion from Graham McIntyre, Max felt that a website sub-group should be formed to advise on the development of the site, to assist in promoting marketing of the Club. Perhaps some form of brain-storming session could be arranged, maybe in November. A potential venue was available.

ACTION: Max

It wasn't clear what was happening with the production of new banners for the Club. However, some designs were shown.

# 7 Mapping

There was some discussion on the production of a map of a new area, at Little France Park.

# 8 Club Captain

The CompassSport Trophy Final would be taking place on 20 October at Pippingford Park, Crowborough. Rob announced that he would soon be sending out an e-mail, soliciting expressions of interest in taking part. Entries would close on 5 October.

ACTION: Rob

As mentioned under Marketing, samples of banner designs were shown, and members asked to comment. Lorna was trying to coordinate this effort.

## 9 Newsletter

Graeme made some comments about the Newsletter in general. Firstly, he felt that any News included in the Newsletter had now become almost obsolete, having been overtaken by the more immediate medium of the weekly "INTeresting" e-mail, initiated by William. The Newsletter was really more suitable for longer articles, such as reports from tours undertaken by members.

Graeme's most important question was, however, whether we should continue with the Newsletter in its current form. Perhaps this should be referred to the brain-storming session. His overall feeling was that the Editor should edit; he/she shouldn't have to write the articles.

## 10 Website

Already covered in other Sections.

## 11 Socials

Jane reported that a very enjoyable BBQ had taken place at the 6-Days.

The next event would probably be a Hallowe'en Party, possibly to be held on Saturday 2 November.

## 12 A.O.B.

William suggested that an extra item for the Meeting Agenda should be Training and Development.

During the remainder of the Meeting, Ken had drawn up a draft programme of Local Events for the first half of 2020. These included Craigmillar in March, Colinton Dell in April, Polkemmet in May, Dechmont Law in June, Eliburn in July, Braidburn in August/September, and Kinneil in October. He suggested that dates should be checked and registered in good time. John would follow this up, after obtaining agreement from whoever became Events Coordinator.

ACTION: John

It was mentioned that, on 13/14 June 2020, the Jukola Relays were being held north of the Arctic Circle. At present, cheap flights were available from Helsinki to the location of the main area. Max would check this out.

ACTION: Max

It was suggested that the proposed Strategy (or brain-storming) Meeting could be held on 25 November.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Monday 2 December 2019.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10:00pm. John Barrow – 21 November 2019