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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 2 December 2019, at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Ken Daly.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 2 September 2019 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Two members had recently transferred their allegiance to the Club. These were Colin Blackburn, originally with NATO, and Peter Hodkinson, from NOC.

John announced that he had created a new address list in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. This list now included e-mail addresses and BOF numbers, as well as names, age classes, postal addresses and telephone numbers. It was agreed that he would send the list to all Committee members.

ACTION: John

He also mentioned that he had completed the task of digitising all Newsletters back to issue no. 1 in 1972, and these were now available on the website. Also digitised were all AGM Minutes, back to AGM 1 in 1976, as well as lists of all Office Bearers.

It was suggested that the Minutes of the most recent Committee Meeting be made available on the website.

The two members who had not yet notified BOF of their First Aid qualifications from 2018 had been e-mailed.

The issue of Club Accreditation had still to be addressed.

There had been some e-mail correspondence with Walter Clark, ESOC President, about the question of applying to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), under the auspices of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Becoming an SCIO would confer benefits which pertain to being an official Charity, and would also provide a significant degree of protection for personal liability, particularly in relation to organising events, and the potential uncertainty over whether BOF Event Insurance would provide sufficient cover. It was suggested that we maintain contact with ESOC to monitor their progress on the issue.

The SOA had recently announced an initiative to pursue the reclaiming of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions. The SOA itself is registered as a Charity, and consequently can reclaim Gift Aid on subscriptions, provided members complete a declaration that each is paying UK Income Tax. All subscriptions paid since 2015 qualify for this relief. Members were encouraged to visit the SOA website, where a link to the declaration form could be found. John pointed out that he went through this exercise some years ago, and was able to persuade some members to complete declaration forms. However, a significant number did not, so he would re-visit the subject, and try to determine which current members had already declared their tax status.

ACTION: John

3 Juniors Report

At the Junior Inter-Area Championships in November, the Club's Open team was placed 3rd, and the Girls team 2nd.

Some members attended a ScotJOS Weekend in Oban. There will be another such Weekend next weekend.

Mairi Eades, Pippa Carcas and Sam Bartlett were in the winning SOA team at the JIRC in Yorkshire, while Angus Ivory, Pippa Carcas and Sam Bartlett were in the winning Scottish team at the JHI in Northern Ireland.

Max was still planning to put on a Junior Coaching session.

Angus, David, and Pippa have been selected by ScotJOS for 2019/20.

4 Training and Development

Lorna Eades organised a very instructive Training Weekend at Hawkshead in the Lake District on 23/24 November, attended by 12 members.

Katherine Ivory had submitted some observations about Junior Training. She pointed out that the ESOA Committee would be meeting on 12 December,and they were hoping that INT would agree to put on a Junior Training session in early 2020, aimed at TD3 or above.

Lorna was hoping to hold such a session for ESOA Juniors on 12 January at Bo'ness, linking up with the ScotJOS Training Weekend.

An ESOA Juniors Party would be held on 4 January.

There was some discussion about the format of Junior Training. It was pointed out that the structure of the ESOA programme had not really recovered since the retirement of Bill Stevenson and Maureen Brown. The issue would be discussed at the forthcoming ESOA Meeting.

5 Treasurer's Report

Robin mentioned that there had been some expenditure associated with the Training Day which Lorna had put on in The Lakes in November, including the hire of Carol McNeill's film "Greatest Showman" put on at the local cinema. It also covered accommodation and maps, and came to approx. £100. There was a suggestion that, at future Training Events, the Club could subsidise each attendee.

He would pursue opening a Savings Account, so that a proportion of Club funds could earn some interest.

ACTION: Robin

6 Events

There was some discussion over whether to continue with a double-header on the weekend of 7/8 March 2020. It was eventually agreed to postpone the SoSOL at Kinneil on 8 March until the Autumn, but to proceed with the Local Event at Craigmillar on 7 March. The Local Event programme for the first half of 2020 would continue with Polkemmet on 4 April, Colinton Dell on 2 May, and Dechmont Law on 6 June. However, it was decided not to hold an event on 4 July. John would make the necessary alterations to the BOF Fixtures Database, including adding names of Officials where known.

ACTION: John

At this stage, it was not known when the Braidburn Gala in 2020 would take place. Consequently, it was not possible to fix a date for a Local Event at that time of year. However, it was expected that the Club would be able to stage events on 3 October and 7 November.

The plan for a November event might be overturned by consideration of whether to go for an INTrepid Weekend. The Club had been invited to put on an event in the SOUL Series, so it might be that the Weekend would consist of a SOUL event on the Saturday, followed by a SoSOL at Kinneil on the Sunday. After more discussion, it was agreed that the INTrepid Weekend should take place on 7/8 November 2020. John would register the SoSOL at Kinneil.

ACTION: John

It was suggested that Graeme Ackland be approached to see if he would be interested in planning the SOUL event on 7 November.

It was noted that Colin Eades had agreed to plan the SOA Individual at Tentsmuir on 22 August 2020. There was some concern over the Club groupings allocated to the Individual and the Relays. Joh would try to find out from the ESOA, and keep Max and William informed.

ACTION: John

There was some discussion on holding the Club Championships. It was suggested that they be held in conjunction with one of the events at EUOC's Big Weekend on 24-26 January, possibly preferring the Urban Sprint day. Angus would try to set up something.

It was expected that Paul Caban would announce the 2021 SOL programme in the New Year. As mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting, the Club would be given a degree of preference in selecting a date to put on an event. It was suggested that, if we wanted to use Gullane Dunes, we should go for a date in the Spring, to avoid problems with ground-nesting birds later in the year. It was also suggested that Graham McIntyre might like to plan the event.

Looking further ahead, it was noted that the 2021 6-Days would be centered in Fort William, and that the programme would also be announced in the New Year.

7 Marketing

The long-awaited Strategy Meeting would take place on Monday 9 December.

It was suggested that a sub-group be formed to oversee the development of the website.

8 Mapping

There was some discussion on the production of a map of Little France Park. Most of the other areas under consideration were really only suitable for CATI events, such as Portmore, Calder Wood, Gogar (the grounds of RBS), and Ravencraig. If possible, it was hoped to include a discussion of new areas on 9 December.

9 Club Captain

Unfortunately, despite Rob's best efforts to raise a fully competitive team, the Club was placed 3rd in the CompassSport Trophy Final at Pippingford Park on 20 October, thus breaking our run of victories. Nevertheless, those who took part enjoyed the experience. Rob was thanked for his efforts.

It was agreed that we should enter the SOA Heat of the 2020 competition. The Final would take place at Sutton Park, Birmingham, on Sunday 18 October.

10 Newsletter

Graeme produced yet another fine issue of the Newsletter in October.

11 Website

Already covered in other Sections.

12 Socials

Jane was congratulated for an enjoyable St. Andrews Night party on 29 November.

She suggested that another event could take place in the New Year, perhaps after the Club Championships on 26 January.

She also mentioned that it was her intention to stand down as Social Secretary at the 2020 AGM.

13 A.O.B.

Members were asked to consider matters for discussion at the Strategy Meeting on 9 December.

John mentioned that Judy Bell had been in touch, regarding discussions at an SOA MapRun Workshop held in September. One of the main stumbling blocks which Clubs encountered when using this software was the availability of geo-referenced maps in the correct format. As a consequence of the Workshop, the SOA was offering to fund the preparation of a set of geo-referenced maps for each Club . Graeme pointed out that most of the newer maps the Club owned were already geo-referenced. However, in order to convert older maps, the latest version (v12) of OCAD would be required, which would of course cost money. It was suggested that a quote be obtained for the upgrade of Graeme's OCAD to this version.

ACTION: Graeme, Robin

Jane resurrected the issue of establishing an Emergency Kit for the Club to take to events. She mentioned that she was acquainted with Ross Lilley, who was a Mountain Rescue leader, and who could advise on items to include in the Kit. These might include a 2-person shelter, a non-feather duvet jacket, a grippy bandage, dressings, a long-glow light, but no sleeping bag. Jane would try to cost these items, and report back to the Committee.

ACTION: Jane

Max had been trying to use the BOF membership database to derive statistics on Club membership over the past 5 years or so. He had encountered a problem in that, although a member might be recorded in, say, 2019 as a Senior, that member might not be included in previous years' statistics if he/she were a Junior in, say, 2016. Max would take this up with BOF.

ACTION: Max

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Monday 24 February 2020.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10:20pm.

John Barrow – 16 February 2020