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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 1 June 2020, held on-line via Zoom

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

Apologies for absence were received from Angus Ivory.

In view of the lockdown introduced to try to counteract the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it had been decided to hold this Meeting on-line using Zoom.

Before the formal start of the Meeting, there was a long discussion on the development of virtual orienteering using MapRun. (This enabled the Secretary to eventually make a successful connection to the Meeting, after an abortive attempt using a laptop for which the audio didn't work.) William was able to demonstrate some sample courses, results, and website pages.

Katherine had put in a lot of effort (with contributions from Angus, and mapping advice from Graeme), developing MapRun courses for several areas around the City, including the Braid Hills, and Craigmillar, Prestonfield and Liberton golf courses. Mike Stewart had also created some courses on Blackford Hill. A link to an informative webpage had been established on the Club's website. More information on using MapRun was available on the SOA website.

The Committee had been asked to consider, and hopefully approve, further development of the use of MapRun, in particular for areas such as Braidburn Valley Park, Colinton Dell, Craigmillar Castle Woods, and Mortonhall. It was also hoped to liaise with EUOC on the use of Arthur's Seat. The Committee was happy to approve these plans.

Ken reported that FVO had expressed an interest in creating MapRun courses using Kinneil Woods, for which INT owned the map. It was stressed that the area's owners would need to be contacted; these used to be Falkirk District Council.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24 February 2020 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

It had been agreed before the Meeting that, in the present circumstances, it would not be practical to hold a conventional AGM on 8 June, as had been decided at the last Meeting. It had also been agreed that it would not be very satisfactory to hold such a meeting using Zoom. Accordingly, the Meeting decided that it would be prudent to set a date well into the future, in the hope that easing of lockdown might enable a face-to-face meeting to be held then. It was decided to set a date of 24 September, at The Charwood, but to continually review the situation in the mean time. John would advise the membership of this date, and the reasoning behind postponing the AGM from the previously agreed date.

ACTION: John

The SOA had notified all Clubs that Wayne Pearson of Coast Ambulance and Medical was not to be asked to provide First Aid cover at any future event, because he is not eligible for PVG registration. The Police had asked Clubs to notify them of any event at which Wayne had provided his services. Lucy Galloway had been in touch with them, to advise that the only events at which he was used took place before the court case at which he was charged with improper behaviour. (It was noted that Wayne also supervised the First Aid course held in late 2018.)

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that the Accounts for 2019/20 were now audited. He would send out copies to the Committee.

ACTION: Robin

4 Events

It was noted that this year's SOA Championships Weekend had been formally postponed until 2021. No date had yet been decided upon.

It was also noted that the WOC Sprints, originally planned for 2022, had been postponed until 2024. This clearly affected the embargo situation for some urban areas. Graham Gristwood could offer advice on this issue.

Assuming the INTrepid Weekend would proceed as intended (on 7/8 November), Robin Galloway would be Organiser for the Urban event on the Saturday, while Mike Stewart would take on the same role for the Sunday SoSOL.

It was agreed that the next two SprINTelope events, planned for 24 June and 1 July, should be cancelled. John would update the BOF Fixtures List.

ACTION: John

There followe some discussion about arranging informal Sprintelope-like events as the lockdown was eased. Areas to be considered included Craigmillar, Braidburn Valley Park, Little France, and Calton Hill and gardens. MapRun courses could be devised for these areas.

5 Socials

Jane would be organising another quiz night on Monday 8 June (the date originally chosen for the, now postponed, AGM). Robin would try to find question setters.

6 A.O.B.

Ken mentioned that a LIDAR map should be arriving soon from Pat Blashill. He had been in touch with a different ranger about Ravencraig, and was hoping to map it soon, for potential use in 2021.

The results of his Planning Competition were now available. Mike Stewart was the winner, while Angus Ivory was the best Junior.

Max mentioned that he had visited Portmore Loch, and had ascertained that a Mrs Reid resided at the big house, and seemed favourable to use of the area for orienteering. It wasn't known whether there was LIDAR coverage of the area.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Monday 7 September 2020. The venue and style of meeting would depend on the progress of the efforts to control the COVID-19 pandemic.

William was thanked for setting up the Zoom meeting, at fairly short notice.

The Meeting closed at 8:55pm. John Barrow – 6 September 2020