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FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FOURTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 7 September 2020, held on-line via Zoom

Present: Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Robin Galloway, and William Ivory. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Lee.

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

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 1 June 2020 were approved.

2 Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin had still to send out copies of th audited Accounts for 2019/20 to the Committee.

ACTION: Robin

Lorna had arranged for some new jackets and mesh tops to be purchased, at a cost of £1300. There was some dissatisfaction with the yellow colour used in the new kit, and Lorna would take this up with the suppliers. She would also e-mail the Club membership to describe what was currently available.

4 Events

Katherine was drafted in at this point to describe the situation with regard to staging events in the current state of the restrictions against the spread of COVID-19. The SOA, on the advice of SportScotland, had recently revised the guidelines governing how outdoor events could be put on. One of the recommendations was that all Clubs should appoint a COVID-19 Officer. The guidelines allowed for members of other clubs to take part, and there was now no restriction on the number of starters. Organisers should maintain a contact record of all participants. Only pre-entries would be allowed, and entrants should register using a Google form. Entry fees could be collected either by direct bank transfer (a bit messy) or by dropping cash in a box on the day. Katherine would e-mail the link to the guidelines to the Committee.

As things stood, the first proper outdoor event would be the Local Event planned for Mortonhall on Saturday 3 October. Katherine had already been in touch with the Campsite Manager, Andy Wallis.

Plans to hold the INTrepid Weekend on 7/8 November had been abandoned. The Saturday SOUL event would no longer take place, and the SoSOL planned for the Sunday at Kinneil Wood would now be downgraded to a Local Event, to be held at Dechmont Law. The courses which Paul had planned for the event originally to have been held in June could be used. At present, permissions needed to be sought, and a Planner had to be found. It was agreed to set the range of start times at 11:30 to 13:00.

The Club had agreed to stage a SOL event at Gulland Dunes on Sunday 14 February 2021. It had been hoped that Graham McIntyre might be the Planner, but he had since agreed to plan the courses at Day 4 of the 2021 6-Days, in conjunction with Mike Stewart.

Courses had been planned for the Local Event at Polkemmet in April, and these were still available should an opportunity arise to hold an event there.

A Freshers Week Sprintelope was still on the list of future Fixtures, for Wednesday 16 September. The situation would be reviewed nearer the time, and a decision on whether to cancel would be made then.

5 Juniors

Nothing to report.

6 Training and Development

A full programme of off-road Club runs was continuing on Thursday evenings.

7 Marketing

The website needed a thorough make-over.

8 Mapping

Robin reported that he had obtained permission for the mapping of the RBofS grounds at Gogar, and then the lockdown was introduced.

Graeme mentioned that he was planning to visit the Harburn Estate, near West Calder, a mainly parkland area. It was suggested that Tinto be contacted as a courtesy.

As an aside, it was suggested that INT could offer to stage the Tinto Twin, as a third club after ESOC and FVO, in a three-year programme to keep the event going.

Max would get in touch with Mr and Mrs Reid at Portmore House.

9 Captain

It was understood that the Final of the CompassSport Cup/Trophy would still take place on 18 October. However, the original venue of Sutton Park was unavailable because of permission problems, and an alternative location was being sought.

10 Newsletter

Graeme felt that he had run out of steam in his continuing efforts to edit the Newsletter. It was suggested that concerns surrounding the future of the Newsletter could be discussed at the AGM.

11 Socials

Jane pointed out that it was not possible to organise any normal Social activities in the current situation, apart from such as the recent on-line Zoom quizzes.

12 A.O.B.

The only topic raised was the staging of the AGM, which would now take place on-line at 8:30pm on Thursday 24 September. Of the current Office Bearers, Max felt he had more than done his duty, Robin was happy to continue but wouldn't fight anyone who was prepared to take on his role, Graeme would prefer to stand down, Ken was happy to continue, and Jane would serve one more year. It was suggested that those who preferred to stand down should consult other Club members to look for replacements. Names bandied around included Paul Caban, the Eades consortium, and Iain Embrey. William suggested that it might be worth trying to find someone to serve as Social Media Coordinator. It was also suggested that an invited guest could give a short talk on an O-related topic; Max would ask around.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on a date and time to be decided by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

The Meeting closed at 8:50pm. John Barrow – 18 September 2020