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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY FIFTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 10 May 2021, held on-line via Zoom

Present: John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Colin Eades, Robin Galloway, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Ali Masson (no Apologies for Absence).

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 February 2021 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from these Minutes.

2 Secretary's Report

Two new members had joined the Club since the last Meeting. They were Alexander (Sasha) Chepelin, and Keith Dawson, who had returned after several years absence.

There were still a few members who had not renewed for 2021. John would follow these up.

ACTION: John

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that he had completed the Accounts for 2020/21, and these were now with the Auditor. He expected a net Loss over the Year of just over £1700, which was hardly surprising given an almost complete lack of Event Income. Specifically, he had asked around the Committee if anyone could remember what an item of Expenditure incurred in August 2020, totalling £1300 (in euros) had been for. After some discussion, it was suggested that it was for the purchase of Club kit.

He also mentioned that the bank had requested that the Club's contact address be confirmed, being a mere five years out of date. The relevant form had been circulated to John and Colin to add their specimen signatures, but had yet to be returned to the bank.

A question was asked about obtaining Charity status, along the lines of the scheme which ESOC had signed up to as a sort of experiment on behalf of SOA Clubs. Robin would contact Walter Clark, and perhaps also Ben Hartman, for further information.

4 Events

William reported that a programme of 5 Winterlope Activities had been held in the period January to March.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, two Saturday afternoon Local Events had been held. The one at Craigmillar Castle Woods on 10 April attracted 70 competitors, while, at Dechmont Law on 8 May, there were approx. 100 participants. The next event would be at Polkemmet on 12 June.

Graeme Ackland had put together a series of 18 Spring/Summer Sprintelopes, of which the Club would be staging 5.

As regards the 6-Days in August, it was expected that the Scottish Government would announce further easing on 11 May. The 6-Days Company would be meeting towards the end of the month, at which it was expected that the final go-ahead would be given. The Organisers were budgetting for an entry of 2000.

There followed a discussion of what events might be put on in the Autumn. It was generally agreed that we should delay staging a SOL at Gullane until the Spring of 2022. It was also suggested that we should consider organising Local Events at the start of September, October and November. Venues of, among others, Braidburn and other Livingston areas were mentioned.

There was then a discussion about Event IT, recognising that the bulk of the duties fell to William, Robin, Paul and Graham. The acquisition of a Club laptop was mooted.

It was noted that the purchase of new Check and Start SI units should have been completed in time for their use at the Dechmont Law event.

.It was noted that Google Forms were being used for entry submission for the Sprintelopes series. Competitors were being advised to pay their entry fees for all events at the end of the Series.

5 Juniors

Katherine mentioned that she was finding it quite difficult to arrange any activities for Club Juniors, in the current circumstances, and particularly as many had conflicting interests. She asked everyone to suggest ideas for Junior Development.

6 Training and Development

Training runs on Thursdays had re-started, and were now registered with BOF as Club Activities. Thanks were due to Graham McIntyre for getting these under way.

Lorna would get in touch with the Club regarding the Stretching Exercises sessions. These would most likely be held on Fridays, with possibly some on Mondays.

7 Marketing

The website was now established in its new layout. Thanks were due to William and Graham.

8 Mapping

Ali was asked, and agreed, to look around the Portmore Loch area.

9 Captain

Rob reported that there was little activity at present with regard to major events. There was some suggestion to try to hold the BOF Championships in the Autumn, but nothing definite.

It was expected that the JK would take place in 2022 as normal.

He speculated that the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Final would take place on 24 October. It would not be held at Chatsworth, but perhaps at the original venue of Sutton Park.

Apparently, the Jukola was still on for this year, but Interløpers would not be going. Max would try to recover the entry fees.

10 Newsletter

It was agreed that a new issue of the Newsletter should be prepared. Katherine mentioned that there was already some material for a new issue, but would circulate the membership asking for contributions.

11 Socials

Thanks were expressed to Lorna for organising the many on-line social events held since the last Meeting. At this stage, it wasn't clear when face-to-face social events could be organised once again.

The on-line Stretching Exercise sessions were continuing.

12 A.O.B.

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold the 46th AGM in September, given the uncertainty about the full easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The date chosen was Thursday 23 September.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30 on Monday 23 August 2021, probably using Zoom.

The Meeting closed at 8:55pm. John Barrow –7 July 2021