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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY SIXTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 9 May 2022, held on-line using Zoom

Present: John Barrow, Colin Eades, Fiona Eades, Lorna Eades, Robin Galloway, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Ali Masson.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 31 January 2022 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes.

2 Secretary's Report

John reported that, for the record, two new members had recently joined the Club (although their arrival had already been noted in "INTeresting"). They were Bex Harding and Tim Morgan.

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that he had completed the Accounts for 2021/22, and these were now with the Auditor for approval. The surplus for the year was approx. £3800.

Paul had reported that the current stock of aluminium T-bars were now in a poor state, and he recommended the purchase of new glass-fibre stakes which were lighter and more manageable. Robin suggested an initial purchase of 32, but would check this with Paul. The cost would be in the region of £500, but the Meeting agreed that this would be a good investment.

Robin had been investigating the purchase of a credit card reader to enable card payments to be taken at events. He had found one marketed by Square, which would cost £16, with a per-transaction fee of 1.75%. There was some discussion about how this could be implemented, but the overall feeling was positive.

He had further investigated the issue of obtaining Charitable Status. On balance, he felt that we should shelve the issue for a year, and draw on the experiences of BASOC and ESOC, perhaps with a view to submitting a proposal to the 2023 AGM.

There was a short discussion on the question of a donation to the MapRun organisation, which Katherine had suggested earlier in the year. It was agreed to give the sum of £50. Robin would make the arrangements.

William reported that he would shortly be receiving some money from Benevity Causes. After a donation of half the amount to the Ukraine Emergency Fund, the remainder would be given to the Club.

4 Events

Since the last meeting, the Winterlope Series had been completed, there were three Saturday Local Events (at Craigmillar, Kinneil Wood and Dechmont Law), and one Sprintelope. There had also been a successful SOL held at Gullane Dunes in February, attracting 295 competitors.

Three further events in the Sprintelope Series were planned.

There would be a further Local Event at Almond Park in June. In the Autumn, there would be Local Events at Braidburn Valley Park in September, and at Mortonhall in October. A week later in October, we were putting on the JHI Relays. Finally, in November, we would be staging an event in the SOUL Series. As an aside, the website of the Friends of Braidburn had been checked, but there was no mention of a Gala Day.

William nentioned that entry rules had been relaxed recently, and that Entry on the Day would now be permitted. Whether we would want to make use of this relaxation was not yet decided.

There had been a request for Clubs to offer to stage the SOA Heat of the CompassSport Cup in 2023. Apparently, ESOC and STAG had already offered, so it was felt that we would take it no further.

It was suggested that the Club put on a SOL or a SoSOL in 2023. Venues mentioned included Drummond Hill and Culteuchar, although it was recognised that the availability of the former would be affected by capercaillie restrictions. It was agreed that we should apply for a date in the 2023 SOL Series when invitations are sought.

Jon Musgrave had requested the use of part of Drummond Hill for a ScotJOS Training session. Colin would check with him.

World Orienteering Week was being held from 9 to 14 May. The Club already had a Sprintelope in South Edinburgh on Wednesday, and EUOC were putting on something on The Meadows on Thursday.

Colin then summarised the situation regarding Moray 2023. Firstly, in a break with tradition, this would be a 5-Day Event. The Club was paired with GRAMP in putting on Day 3 at Roseisle on Tuesday 1 August. Robin had offered to be a Planner, while Colin would be Assistant Controller.

In their investigations into a venue for the June Local Event, the Eades family had concluded that Almondell needed quite a few map corrections. Dave Peel had been asked to do the work, based on a list compiled by Lorna.

5 Juniors

Fiona reported that she was in the Women's Open teams which won the BOF Relays and was 2nd in the JK Relays. In addition, Laurence Ward ran in the M Open 2nd Team with Ali Masson andf Matt Leitch, finishing 8th in the BOF Relays.

6 Training and Development

Lorna reported that the Stretching Exercises sessions were finished, now that lighter evenings were with us.

A Technique Training session was held recently at Vogrie, with emphasis on compass work. Unfortunately, only 3 people attended.

The Meadows intervals sessions on Tuesdays had resumed, between 5 and 8pm.

The Thursday off-road training sessions were continuing.

7 Marketing

It was recognised that the "Go Orienteering" section on the website needed updating.

Lorna would try to have a look at the Beginners section to see what needed to be updated.

8 Mapping

Apart from updating the map of Almondell, there was nothing else to report.

9 Captain

Rob mentioned that he had passed on the responsibility for Relay teams to Paul Caban.

Ali said he would try to drum up some support for an M Open team to enter the SOA Relays.

It was noted that the BOF Mixed Sprint Relays would take place in June.

Rob would try to find out the date of the Harvester Trophy Relays. He would also try to persuade people to attend the CompassSport Trophy Final on 16 October at Devilla.

After some investigation, it was ascertained that the Harvester would take place near Dumfries on 13 August, organised by FVO.

10 Newsletter

The Spring issue had recently been published.

It was anticipated that the next issue should be scheduled for late Summer/early Autumn.

11 Socials

Now that COVID-19 restrictions had been eased significantly, it was possible to socialise normally once again.

Lorna suggested that we have a pre-Summer meal. In addition, she would try to persuade the Carcases to host a BBQ at their home.

12 A.O.B.

Colin mentioned that an article about WOC 2024 had recently appeared in CompassSport. A Bulletin would soon appear. Some rôles still needed to be filled, and adverts would soon be published seeking volunteers.

It was suggested that the WOC logo be included in all new material, whether maps or other publicity. William asked for a machine-readable copy of the logo.

Fiona Eades had offered to take on responsibility for Marketing material.

It had been suggested that a Liaison Group representing Edinburgh clubs be formed. To that end, we would need to appoint a representative from within the Club.

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30 on Monday 5 September 2022, venue to be decided.

In addition, it was agreed to hold the 2022 AGM at the Charwood on Thursday 22 September at 7pm, with a meal to follow at about 8pm.

Robin was thanked for setting up the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9:07pm. John Barrow –23 May 2022