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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY SIXTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 5 September 2022, held at 7 Whitedales, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Katherine Ivory.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9 May 2022 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes.

2 Secretary's Report

John reported that a potential new member, Alex Robinson, had enquired about joining the Club, and expressed interest in attending the (now postponed) Local Event at Braidburn. His name did not ring any bells with anyone. John would keep his details, in case he could attend the next event.

There had been an enquiry from a teacher at Colinton Primary School, asking if someone in the Club could help out with a programme of 4 Thursday afternoon sessions on orienteering at the school. John had circulated the Committee asking for suggestions as to how we could help, but so far there had been no response. It was suggested that the enquiry should be opened up to the full membership, and to EUOC. It would be suggested to the teacher, Mairi Rowan, that help might be forthcoming if the sessions could be moved to another day in the week.

A notice from BOF to complete the Annual Club Return had been received, together with a request to pay the Affiliation Fee for 2023. John would pass the latter to Robin for payment.

John would book the Charwood for the AGM, to be held at 7pm on 22 September, with a meal to follow at approx. 8pm. It was expected that we would be asked to submit meal choices in advance, and John would advise the membership accordingly.

John asked Colin if he could provide his Chairman's Report for the 2021 AGM, to be incorporated in the Minutes.

William asked for a copy of the latest Membership List. John would oblige.

John noted that Will Rigg had never rejoined for 2022. Ali suggested he might be able to chase him up.

There had been a rumour that Kirsty Coombs, sister of Duncan, was interested in joining the Club.

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that the Accounts for 2021/22 had now been audited. He would send a copy to John for his records. He remarked that one significant item of expenditure had been the upgrade of CONDES to v.10, at a cost of £203.

BOF had e-mailed all Clubs regarding HMRC's Trust Registration Service. the requirements of which might apply to unincorporated orienteering clubs which had their assets held by Trustees. From 1 September 2022, such Clubs would

have to register with the Trust Registration Service. In addition, Clubs registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs would have to register. Finally, Clubs registered as Charities would not have to register.

Since Interløpers did not fall into any of these three categories, it was Robin's opinion that we would not have to register with the TRS.

If there were any question of completing a questionnaire regarding the Club's legal status, it was concluded that we should opt for "Unincorporated", or "Unsure".

The new card reader had already proved its worth in its use for accepting payment of entry fees. Receipts could be arranged electronically.

Some replacement SI unit batteries and stakes for hanging control flags had been purchased.

Robin mentioned that the Club had received some payments under the scheme by which William submitted claims to Benevity Causes. Amounts of £376, £87, and £68 had been received in the months of June, August, and September.

4 Events

The last Local Event of the Spring, at Almond Park on 4 June, duly took place, but with a rather disappointing turn-out.

There were only 17 pre-entries for the event at Braidburn Valley on 3 September, so the decision was taken, reluctantly, to postpone it until 1 October. (The original event on that date, at Mortonhall, would be held at a later date.) Colin Ledlie would be the Organiser, and access permission had been cleared with the Parks Dept.

Mike Stewart (Planner) and Graham McIntyre (Organiser) had the JHI Relays on 8 October well in hand.

Max would be planning the SOUL at Livingston on 20 November.

After a short discussion, it was proposed to register four Local Events for Saturdays in Spring 2023. The event on 4 March would be at Craigmillar, on 1 April at Kinneil Wood, on 6 May at Dechmont Law, and on 3 June at Almondell. (It was expected that the map of Almondell Country Park would be updated in time for the June event.)

At this stage, there were no details on potential dates for SOLs in 2023. (However, it later transpired that John had missed an e-mail from the SOA with this information. He had forwarded it to William, with apologies.)

There was some discussion on the Club bidding for a date in the Series in Autumn 2023, with possible venues being Culteuchar or Drummond Hill.

For the 6-Days in 2023 (actually only 5 Days), the Club had been allocated Day 3, at Roseisle. Robin had volunteered to Organise.

5 Juniors

Fiona reported that she had attended a tour to Gothenburg.

There had been an approach from ESOC, wondering if INT would like to cooperate with car-sharing juniors to events.

Pippa and James had attended the World Universities Championships, while Pippa had taken part in JWOC.

There had been participation in JROS camps, and Laurence had competed in the JHIs.

Several Club members were in the East team at the Junior Inter-Area Championships.

6 Training and Development

Lorna was organising a Club Weekend, based at Lagganlia, on 24/25 September. John would register the Weekend as a BOF Activity, and Lorna would supply the details. It was planned for participants to attend the SOL at Anagach on the Sunday.

Lorna pointed out that the JK in 2023 was being held in the southern Lake District, and that therefore use could perhaps be made of Carol McNeill's facilities in Ulverston.

It was hoped to restart Wednesday evening Stretching Sessions soon, perhaps jointly with INVOC.

7 Marketing

Various sections of the website had been updated.

8 Mapping

It was intended to ask Dave Peel for a quote to update the Almondell map.

The Club would pay half of the cost of updating the map of Loch Vaa, with BASOC.

9 Captain

Rob would send out details of the CompassSport Trophy Final, being held at Devilla on 16 October, by the end of the week. It was noted that the FRA Relays were being held the day before.

Apparently, the Harvester Trophy did not take place.

10 Newsletter

The 2022 Summer issue was published this very day.

11 Socials

The BBQ planned for the Carcases house never transpired, since Jane unfortunately contracted COVID-19.

There would be the usual meal held in conjunction with the AGM on 22 September. John would make arrangements.

Then the Club Weekend would take place on 24/25 September at Lagganlia.

Some social functions would no doubt be held at the time of the 2023 JK in the Lakes.

It was also hoped to resurrect the holding of a pub evening after some of the Thursday Off-Road Training sessions.

12 A.O.B.

There was a brief discussion on arrangements for the AGM. It seemed that all present Office Bearers were prepared to re-stand for election, although several mentioned that they were happy to stand down if any other volunteers expressed interest.

It was felt that an expanded version of each Office Bearer's duties should be written, based on the summary in the Constitution, and perhaps included in the website pages.

John was asked to circulate the membership with the usual Notice of Meeting and Draft Agenda.

The next Committee Meeting was tentatively set for 7:30 on Monday 5 December 2022, at 7 Whitedales. The date would be confirmed by the new Committee elected at the forthcoming AGM.

Robin was thanked for hosting the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9:00pm. John Barrow –16 October 2022