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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY SEVENTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 27 February 2023, held at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

Present: John Barrow, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Robin Galloway, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee. Max Carcas was in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Eades and Graham McIntyre.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 5 December 2022 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes.

2 Secretary's Report

It was noted that Hermitage House in the Braid Burn Valley had closed, and this affected the supply of POC maps from the Rangers Office. It was suggested that Historic Scotland might be able to provide a similar service.

Committee Members were asked to review their Job Descriptions, as discussed at the last meeting.

There was a discussion on using the Sprintelope Series as training and development for WOC24. Colin and Max had attended a WOC Strategy Meeting in January. One of the outcomes was the suggestion to develop an "Edinburgh Orienteering" website, to act as a link to all Edinburgh and local area clubs.

3 Treasurer's Report

Robin noted that the end of the Financial Year (31 March) was approaching, and that he would have to arrange for the books to be audited. There was currently approx. £7.8K in the Current Account, and £11K in the Savings Account.

There would be a significant payment due soon for the renewal of the Namesco account (which provides the website services).

Robin mentioned that, after payment of all bills, it was expected that there would be a surplus of £354 for the Loch Vaa Middle Distance event.

A suggestion was made that the Club purchase its own copy of the Zoom software. This would be investigated.

4 Events

William reported that arrangements for the Craigmillar Local Event were nearly complete, and preparations for that at Kinneil Wood were in hand. Dave Peel was handling the update of the map of Almondell. Mike Stewart and Rebecca Harding were working on the planning of the Dechmont Law event.

The Winterlope Series was currently underway, with just the Liberton course to come. Results would appear on the Munro Leagues website.

Plans for next Spring/Summer Sprintelope Series were in hand, and it was expected that the Club would have 5 slots available. There had been a suggestion that an intermittent problem had occurred with the mlist distribution system, which was being investigated. William would provide John with the details of dates and venues for our Sprintelope events, so that they could be registered with BOF.

It was noted that Robin and Max would be the Organisers for our event in the Summer's 5-Days event, designated "Moray 2023"; our Day was Day 3 on Tuesday 1 August at Roseisle. Colin Eades would be one of the Controllers.

A Planner and an Organiser were needed for SOL4, provisionally to be held at Drummond Hill, on Sunday 24 September. There was some douibt about the venue, principally because it wasn't yet known what effect recent storms had had on the area, and whether this might necessitate a map update or even a change of venue, and this situation needed to be resolved. It was noted, too, that TAY had made an informal request to be allowed to use Culteuchar and Dron for a small informal event on Saturday 26 August and, if Drummond Hill were deemed unuseable, we might need to fall back on C & D as a reserve area.

Venues needed to be identified for our Saturday Local Events in October, November and December.

There was a short discussion on the setting of entry fees for the Local Events. Turn-outs in recent times had been such that some events made very small surpluses, and could be in danger of recording a loss. Currently, fees were £5 for a Senior, and £2.50 for a Junior. It was suggested, and agreed, that, for the foreseeable future, these should be raised to £6 and £3.

5 Marketing

It was noted that details of the Kinneil Wood Local Event had appeared on the Falkirk District Council website.

A News item regarding changes to Club Support, especially as it affected the East Area, had appeared on the SOA website.

6 Juniors

Two Juniors formed part of the Club team at the SOA Heat of the CompassSport Trophy on 12 February at Faskally.

A Training session for East Juniors would take place at Corstorphine Hill on Sunday 5 March. This was partly an experiment to see how such a session would fare independently of a Local Event.

Laurence Ward is the 2022 Club Champion after the event was held in conjunction with EUOC's Big Weekend at the end of January. Robin would arrange to have the engraving of the trophy brought up to date.

7 Training and Development

Wednesday evening Stretching Sessions were continuing, organised by Lorna Eades.

The programme of Thursday off-road training runs was continuing, under the organisation of Graham McIntyre.

8 Mapping

Ken had completed the updates to the map of Almondell, including a new housing estate, and these had been fitted to LIDAR. The updates were now with Dave Peel.

There had been an enquiry about the status of Calder Wood. Colin would follow this up with a map.

9 Captain

A bare-bones team had attended the CompsssSport Trophy Heat at Faskally on 12 February. Somehow, the team contrived to win the Heat. The Final would be held in the Forest of Dean in October, somewhere near Froom.

Rob announced that three teams had been entered for the BOF Relays. Entries closed on 12 March.

For the JK, entries for the Relays would close a week after that for the Individual.

Max had entered teams for this year's Jukola/Venla Relay events.

At this stage, nothing was known about the closing dates for the Harvester, or the Sprint Relays in September.

10 Newsletter

Katherine had distributed an e-mail soliciting articles for the next issue. She had set a closing date of two weeks' time.

11 Socials

Lorna suggested that a Skittles Night be held at the Sheep Heid in Duddingston.

Carol McNeill's cinema had been booked for the JK.

Lorna mentioned that it was expected that overseas entries would be attracted to the Big Weekend in 2024 There were suggestions that a knock-out Sprint event might be held.

Suggestions for a Club Weekend at Errochty unfortunately did not come to fruition.

12 A.O.B.

It was suggested that the Club would benefit from having its own laptop, especially for handling SI entries management. A suitable one could probably be obtained for approx. £400. It was agreed to try to obtain one.

It was felt that the Club should ask Robin Strain to put on an SI Training Session. There were several Club members who would welcome this.

There was a short discussion about maintaining the Club e-mail distribution list. Paul, Rob and Ann all had management access to the list. In addition, there would be benefit from being able to access authentication details for both the list and the website, though how this could be achieved securely was open to discussion.

The next Committee Meeting was set for 7:30 on Tuesday 16 May 2023, at 7 Whitedales.

Max was thanked for hosting the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10:06pm. John Barrow - 30 April 2023