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## FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY EIGHTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 2 September 2024, held at 5 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Stewart.

### 1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

Action 5/1 was assigned to Robin Galloway, not Colin Eades.

With that amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 13 May 2024 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes that would not be dealt with later in the Meeting.

### 2 Secretary's Report

John had further reviewed membership non-renewals. These included the Dalgleish family, Tim Morgan, and Alex Robinson. Thomas Laraia had yet to renew his Club membership, but was a Full BOF and SOA member through EUOC. Lorna assured the Meeting that Thomas would pay his Club fee in time for the CompassSport Trophy Final.

On the plus side, a new member, Victoria von Rintelen, had joined us after the St. Leonards Sprintelope as an SOA-only member. John had also received a message from Joseph Goodwin, currently a member of WCOC, who had recently moved to Edinburgh and who would like to join the Club. Finally, on perusing the list of Current Members according to the BOF website, it seemed that a new Family had joined us, in the persons of Susannah Rose (W55), Tara MacMillan (W21), and Iris MacMillan (W20). The Family was based in Lochgilphead.

There was some discussion on the forthcoming AGM, on 26 September. John had made a reservation at the Charwood for the Meeting at 7pm, followed by a meal at about 8pm. The Charwood would send out a menu nearer the time, and ask for meal selections to be made within a week or so of the meeting date.

The issue of amending the Constitution was raised. John had circulated a revised version at the time of the May Committee Meeting, with the intention of amending the list of Office Bearers to better reflect the current operations of the Club. Katherine had submitted some suggestions for modifications to this revision. There was further discussion of these suggestions. John would collate all the material, and prepare a "final" version, with the intention of submitting it to the membership for approval at the AGM.

ACTION: John

A draft Agenda and Notice of the Meeting had also been circulated to the membership, including details of the wishes of the current Office Bearers regarding re-election at the AGM. It was noted that a replacement for the Chair would be needed. Lorna indicated tha she was willing to continue as the Club Representative to the ESOA Committee.

### 3 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that payment of BOF levies was up to date.

£800 had been received from the BOF Orienteering Foundation, to assist in setting up a Club Development Officer. In addition, £112 had been received from the WOC Tour.

It was noted that single purchases by the Club of over £300 in value must be recorded as such in the Accounts, and must be considered for depreciation when the Accounts are audited. It was agreed that the Accounts for 2023/24 should be made available to Club members via the website.

There was a short discussion on a request from Lucy Ward for some help towards her financial outlay in attending the JIRCs and the JHIs. This raised a suggestion that a formal Policy of assisting Juniors (and only Juniors) should be formulated. There was a significant number of precedents for such action, going back about 20 years or so, and it had always been the case that agreement for such grants had been approved by the Committee. In addition, the applicant was encouraged to write a piece for the Newsletter, describing their experiences at the relevant event. In this particular instance, it was agreed that the Club should offer Lucy the sum of £50 in response to her request. John would communicate this decision to her.

ACTION: John

### 4 Events

Since the last Meeting, the Kinneil Wood Local Event had been held, and the full Sprintelope season had been completed. In addition, two Taster sessions had taken place, for Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust and Craigmillar Community Sports Hub.

Three events were in the pipeline for the Autumn. There would be two Local Events, one at Braidburn Valley organised by Colin Ledlie on 5 October, and the other on 7 December at Colinton Dell, organised by Mairi Eades and Thomas Laraia. The third event would be the Scottish Score Championships at Vogrie, planned by Mike Stewart and organised by Ray Ward, with Roger Scrutton as Controller.

A Local Event would be held in the Spring of 2025 at Craigmillar, on 1 March. A SoSOL would take place at Calderwood on 6 April.

The Club would be staging the SOA Individual Championships on 3 May at Barry Budden. Colin Eades would be Planner, and two Day Organisers would be needed from the ranks of INT, RR, and KFO/TAY/ELO. Lorna was happy to take on one of these positions.

Finally in the Spring, a Local Event would be put on (probably) at Polkemmet, on either 7 or 14 June.

Graeme Ackland would be putting on a Taster session during Doors Open Day on 28 September (2024).

Sprintelope-like events would be held by ESOC on Wednesday evenings in the early Autumn, at least until the Fight With The Night series began.

The Club had been allocated the Final Day in the 2025 Six Days, as Lead Club assisted by GRAMP and BASOC. The venue was Glen Dye and the date was Friday 1 August. Two Planners, two Organisers and an Assistant Controller would need to be identified.

A request from ELO to use Gullane Dunes instead of Soutra for their Local Event on either 14 or 28 September had been received. The Meeting could see no problem with this.

### 5 Marketing

Max reported that a lot of effort had been put into marketing for WOC in July. The BBC had recorded most of the action for a special edition of The Adventure Show, to be shown in the Autumn. There was also some coverage on the Eurovision Sport channel. In addition, there had been some references to WOC on the "Forever Edinburgh" website.

It was suggested that notices advertising the Braidburn Valley and Vogrie events could be displayed on the noticeboard at the entrance to Braidburn Valley.

## 6 Juniors

It was suggested that Lucy be asked to try to recruit some more Juniors to take part in the CompassSport Trophy Final, to be held on 20 October in the Bury/Blackburn area in NW England.

## 7 Training

Lorna mentioned that she was hoping to re-start the Stretching/Conditioning Exercises sessions some time in early October.

In Spring 2025, it was hoped to introduce a mini-Coaching series.

There was a suggestion that we could liaise with FVO for their Monday sessions.

## 8 Development

Katherine reported on progress in her role of Club Development Officer.

She was currently spending roughly 1 day each week in the position. However, she only intended to carry out the role until the end of 2024, and hence felt that some talent-spotting should be carried out to try to find a successor. The position would need to be re-advertised.

One particular proposal was to re-map Craigmillar Castle Park, to include geo-referencing. Alastair Pegley had quoted £600 to carry out this work. Joe Hudd was also apparently prepared to submit a quote. Katherine would investigate further.

It was suggested to set up a WhatsApp Group for the Club. Robin would investigate.

Katherine suggested that we consider joining Volunteer Edinburgh, an organisation in partnership with Edinburgh Council.

As part of efforts to bring the sport to a wider audience, several taster sessions had been arranged for a variety of groups in the Autumn. There were also plans to organise a Parkrun in Holyrood Park on 12 October, and another at Vogrie on 14 December. Orienteering taster sessions would be held in conjunction with these Parkruns.

It was noted that the Sprintelope sessions were being extended into September by ESOC.

## 9 Mapping

It was clear that Craigmillar Castle Woods would benefit from being re-mapped.

FVO had been informed that we were happy for them to go ahead with mapping the area near Kinneil Wood, referred to in the Minutes of the last Meeting.

Projects for more in the future included re-mapping Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill. It was suggested that Forestry and Land Scotland be approached to try to establish what plans, if any, they had for felling in these areas.

ACTION: Eades

## 10 Captain

Rob would soon have to begin drawing up a team for the Final of the CompassSport Trophy on 20 October. He suggested that efforts be made to coordinate transport and accommodation. He suggested setting the date of 6 October for finalising teams.

## 11 Newsletter

Katherine had produced the WOC Special edition of the Newsletter, to great acclaim.

She had asked for contributions for the next issue to be submitted by 7/8 September, but suggested that its release date be delayed until after the AGM.

## 12 Socials

The Sheep Heid at Duddingston had been booked for a Skittles Evening on Sunday 8 September.

Jane Carcas offered 5 Strathearn Road as a venue for a Halloween Evening, on a date yet to be fixed.

## 13 A.O.B.

Robin planned to create a WhatsApp Community for Club members, as well as several sub-Communities as were felt to be needed. The idea was that members would sign up to the main Community, then sign up to whatever sub-Communities they felt appropriate.

ACTION: Robin

The date and venue for the next Committee Meeting would be chosen by the new Committee elected at the AGM on 26 September.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 10:15pm.

John Barrow - 11 Nov 2024

### SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

No.	Action Details	Assigned to
2/1	Prepare a revised version of the Constitution for submission to the AGM	John Barrow
3/1	Reply to Lucy Ward RE her request for financial assistance in attending representative events	John Barrow
9/1	Ask FLS what plans might be in place for felling at Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill	Eades
13/1	Set up Club WhatsApp Group	Robin Galloway