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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 28 April 2025

Present: John Barrow, Max Carcas, Mairi Eades, Robin Galloway, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee.

Louise Adams and Jane Carcas were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Ann Haley and Mike Stewart.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 23 February 2025 were approved. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes that would not be dealt with later in the Meeting.

2 Action Items from last Meeting

- Action 3/1 - non-renewers sent e-mails. Further follow-up messages needed.
- Action 3/2 - Tessa contacted regarding Club Champion trophy.
- Action 3/3 - Paul happy to act as Club's SI representative.
- Action 4/1 - 2024/25 Accounts now audited.
- Action 5/1 - Riccarton event officials identified.
- Action 9/1 - further discussion needed on website development.
- Action 14/1 - nomination unsuccessful.

3 Secretary's Report

There were still 11 members who had not renewed for 2025. John would try to contact them all once more, before deciding on whether to begin removing names from the membership list.

ACTION: John

A surprise renewal announced recently was that of Will Rigg, who had not been heard from for a couple of years.

John had been in touch with Tessa Strain about getting the Club Champion trophy engraved. She was a little reluctant about accepting the trophy on what she felt were rather tenuous grounds. However, the Meeting generally felt that the way the trophy was awarded was quite in keeping with the Club's ethos. It was pointed out that the winner each year gets to decide the method by which the following year's Champion is decided.

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin announced that the Accounts for 2024/25 had been audited.

These included the final payment of £254 from the 2023 6-Days.

5 Protecting Vulnerable Groups

On Lucy's behalf, Robin outlined the steps required for the Club to become compliant with the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) legislation which had been recently rolled out, and which was being managed by the SOA on behalf of clubs. Lucy had recently circulated a list of Club members' names which the SOA understood were already holders of PVG Certificates, together with a list of categories of people who henceforth would require to hold such Certificates. John had gone through this list, and recommended the removal of two names who were not Club members, but suggesting the addition of several more who were current Committee Members who did not hold current Certificates.

It was noted that a deadline of 31 March had been set for people to apply for new PVGs, but there was a 3-month grace period to allow more time to submit applications before the end of June. Lucy had circulated relevant forms and information to allow people to apply for the issue of PVGs, and all were encouraged to submit their applications to the SOA in good time.

ACTION: Committee

It was also noted that those who already had current PVGs should check that they had not reached their 5-year expiry date. In such a case, application for a renewal would be required.

There followed a discussion on how to persuade members to consider obtaining Coaching and First Aid qualifications. It was suggested that a concerted approach be made to encourage those members in the 21-30 year age group to consider applying for these.

ACTION: Jane, Lorna, Mairi

To that end, John would check with BOF that our lists of qualified Coaches and First Aiders were up to date.

ACTION: John

6 Events

William noted that, following discussions, we would be joining forces with ELO and ESOC in using Race Signup for Pre-Entries.

Another enhancement was that White courses were being provided for Local Events.

The Craigmillar Local Event and Calderwood SoSOL had taken place, with turnouts of approx. 150 in each case. Officials for the Riccarton Local Event on 7 June had now been appointed: Claire Ward would be Planner, and the Organisers were Chris Dibben and Pip Ascough.

The Club had taken on two further events in the Sprintelope series. Graeme Ackland would be putting on one at the Jack Kane Centre on 14 May, and Robin Galloway would organise one at Buckstone on 28 May. The next one would be at KB on 16 July, arranged by Pat Bartlett. Finally, Colin Ledlie would put on an event on 6 August at Dalkeith.

The Club would be staging the final day at the Summer's 5-Day Event. INT would be Lead Club, in conjunction with BASOC and TAY. The event would be at Glen Dye on Friday 1 August.

The next major event would be the SOL at Gullane on 21 September, in the capable hands of Ben Stevens and Max Carcas. A Local Event would follow on 5 October at Braidburn Valley. A venue had yet to be decided for a SOUL event on 9 November. The year would end with a Local Event at Mortonhall on 6 December.

The Club had volunteered to organise the Parkrun at Riccarton/Oriam on Saturday 17 May. It was proposed to put on a Taster orienteering event after the Run. There was a need for a significant number of helpers on the day. Younger members of the Club would be encouraged to turn out in Club kit.

The EOD form used at Local and other smaller events had been updated.

7 Juniors

In Laurence's absence, there was not much that could be mentioned. However, Lucy Ward was 2nd in W16A and Inis Chepelin 2nd in M12A at the JK.

Overall, Junior numbers were lower than usual, and this effect was being felt by several other Clubs (except FVO and INVOC).

8 Training

A Junior Training session was planned for the forthcoming weekend.

It was suggested that some pictures from the Off-Road Training evenings would look good on the website.

9 Development

Katherine reported that the Craigmillar Castle Woods Permanent Course was now up and running, and was advertised on the website. There was some discussion about whether to make an all-controls map available on the website, or else to provide such a map on demand.

Having reached the end of the first year of the Development Plan, a Report would need to be prepared and submitted to the Orienteeriing Foundation.

It was suggested that Club members be asked what they felt about any possible next steps in the Development process. Perhaps this discussion could be carried out in conjunction with a social event.

10 Website

There was a wide-ranging discussion on the current state of the website, and how to improve/upgrade it if indeed it was felt to be necessary to do so. It was suggested that the membership be asked if they had any other Club sites which they were impressed with. In addition, they should be asked what aspects of the current site needed changing. People would be invited to try to imagine what their impressions would be if they were to encounter the current site as a newcomer. It was suggested that Tricia Alston be consulted on her opinions of the use of particular colours in the current site. Graham McIntyre would also need to be involved in the discussions.

It was understood that Solway O. were about to introduce a new website, and it was suggested that the Club wait to see how that site appeared before inviting Paul Frost to contemplate revising ours. It might be that we would prefer if he would undertake some consultancy work, rather than carry out a full re-design.

11 Mapping

The issue of updating the maps of Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill was raised again. Max agreed to take an Action to try to find out any plans by the landowners. He would also investigate the area near Biggar, as mentioned in the last Minutes.

ACTION: Max

It was suggested that a Club WhatsApp chat could be set up explicitly for members to suggest new areas to be investigated.

12 Captain

The JK had recently happened, and there were one or two notable Club achievements.

Entries had been submitted for the SOA and British Relays. Rob mentioned that Team Declarations did not need to be decided until the day before the race.

Interest would soon be solicited for those wanting to run in the British Sprint Relays, being held on 30 August at RAF Honinton, near Bury St. Edmonds in East Anglia.

13 Communications

Katherine confirmed that the Club had relinquished its X (Twitter) account.

It was hoped to be able to make more use of the Facebook account.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the next Newsletter should be prepared for publication in mid-late September.

It was also agreed to dispense with the printed, circulated version of future Christmas Newsletters. However, the online version would continue.

14 Socials

Mairi was thanked for the excellent Quiz Night she organised at The Old Bell on 4 April. About 30 people enjoyed a great evening.

During a lively discussion, there were several other ideas suggested for social events.

15 A.O.B.

There would be an SOA Coaching Foundation course, held over 3 Mondays (on 26 May, 2 and 16 June), and one club-led practical session between 2 and 16 June. Those interested would be asked to sign up by Friday 16 May.

A discussion session would be held soon about the Future of the Six-Days Event. Details would be announced in due course.

Max was asked to find out details about Jukola 2026.

ACTION: Max

The next Committee Meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Monday 7 July 2025.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:25pm. John Barrow -25 May 2025

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	Action Details	Assigned to
3/1	Contact remaining stragglers not yet renewed for 2025	John
5/1	Complete and submit applications for PVG Certificates	Committee
5/2	Encourage more Club members in 21-30 age group to obtain Coaching and First Aid quals.	Jane, Lorna, Mairi
5/3	Compare BOF and Club listings for Coaching and First Aid qualifications	John
11/1	Investigate possibility of upgrading maps of Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill	Max
15/1	Ascertain details about Jukola 2026	Max