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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 7 July 2025

Present: John Barrow, Max Carcas, Mairi Eades, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Mike Stewart, Laurence Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Robin Galloway.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 April 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 - apart from Keith Dawson, who had rejoined as an SOA-only member, the remaining non-renewers' details would be removed from current lists.
- Action 5/1 - all Committee members had submitted PVG applications.
- Action 5/2 - efforts to encourage members in the 21-30 age group to apply for Coaching and First Aid qualifications were ongoing
- Action 5/3 - BOF database and Club listings had been compared and synchronised.
- Action 11/1 - Max to ascertain what plans, if any, Forestry and Land Scotland had for Drummond Hill and Dalrulzion - ongoing.
- Action 15/1 - Jukola 2026 would be held in June next year, in an area approx. 1 hr. from Helsinki.

3 Secretary's Report

John announced that a new member, recently moved to Edinburgh, had joined the Club. He was Kieran Marsh, who had previously been a member of SLOW in the SEOA.

Four members had recently attended a Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport course, held under the auspices of the SOA. Several attendees remarked on the less-than-acceptable confrontational attitude of the trainer.

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin had submitted a copy of the audited Accounts for 2024/25. At this stage, the only noteworthy feature was that they showed that the Club made a surplus for the year of approx. £1540.

5 Events

William announced, with regret, that he would have to relinquish some of the duties he had been carrying out up until the present. This decision was reached in the light of the effort needed to manage the event programme, including arranging permissions, seeking event officials, etc.. A consequence of this was that he would be looking for someone to take over the production of "INTeresting", and he would also have to scale back his involvement in maintaining some specific features of the website.

Since the last Meeting, the SOA Championships and the Riccarton Local Event had taken place. There were also two Sprintelopes, at the Jack Kane Centre and Mortonhall. Barry Buddon attracted over 460 competitors, while there were 114 at Riccarton. The two Sprintelopes saw 44 and 65 people respectively. It was noted that the map of Mortonhall would need some updating soon.

This raised a wider issue, involving the coordination of the Club's mapping activities. It was felt that the Mapping Coordinator, whether it be Colin Eades or someone else, would need to be more proactive in directing the mapping effort. For instance, the Club's existing on-line stock of maps needed some attention.

Forthcoming events included a Sprintelope at KB on 16 July, organised by Pat Bartlett, and another Sprintelope put on by Colin Ledlie on 6 August at Dalkeith. In between these two was Day 5 of the "6-Days", at Glen Dye on Friday 1 August.

Permissions had still to be arranged for the SOL at Gullane on 21 September, but this was not expected to be a big issue. A Local Event would follow on 5 October at Braidburn Valley. The SOUL event on 9 November was anticipated to be in the Livingston area. Finally for this year was a Local Event at Mortonhall on 6 December.

It had not been possible to devote much thought to activities in 2026. However, it was expected that there would be some sort of celebration to mark the official 50th Anniversary of the Club's first AGM, held on 9 April 1976 at the Rockhall Hotel, Collin, in Dumriesshire.

6 Juniors

Lucy Ward was the only Club representative at the Jamie Stevenson event, held on 15 June at Hill of Alyth.

Three members attended the Scottish Schools at Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, on 5 July. Laura Kitchin was 2nd in S1 Girls, and Ben Ross 4th in S5/6 Boys. However, Lucy Ward triumphed in her event, winning in S4 Girls.

Both of these events demonstrated the point made in the previous Minutes, that the Club is sorely short of Juniors.

7 Training

An ESOA Junior Training session was planned for the forthcoming weekend at the Bush Estate.

8 Development

Now that the first year of the Club's Development Plan had been completed, and the Report published, any further activity was currently on ice.

However, there was concern on one issue, and that was the state of the maps for those West Lothian areas for which there were Permanent Courses. These maps should be available on the Club's website. Mike offered to take on the responsibility for checking the control sites in these areas.

In the mean time, the Meeting offered its grateful thanks to Katherine for seeing through the first year's work on the Plan.

It was mentioned that the annual T in the Park festival would be taking place at Braidburn Valley Park on Saturday 30 August. The Club should try to provide a Taster session for the day.

9 Website

Concern was expressed that there was currently no up-to-date information specifically directed at Juniors on the website.

Following William's announcement earlier, it was stressed that someone to oversee the production of the "Interesting" periodical news bulletin would be needed soon.

10 Mapping

Following discussion during "Events", it was felt necessary to establish whether Colin Eades was happy to continue as Mapping Coordinator.

It was agreed that, whoever was in this rôle, it was essential to keep a coordinated track of mapping updates.

11 Communications

Katherine announced that she planned to issue the next Newsletter some time in September.

12 Captain

Since the last Meeting, the SOA and BOF Relays had been held.

At the SOA Relays, the 20+ pts team won, while the Women's Open team was 2nd, the Open team was 3rd, and the 14+ pts team was 4th.

At the BOF Relays, the Mixed Ad Hoc team won, while the Men's Premier team was 4th, and the Women's Short team was 2nd.

The next team event would be the CompassSport Trophy Final, on Sunday 14 September near Redcar. Rob would be sending out an e-mail very soon. There would be a slightly different entry system from previous years.

13 Socials

The next social event would be a barbecue at the Six Days, probably on the Rest Day (Wednesday 30 July). Mairi would send out more information in due course.

14 A.O.B.

Max had attended a discussion on the future of the Six Day Event, hosted by Dave Kershaw. One proposal was to resurrect the idea of instituting a Central Organising Committee for each Event, rather than a consortium of clubs taking on the Event Organisation. If approved, this would be put into practice at the 2027 Event, with the Event Centre being at Aberfeldy.

It was noted that an On-The-Day Organiser would be needed for the SOL on 21 September. Max would try to find someone.

It was agreed to hold a further Committee Meeting before the AGM. After some discussion, the date of Monday 1 September was agreed, with the venue at 5 Strathearn Road.

A tentative date of Thursday 18 September was agreed for the AGM, to be held at The Charwood. John would check that this date was suitable for Robin.

There was a discussion about what rôles needed to be filled, and what existing Office Bearers' intentions were regarding re-election. The outcome was as indicated in this table:

Chair	Max	willing to stand, but Paul has indicated he's prepared to take on the position
Secretary	John	may be prepared to stay on another year
Treasurer	Robin	intentions unknown at present
Social Secretary	Mairi	willing to stand again
Comms. Manager	Katherine	standing down after five years in post
Captain	Rob	willing to stand again
Events Coordinator	William	willing to stand again, but with reduced responsibility
Junior Rep.	Laurence	willing to stand again
Other Members	Ann	happy to stand again, but prepared to stand down if replacement is found
	Mike	happy to stand again, but prepared to stand down if replacement is found
Mapping Coordinator	Colin	

As mentioned under "Events", William intended to relinquish rresponsibility for producing "INTeresting", as well as for a large part of website content. Consequently, volunteers would need to be identified to fill these two rôles.

Following Katherine's announcement that she intended to relinquish her rôle as Communications Manager, Max offered her the grateful thanks of the Club, and congratulations for a job well done.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:45pm. John Barrow - 20 July 2025

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	**Action Details**	**Assigned to**
2/1	Continue investigation into any plans there might be which would affect upgrading maps of Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill	Max
9/1	Identify an individual to oversee development of Junior section on website	All
9/2	Identify someone to take on responsibility for producing "INTeresting"	William?
10/1	Ascertain whether Colin Eades was prepared to continue as Mapping Coordinator	Max?
11/1	Identify a replacement to serve as Communications Manager	All?
14/1	Find an on-the-day Organiser for the SOL at Gullane	Max
14/2	Ascertain Robin's intentions regarding re-election at the AGM	John