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FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FORTY NINTH YEAR

7.30pm, Monday 1 September 2025

Present: John Barrow, Max Carcas, Mairi Eades (later), Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Rob Lee, Mike Stewart. William and Katherine Ivory joined the Meeting via Zoom.

Apologies for absence were received from Laurence Ward.

1 Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 7 July 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 2/1 - Max had investigated draft plans for developments at Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill. More detail was needed, and site visits would be worthwhile, probably sooner rather than later
- Action 9/1 - development of Junior Section on website - ongoing
- Action 9/2 - find a replacement to produce "INTeresting" - ongoing
- Action 10/1 - find a Mapping Convener as a replacement for Colin Eades
- Action 11/1 - review the rôle of the Communications Manager - ongoing
- Action 14/1 - Mary and Graeme Ross had volunteered to be on-the-day Organisers at SOL 7 at Gullane
- Action 14/2 - Robin was prepared to continue as Treasurer

3 Secretary's Report

It was suggested that a Website Evening be organised, and Robin agreed to set it up. Graham McIntyre should be invited to be involved.

John mentioned that the SOA would be holding a Networking Day in Perth on Saturday 6 September.

William had circulated an e-mail to the Committee, with descriptions of the rôles played by the major Club Committee members, as he saw them. There followed some discussion on some of the details in this document. Max suggested he could send out an e-mail to the membership summarising the rôles, in the next few days.

4 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that payment had been made for an updated CONDES licence.

The BOF Club Affiliation fee of £95 for 2026 had been paid.

John had received a couple of e-mails purporting to be from Namesco, advising that the credit card used to pay for upgrades was about to expire. Robin was able to confirm that this was not the case. In any case, no Namesco updates were due in the new few months.

Lucy Ward had been in touch, asking if the Club could support her financially as a member of a representative team attending the JIRCs and JHIs. The Meeting agreed to award her the sum of £50.

Robin suggested that an analysis of costs from this year's CompassSport Trophy be undertaken.

5 Events

The Sprintelopes of 16 July and 6 August had taken place, at King's Buildings and Dalkeith. Thanks were due to Pat Bartlett and Colin Ledlie.

All proceeded according to plan at the last Day of the 6-Days at Glen Dye. on 1 August.

A Taster session had been held at Braidburn Valley on 30 August.

Coming up in the Autumn were SOL 7 at Gullane on 21 September, a Local Event at Braidburn Valley on 4 October, SOUL 8 at Livingston on 9 November, and a Local Event at Mortonhall on 6 December.

William reported that no plans had yet been laid for events in 2026. Given his workload, he had identified the need for a Deputy.

6 Juniors

In Laurence's absence, there was nothing to report.

7 Training

There was nothing to report about ongoing Club training activities.

However, there had been notification of a Club Coach Development Day for Young Adults, taking place on Sunday 5 October at Kinnoull Hill.

8 Development

Mike Stewart had been reconnoitering the areas with Permanent Courses in West Lothian. In general, there would be a lot of work needed to bring them all up to scratch. However, he felt that Dechmont Law and Eliburn would benefit most from work being spent on them - it was mostly vegetation changes which needed to be incorporated.

9 Mapping

Colin had indicated that he would prefer to stand down as the Club's Mapping Convener. Hence a replacement would need to be found.

10 Communications

Katherine announced that the hext issue of the Newsletter would be appearing very soon.

11 Captain

Rob reported that 26 members had signed up for the CompassSport Trophy Final at Redcar on 14 September. It was noted that the Golden Boot needed to be engraved in time.

At the British Sprint Championships on 30 August in East Anglia, the winning Elite team consisted of Ellie Bales, James Ackland, Thomas Laraia, and Mairi Eades. In the Individual event, James won MOpenA, Mairi was 2nd in WOpenA, and there were 3 5th placings.

12 Socials

Everyone enjoyed the social event which Mairi organised on the Rest Day at the 6-Days.

Mike offered to put on a Quiz Night.

13 A.O.B.

Mike offered his apologies for non-attendance at the AGM.

The date and venue for the next ordinary Committee Meeting would be decided by the new Committee elected at the AGM.

Jane and Max were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:10pm. John Barrow - 6 October 2025

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	**Action Details**	**Assigned to**
2/1	continue investigations into plans for developments at Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill	Max
2/2	develop Junior Section on website	Committee
2/3	identify someone to create "INTeresting" articles	Committee
2/4	identify a replacement Mapping Convener	Committee
2/5	review the rôle of the Communications Manager	Committee
3/1	set up a Website Evening for the membership	Robin
8/1	make plans to update Permanent Course maps of Dechmont Law and Eliburn	Committee