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SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTIETH YEAR

7:30pm, Tuesday 20 January 2026

1 Present

John Barrow, Paul Caban, Max Carcas, Mairi Eades, Robin Galloway (later), Ann Haley, William Ivory, Graham McIntyre, Mike Stewart, Laurence Ward

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Lee and Morag McIntyre.

2 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 13 October 2025

2.1 Action Items

- Action 50/1:2.1 – Mike had made site visits to Dalrulzion and Drummond Hill. Action discharged.
- Action 50/1:2.2 – Ann and Graham intend to develop the Junior section of the website; this work is now in progress. ACTION Ann, Graham
- Action 50/1:2.3 – Paul wanted to contact someone else before talking to Graeme about the rôle of Mapping Convenor. ACTION Paul
- Action 50/1:2.4 – The issue of training people to be able to submit website material is to be carried forward. ACTION Graham
- Action 50/1:2.5 – Contact Ken about liaising with West Lothian Council. Carried forward. ACTION Paul
- Action 50/1:3.1 – John had been in touch with Matthew Leitch about the Club Champs, and he had replied with some ideas, including the possibility of incorporation in a Sprintelope. William would liaise with Matthew. Action discharged.
- Action 50/1:3.2 – Setting up a default generic username in Namesco was carried forward. ACTION John
- Action 50/1:3.3 – The process of reviewing the membership list was an ongoing process, particularly at this time of year. At the time of the Meeting, 87 Full BOF members had renewed for 2026, leaving 18 still to do so. John would begin to chase up defaulters with a “flexible” deadline of 1 |March. ACTION John

- Action 50/1:4.1 – In Robin's absence, the analysis of the costs of sending Club teams to major events was treated as Ongoing. ACTION Robin
- Action 50/1:7.1 – The programme of ESOC's adult coaching sessions was now finished. Action discharged.
- Action 50/1:8.1 – Google Drive and OneDrive. Investigation ongoing. ACTION Graham, William
- Action 50/1:8.2 – Use of Facebook and Instagram was ongoing. It was noted that Jane Carcas was the Facebook guru.
- Action 50/1:12.1 – Three qualified First Aiders did not currently hold PVG Certificates. Lucy Galloway was overseeing their applications.

3 Secretary's Report

Several new members had joined the Club since the last Meeting. These included Jason Wong (formerly of SLOW), and Alice Wilson (ex-EUOC) and her partner Luke Aitken. In addition, Stephanie Droop had joined as an SOA-only member after the Mortonhall Local Event.

John reported that 87 BOF members had renewed for 2026, leaving 18 yet to do so.

4 Chairman's Report

Paul, William, and Katherine attended an SOA-led meeting to discuss club volunteers,

Paul pointed out that, in addition to being invited to join the Club's Google Group, new members should be asked if they would like to join the WhatsApp Group. John would take on this action. ACTION – John

Paul felt that the issue of defining rôles of Committee members should be resurrected – he would take this on. ACTION – Paul

5 Reports on Co-opted Responsibilities

5.1 Safeguarding (Lucy Galloway)

- The club should have 2 full Club Welfare Officers - and hopefully Mairi's final paperwork will be finished very soon
- I need to complete one other course - will do so when I have time (work is much more than full time just now)
- SOA only let clubs know shortly before we had to take urgent steps to get all Exec Committee members PVG-qualified from 1 April, and the info from them has not always been clear, but we have attended several information sessions and passed on what folk need to do
- I have ID-checked various Club applicants and our numbers of folk with certificates has greatly increased since the new regime started from 1 April.

5.2 Equipment (Paul)

- Paul reported that a new shed in which to store Club equipment was now becoming urgent.
- 1 SI unit was lost at Gullane. Paul recommended that it be replaced, and that a spare should also be bought.
- He felt that a new tent would soon become a priority, and recommended that one of the new "pop-up" style tents be acquired.

5.3 Webmaster (Graham McIntyre)

- Graham felt that, although the website had been in its present layout for several years, it was good at its job. Any change to a new style would need a lot of work, particularly on a set of new templates.
- As ever, the site would benefit from the submission of more content from more contributors.

5.4 Assistant Secretary (Morag McIntyre)

In Morag's absence, there was nothing to mention.

5.5 Mapping

- Mike had visited Dalrulzion, and found almost no forest still standing. He had also been to Drummond Hill, and reported that the middle and eastern parts had disappeared, as a result of clearing up after significant storm damage.

- BASOC had offered one of their areas for INT to put on an event, but there were misgivings about having to organise an event at a significant distance from Edinburgh.

- Mike had also visited Dechmont Law and Eliburn, and felt that quite a bit of re-mapping would be needed in each area.

- It was felt that the next mapping effort could usefully be applied to upgrading Almondell Country Park, given that it was planned to use it for a Local Event in June. Quotes for this work would be sought. ACTION Paul

5.6 East Area Representative (Lorna Eades)

- The ESOA AGM was held on 12 November (online) and was better attended this year than in previous years. Interlopers had several attendees. Minutes have not been sent out yet; I will forward when they are.
- East Area are holding some full day training days spread throughout 2026 that will be open to Adults and Juniors, and we are asking clubs to distribute the dates as a 'save the dates'. I asked Mairi to prepare a poster for our club and have attached a copy. Perhaps this could be sent out along with the next addition of INTeresting?
- Junior Inter-Areas. East Area responsible next year and ESOA are looking for a volunteer to assist with coordinating this (Kirsteen Kershaw was going to look at getting a booking made for Broomlee Outdoor centre as a starting point). Again

perhaps this could be added to INTeresting newsletter? Otherwise a targeted approach to key parents with kids who are likely to attend?

6 Treasurer's Report

£353 had been received from the 6-Days Company, as the Club's share of the excess Income for the 2025 Event. There had also been some income from sales of Club kit.

The Namesco Starter SSL DV Certificate renewal was paid by the due date of 19 January.

7 Events

The Spring programme of Local Events had been finalised. It would begin at Craigmillar on 7 March, with Kieran Marsh planning. The next event would be at Calderwood on 11 April, followed by Kinneil Wood on 9 May. The final Spring event would be on 6 June at Almondell.

The programme of Sprintelopes had also been agreed. The Club would stage events on 13 May, 10 June, 15 July, and 5 August (at Gracemount).

Dates for events in the Autumn had also been agreed. These would include Local Events at Braidburn Valley on 3 October, and at Mortonhall on 7 November. SoSOL 10 would be held at Dechmont Law on 5 December, and would incorporate the ESOA Championships.

It was hoped to incorporate an Interløpers 50th Anniversary celebration in one of the above events.

There was a brief discussion on what should be considered to be the Standard Set of courses for a Local Event. The outcome was that these should include Yellow, Orange, Red, and Light Green. Other courses could be added according to the suitability of the area being used.

Matt Leitch would be contacted to try to reach agreement on how the next Club Champion should be determined. ACTION - William

Further discussion on the 6-Days for 2027 would be held towards the end of the Meeting.

8 Juniors

Laurence reported that Laura Kitchin and Lucy Ward had been invited to join ScotJos.

Laurence himself had some ideas for material to go on the website.

9 Training

It was reported that the SOA would be organising an Edinburgh Training Day.

There would also be a Coaching Course, with a course fee of £50. Robin intimated that this might be refundable.

10 Development and Marketing

It was reported that the SOA had funds available for Club Development on a matched-funding basis, with a deadline for applications of the end of March. Paul asked if he could be sent a copy of Katherine's Development Plan. Robin thought he had a copy, which he would send Paul. ACTION – Robin

11 Mapping

ESOC had asked if they could use the jointly-owned map of Riccarton in June. The Meeting saw no objection to this request.

The map of Inch Park needed no updates at present.

It was reported that EUOC had re-mapped the Braid Hills, one of our areas.

It was stressed that updated versions of maps should be copied to Graeme Ackland.

12 Captain

It was reported that Rob had entered the Club in the CompassSport Trophy competition for 2026. The SOA Heat would be held on 22 February in The Trossachs, and Rob would be circulating Club members soliciting entries.

13 Communications

Graham reported that a new issue of INTeresting had just appeared.

He was also able to receive the monthly issue from the SOA of their Despatches e-mails.

One issue was that it would be good to find out when the next SOA-organised First Aid course would be held. Graham was aware that his certificate had expired in October 2024. This raised the wider issue of the expiry of similar licences. Members who had acquired First Aid certificates should know that these had only a three-tear validity. In addition, the newer PVG certificates now being issued came with a five-year lifetime, i.e. they were not indefinite.

14 Socials

There was a short discussion about the frequency of Club Socials. It was agreed that some sort of social event in the Spring would be welcome.

There was also a suggestion that the formal 50th Anniversary of the Club's founding be marked in some way, probably incorporated within an existing event such as a Sprintelope.

15 Scottish Six-Days 2027

Graham reported that an Assistant Coordinator had been appointed. The person was from a military background, and lived at Ballinluig. It was hoped to have all the areas agreed by the time of the JK. It was expected that the Event Treasurer would be Ben Hartman, who was already fulfilling that rôle for the JK. Graeme Ackland had been appointed as Technical Director.

As an aside, it was noted that the Club would be organising the JK Relay day at Tullochroisk. Paul was the Coordinator.

16 <u>Any Other Business</u>

- Paul asked for a copy of the list of those with Club responsibilities according to BOF. John would send one. ACTION John
- He then suggested it would be good to know who the SOA had in their records with Club responsibilities. John would try to find out. ACTION John
- Max had entered 1 Jukola and 1 Venla teams for this year's event.
- It was noted that this year's Swiss 5-Day Event would take place from 11 to 18 July.
- EUOC had notified us that they were likely to be hosting BUCS 2027, and wondered if INT would be able to put on the Individual event on the Saturday. If we did, the area to be used would almost certainly be Gullane Dunes. The event would probably be in the February/March window, depending on capercaillie restrictions – Max could confirm those dates. It was suggested that we should try to find out the dates of the 2027 SOL programme, to see if we could make a weekend of it. We would need to liaise with Steve Scott. Paul would reply to EUOC. ACTION Paul

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 23 March 2026 at 7:30pm at Robin Galloway's house.

Paul was thanked for his hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:45pm John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 28 Feb 2026

<u>SUMMARY OF ONGOING ACTION ITEMS</u>

<u>No.</u>	<u>Action Details</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
50/1:2.2	Develop a Junior Section for the website, and investigate existing archived material	Ann
50/1:2.3	Liaise with Graeme Ackland RE Mapping Convener post	Paul
50/1:2.4	Training in how to produce material for the website	Graham, William
50/1:2.5	Speak to Ken Daly regarding contacts at West Lothian Council	Paul
50/1:3.2	Set up a generic default username in the Namesco database	John
50/1:3.3	Chase up non-renewers	John

50/1:4.1	Carry out analysis of costs of entering Club teams for Relays and CompassSport Trophy	Robin
50/1:8.1	Investigate the use of Google Drive and/or OneDrive as a repository for information	Graham, William

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	Action Details	Assigned
50/2:4.1	Invite new members to join the Club's Google Group and its WhatsApp Group – this would become standard practice	John
50/2:4.2	Review definitions of Office Bearer rôles	Paul
50/2:5.1	Obtain quotes for upgrading map of Almondell Country Park	Paul
50/2:7.1	Liaise with Matt Leitch regarding next Club Championships	William
50/2:10.1	Send copy of Club Development Plan to Paul	Robin
50/2:16.1	Send copy of BOF's Club Officers list to Paul	John
50/2:16.2	Find out from SOA who they had as INT Reps. in their records	John
50/2:16.3	Reply to EUOC about BUCS 2027	Paul

Action Item numbering

e.g. 50/2:4.2

50: Number of Club Year (1976/77 = 1)
2: Meeting Number within Year
4: Section Number in Minutes
2: Action Item number within Section