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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTIETH YEAR

7:30pm, Monday 23 March 2026

1 Present

John Barrow, Paul Caban, Max Carcas, Mairi Eades, Ann Haley, William Ivory, Graham McIntyre, Morag McIntyre, Mike Stewart

Apologies for absence were received from Robin Galloway, Rob Lee, and Laurence Ward.

2 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 20 Janary 2026

2.1 Action Items

- Action 50/1:2.2 Develop a Junior Section for the website, and investigate existing archived material. When complete, publicise in next INTeresting - Discharged
- Action 50/1:2.3 Liaise with Graeme Ackland RE Mapping Convener post – Graeme happy to take it on. N.B. When maps are copied to Graeme, a check should always be made that it is the most up-to-date version. - Discharged
- Action 50/1:2.4 Training in how to produce material for the website – Ongoing
- Action 50/1:2.5 Speak to Ken Daly regarding contacts at West Lothian Council – Ongoing
- Action 50/1:3.2 Set up a generic default username in Namesco database – Ongoing
- Action 50/1:3.3 Chase up non-renewers. This by definition is ongoing, but can be discharged as an Action.
- Action 50/1:4.1 Analyse costs involved in entering teams for Relays and CS Trophy. This Action should have been assigned to Rob rather than Robin, and is Ongoing.
- Action 50/1:8.1 Investigate use of Google Drive and OneDrive for storing information - Ongoing
- Action 50/2:4.1 Invite new members to join Club's Google Group and WhatsApp. This is now standard, and can be discharged as an Action.
- Action 50/2:4.2 Review definitions of Office Bearer rôles – Ongoing

- Action 50/2:5.1 Obtain quotes for upgrading Almondell map. The existing map looks OK, but a new piece of urban land would need to be mapped - Ongoing
- Action 50/2:7.1 Liaise with Matthew Leitch regarding next Club Champs. These will be incorporated into a Sprintelope – Discharged
- Action 50/2:10.1 Send copy of Development Plan to Paul. Done – Discharged
- Action 50/2:16.1 Send copy of BOF Club Officers to Paul. Done – Discharged
- Action 50/1:16.2 Obtain list of Club Officers known to SOA. Done - Discharged
- Action 50/2:16.3 Reply to EUOC about BUCS 2027. Event now being held in Scotland in 2028. Discharged

3 Secretary's Report

A further new ex-EUOC member had joined the Club, in the person of Evie Conway. She had yet to reply to John's initial welcoming e-mail. It was pointed out that names of new members used to be reported in "INTeresting" as a matter of course. John would collate the names of members joined over the New Year, and pass the list to Graham for publishing. ACTION - John

All the newcomers had been advised of the Google Group and the WhatsApp Group.

There was a brief discussion of the names of the few members yet to renew, and mention of two (Peter Hodkinson and Iain Whiteside) who would not be re-joining.

4 Chairman's Report

Paul noted that the Club had been charged with organising the Relay Day of the JK, to take place over the Easter Weekend in Central Scotland. Mairi would be trying to recruit volunteers for the Car Parking team. Paul would coordinate the overall manpower, particularly for the Start/MapIssue/Download teams. The area being used was small and compact.

Paul attended a drop-in session held by West Lothian Council about the Council's long-term management strategy for the woods under its control. There would be fairly large-scale felling at Dechmont Law as part of a 10-Year Plan.

As for Calderwood, because the site contains a SSSI, WLC have decreed that it can no longer be used for orienteering.

A bid for an SOA Development Fund grant to allow Mairi to attend a Coaching Award course had been agreed and submitted.

5 Treasurer's Report

Robin had submitted a brief report, which Paul read to the Meeting.

The current account balance was £8126, and there was £11878 in the Savings Account.

Recent notable expenditure included £820 on renewal of SportIdent licences.

Some noteworthy statistics from the Craigmillar Local Event included £418 in entry fees from 80 competitors. The maps cost £109, and the BOF Levy came to £118.40.

The current Financial Year ended on Friday 31 March. Then effort would be needed to derive the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet information.

6 Reports on Co-opted Responsibilities

6.1 Safeguarding (Lucy Galloway)

The SOA are starting to contact club Child Protection Officers about club members with the oldest PVG certificates, as they now require to be renewed every 5 years for those still needing them. The SOA are starting to work through the backlog.

Jane Ackland had submitted a fresh application. Pat Bartlett had still to reply.

The SOA would arrange a Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO) training course in the next couple of months. Lucy and Mairi would try to attend this course.

6.2 Equipment (Paul)

1 SI unit was purchased to replace one lost at Gullane. This had been given the number 140, so that the Club now had a complete sequence numbering 100 to 140 inclusive. Some new gripples had also been purchased.

A new shed in which to store Club equipment had yet to be purchased. ACTION - Paul

6.3 Webmaster (Graham McIntyre)

Graham was keen that a small cohort were involved with the structure of the site. More could be shown how to post events and results, news articles, make typo corrections, etc..

6.4 Assistant Secretary (Morag McIntyre)

Morag had nothing to report, other than that she was pleased to be back in circulation.

6.5 Mapping

Graeme Ackland had agreed to act as Mapping Convener.

Paul had identified two areas which could be developed for Sprintelopes (and Graeme agreed with these assessments): one was at Roslin (John was able to confirm that an old railway tunnel was still available under the B7006, linking two areas to make the overall area more versatile); the second was the new housing development at Kaimes, between the A701 and the B701, to the SW of where those roads intersect. It was noted that the date of 8 July was available for such an event.

It was noted that Calderwood was now unavailable for orienteering. The Local Event originally planned for there on 11 April would now be held at the King's Buildings.

Mike reported that Kinneil Wood at Bo'ness had suffered similar damage. It was his opinion that no more than a Light Green course could be planned there.

6.6 East Area Representative (Lorna Eades)

Lorna reported that the next ESOA Committee Meeting would take place on Tuesday 31 March. Main topics for discussion were expected to include the Junior Inter-Areas being held in the East Area in Autumn 2026, the Scottish Champs in 2028 and other East Area-designated events to be held in the next 3 to 5 years, and the next East Area Training Day to be held at Kinnoull Hill, Perth, on Sunday 10 May.

Specifically, INT and ESOC would be Lead Clubs for the 2027 6-Days. In 2027, the Score and the Sprint would be hosted by East Clubs. In 2028, East would be taking on the Scottish Championships (Individual and Relay); Gullane Dunes had been suggested for the Individual, and a new area between Dunbar and St. Abb's Head might be used for the Relay. The Night Champs would also take place in the East in 2028. Finally, in 2029, the Night and the Middle Distance events would be put on by the East Area.

7 Events

The Local Event at Craigmillar had been well received. The weather was really fine.

The next Local Event would now be at the King's Buildings on 11 April, planned by Paul and organised by Graham. A web page would be set up.

Mike had planned courses for the Local Event at Kinneil Wood on 9 May.

A Planner and an Organiser had yet to be identified for the Almondell Local Event on 6 June.

Of the Sprintelopes, Graeme would organise one on 13 May at Roseburn. The 10 June event would be held at Buckstone, organised by Robin. There would also be one on 8 July, but the venue and organiser were not yet known. Finally, an event would be put on at Gracemount on 5 August, but the organiser had yet to be identified.

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.

If the Club wanted to organise a SOL in 2027, we should be on the alert for any relevant announcement by the SOA.

8 Juniors

Nothing to report.

9 Training

It was reported that the SOA would be organising a Training Session at Cammo.

10 Development and Marketing

Paul felt that these two topics would be better dealt with as separate Items in future.

In the event, there was nothing to report on Development. However, William suggested that Katherine might be willing to take on paid Development work from the end of this summer.

Under Marketing, there was a short discussion on how to process on-the-day entry forms for Local Events. Morag offered to follow up non-member entries by suggesting ways that such people could be kept informed about future events, and direct them to the How to Join section on the Club website. ACTION - Morag

11 Mapping

This item had already been dealt with under Co-Opted Responsibilities.

12 Captain

In Rob's absence, there was little to mention. However, Graham would go ahead with issuing the next INTeresting to try to help with deriving running orders for JK teams.

It was noted that the SOA Relays and British Sprint Relays would be taking place at the ends of May and June respectively.

13 Communications

Graham reported that a new issue of INTeresting was due. He was hoping to be able to produce an issue at roughly fortnightly intervals. There was a brief mention of Facebook and Instagram. It was likely that only Mairi used the latter.

14 Socials

There was a general view that another Quiz Night would be a good idea. It was also suggested that a Bowling Evening at Dunfermline would be welcomed.

There was a suggestion that the 50th Anniversary celebrations could take the form of a ceilidh and, as a venue, the church hall at Fairmilehead would be quite suitable. (It was noted that, in

the dim and distant past, the same hall was successfully used for Paul's 50th birthday celebration.) Once a date could be firmed up, someone (?) would try to make a booking.

15 Scottish Six-Days 2027

It was announced that the Event Centre would be in Aberfeldy. It was hoped that there would be a 6-Days presence at the JK, where the event venues would be made known. However, there was still a big effort needed for these to be finally identified and confirmed. A call for Planners would go out in the summer.

16 Any Other Business

- Graeme Ackland had circulated some details of an activity known as Quid Games, sponsored by Sportsshoes. It was being held in the city's Old Town the same evening, but unfortunately neither of the Edinburgh-based O Clubs had been told about it.
- Max had entered 1 Jukola and 1 Venla teams for this year's event.
- It was noted that this year's Swiss 6-Day Event would take place from 11 to 18 July.
- Max mentioned that he had been liaising with a Scout leader based in West Lothian. The Group had been hoping that someone from the Club could give a presentation for them, and it seemed that this could now take place some time in April.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 1 June 2026 at 7:30pm at Robin Galloway's house. John would check with Robin that this would be OK.

Ann was thanked for her hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:50pm John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 7 May 2026

SUMMARY OF ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

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50/1:2.5	Speak to Ken Daly regarding contacts at West Lothian Council. Kirsty Morrison is a contact	Paul
50/1:3.2	Set up a generic default username in the Namesco database. It was suggested that e-mails to info@interlopers be directed to a shared mailbox as one possible solution	John
50/1:4.1	Carry out analysis of costs of entering Club teams for Relays and CompassSport Trophy	Rob
50/1:8.1	Investigate the use of Google Drive and/or OneDrive as a repository for information	Graham, William
50/2:4.2	Review definitions of Office Bearer rôles	Paul
50/2:5.1	Obtain quotes for updating Almondell map	Paul

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

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50/3:3.1	Send list of new members to Graham for inclusion in "Interesting"	John
50/3:6.2.1	Arrange purchase of a replacement equipment shed	Paul
50/3:10.1	Follow up non-member on-the-day entry forms	Morag