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FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTIETH YEAR

7:30pm, Monday 1 June 2026

1 Present

John Barrow, Paul Caban, Max Carcas, Robin Galloway, William Ivory, Graham McIntyre, Morag McIntyre, Mike Stewart, Laurence Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Mairi Eades, Ann Haley, and Rob Lee.

2 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 23 March 2026

2.1 Action Items

- 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 50/1:4.1 Analyse costs involved in entering teams for Relays and CS Trophy. This Action was re-assigned to Robin. He was able to confirm that entry fees for Relay teams (BOF, JK, SOA) amounted to approx. £1500 annually, and fees for the CSC came to about £456 in 2025 - Discharged
- Action 50/1:8.1 Investigate use of Google Drive and OneDrive for storing information - Ongoing
- Action 50/2:4.2 Review definitions of Office Bearer rôles – Ongoing
- Action 50/2:5.1 Obtain quotes for upgrading Almondell map. Some initial work had been carried out. However, the new urban areas were difficult to show, because most of them were still in the construction phase – Ongoing
- Action 50/3:3.1 Send list of new members to Graham for inclusion in “Interesting” - Discharged
- Action 50/3:6.2.1 Arrange purchase of a replacement equipment shed – Ongoing
- Action 50/3:10.1 Follow up non-member on-the-day entry forms - Discharged

3 Secretary’s Report

There was a brief discussion about arrangements to be made for the AGM. It was suggested that a date be found at about the same time in September when the 2025 Meeting was held, which was the 18th. However, this might depend on being able to find a venue. At present, the venue which had been used for the last few years, the Charwood, was now permanently closed. In addition, the other possibility, The Steading, appeared to be going through a significant amount of refurbishment. Someone suggested a room at the King's Buildings, but this would not be able to offer eating facilities. Other possibilities were Craigmillar Park Golf Clubhouse, and the function room at the Old Bell on Ratcliffe Terrace. John would try to find out their availability. ACTION John

John had received details of the competition for this year's Jamie Stevenson Trophy, being held on 21 June. It was suggested that this information should be distributed to families potentially interested in attending. ACTION John

It was confirmed that the Club would pay the JST entry fees.

It was suggested that the e-mail Address List be brought up-to-date, with lapsed members' details removed. ACTION John

4 Chairman's Report

Paul reported that the car parking arrangements at the JK worked well, and thanks were due to many people. Max used a 360-degree camera to record the occasion.

He had also spoken to Nikki Howard at the SOA about the situation at Calderwood. We were recommended to pursue the issue further ourselves. It transpired that the local Ranger Kirsty is prepared to be friendly and try to help us, but wanted to make sure that she followed the rules. If we wished to try to use the area, permission would need to be obtained with at least six months' notice. Paul would follow up the issue, including asking to meet the ecologists. Mike would be willing to go along if a meeting could be arranged. ACTION Paul

There was a discussion about subsidising Relay entry fees. Paul would try to find out how ESOC approach the issue. He and Robin would then review the current practice adopted by the Club. ACTION Paul, Robin

We had been successful in obtaining a Development Fund grant from the SOA to support Mairi in attending a Coaching Award course (course provision yet to be finalised by the SOA).

Paul announced that the SOA would be holding Volunteer Days on 12 and 19 September.

Paul mentioned that he had attended a webinar on the implementation of Martyn's Law, being organised by Howdens, the BOF Insurance provider. It was more formally known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. He recommended that we wait until the SOA become involved. It might also be the case that BOF take some initiative through the Risk Assessment process.

5 Treasurer's Report

Robin reported that the Accounts for 2025/26 had been finalised, and were now with the Auditor. They showed a profit of approx.. £1700 for the Year.

One item of expenditure for the current year would be a new tent, possibly second-hand, and smaller than the existing one.

There was expected to be some Coaching Award money.

William mentioned that he now donated any money received from Benevity Causes to the Orienteering Foundation.

6 Reports on Co-opted Responsibilities

6.1 Safeguarding (Lucy Galloway)

The SOA have begun the process of asking those with the oldest PVG Certificates to provide applications for the issue of new ones.

Both Jane Ackland and Pat Bartlett have completed their application forms, and Lucy had checked their ID documents.

Lucy had contacted the SOA about a couple of matters, including a query about updating the template for risk assessments to include safeguarding, but had yet to receive a reply.

She was also waiting for them to arrange a CWPO course that she felt Mairi and herself should attend.

6.2 Equipment (Paul)

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

The purchase of a new tent was beginning to become essential.

Paul also recommended the purchase of a new small battery pack, at an approx.. cost of £220.

6.3 Webmaster (Graham McIntyre)

Graham had little to report. However, he mentioned that the website really needed a Privacy Policy.

He remarked that there should ideally be many more pictures illustrating events on the website.

6.4 Assistant Secretary (Morag McIntyre)

Morag pointed out that the topics of Communications and Marketing should be merged into one Item for discussion at Meetings.

6.5 Mapping (Paul Caban)

The SOA was assembling a database of all Scottish maps, including some details of potential use, mapping standards, etc.. Graeme Ackland would be responding on behalf of the Club. As a separate development, BOF would be creating a database of (potential) Major Event maps/areas. The SOA would be responding in due course.

6.6 East Area Representative (Lorna Eades)

Lorna forwarded the Minutes of the ESOA Meeting of 31 March, but there was no time to digest these before the current meeting.

After subsequent scanning of those Minutes, some relevant points are noted here.

The Junior Inter-Area would take place on the weekend of 31 October/1 November. The weekend would be coordinated by Oleg Chepelin. The Individual would be held at John Muir Country Park on the Sunday. No venue had yet been decided for the Saturday Relay.

A Junior Coaching Day would take place on 22 August.

The rota for Major Events in the East Area for the next 3 years had been decided. INT and ESOC would be joint organising Clubs for the 2027 6 Days. INT would take on the 2028 SOA Relays.

7 Events

It was noted that participation figures for recent events were 66 for King's Buildings, 62 for Kinneil Wood, and 63 for the Roseburn Sprintelope. There was some concern about the number of entrants foregoing pre-entry, and relying on late entry – this raised issues about predicting numbers of maps to print.

Remaining events in the Spring included Sprintelopes at Buckstone on 10 June, at Colinton Dell on 8 July, and at Gracemount on 8 August.

The two Autumn Local Events were at Braidburn on 3 October, and at Mortonhall on 7 November. The event on 5 December at Dechmont Law would be a SoSOL, and would incorporate the ESOA Championships.

It was hoped to be able to stage a SOL at Loch Vaa some time in 2027, but nothing could be formalised until the SOL Programme had been published by the SOA. No other plans had yet been laid for events next year.

8 Juniors

Laurence reported that Lucy Ward would be submitting a claim for expenses in attending representative events.

He also mentioned that Ember Chepelin, Laura Kitchin, and Emma Heron of STAG won the 36- Class at the recent SOA Relay Championships.

9 Training

There would be some training sessions organised by ESOA. Lorna would be lead coach for the coaching day on Sunday 22 August, and is planning on making it an urban/sprint theme at Riccarton, since August is a time when the undergrowth in most areas is no fun for training. All ages and TDs would be catered for, and it would be open to anyone from an East Area club.

10 Development

Nothing to report.

However, Max mentioned that he had been in touch with a Scout Group in Livingston, and had been helping them with some orienteering exercises.

11 Captain

Rob had submitted a Report in advance>

1) JK Relays - we had 13 teams competing in the relays at Tullochroisk. A team of Oleg Chepelin, Murray Strain, Scott Fraser were FIRST in Senior Men (M120+) class and a team of Alistair Masson, Aidan Smith, Luke Fisher were second in the JK Trophy. Four of the other teams finished in fourth place in their relay class.

2) Scottish Relays - Lorna, Colin, Mairi did an excellent job of co-ordinating the relay entries and teams. A number of the teams made the podium.

3) British Sprint Relays - Mairi has sent out an e-mail and posted a message in the Interloper Chat WhatsApp group with a Google Form to enable people to sign up for British Sprint Relays which are in Bristol at the end of this month.

12 Communications and Marketing

As mentioned under 6.3, Graham recommended the inclusion of many more photographs in News items on the website.

13 Socials

It was hoped to hold another Quiz Night like the one held at Brewdog in March. Paul would discuss this with Mairi. ACTION Paul

14 Scottish Six-Days 2027

An Entries Coordinator would soon need to be appointed. The Club would be e-mailed to try to find a volunteer.

There was a query over whether the Club Groupings had been decided, but this was not yet finalised. The allocation of Areas to Days had also to be settled.

Ben Hartman had agreed to act as Event Treasurer.

15 Any Other Business

Morag raised the question of how we could encourage more participation in the Thursday training sessions. It was suggested that we should reinstate the post-run meal every one or two months to see if this would attract more Club members.

The next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 31 August 2026 at 7:30pm at Max Carcas's house.

Lucy and Robin were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 9:30pm

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 24 July 2026

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SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

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50/4:3.1	Find a location for the AGM and meal, and tentatively set a date	John

50/4:3.2	Distribute JST details to parents of potential competitors	John
50/4:3.3	Update e-mail Address List by removing details of lapsed members	John
50/4:4.1	Pursue permissions to be able to use Calderwood	Paul
50/4:4.2	Paul to find out whether ESOC subsidise members' Relay entries. He and Robin would then review the Club's current practice.	Paul, Robin
50/4:14.1	Discuss holding another Quiz Night	Paul, Mairi