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FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTY FIRST YEAR

7:30pm, Monday 16 November 2026

1 Present

Paul, William, Mike, Lucy, Graham, Ann, Jane, Kieran, Robin, Joseph, Morag
Apologies for absence were received from Mairi

2 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 31 August 2026

No amendments made to these.

2.1 Action Items

Action #		Owner/s	Status
50/1:2.4	How to manage uploading material onto the website. Graham has produced a document and sent it out to Paul and William. This supporting document will be made available as a resource to those who wish to upload material to the website.	GMc/WI	Discharged
50/1:2.5	Paul will arrange a meeting with West Lothian Council, with Max also in attendance, after the Interlopers event at Dechmont Law on 5 December 2026. The SSSI covers most of the area but should not warrant blanket exclusion.	PC	Ongoing
50/1:3.2	Email system: Graham has asked John to make him the named user on Namesco. We would like to send as well as receive emails using @interlopers.org.uk addresses, which may incur a cost. Anyone interested should send Graham a brief summary of their requirements or views.	GMc And interested parties	Ongoing
50/1:4.1	To decide on whether we want to adjust the level of subsidy for relay entries. Currently the club pays the full relay fees. Robin has circulated the historic costs to the Committee, Rob Lee and John Barrow. 2026 Figures for 2025 Events were: BOC Relays £377 British Sprint Relays £96	RG	Ongoing

	Compass Sport Cup (Trophy) £456 JK/Brit/Scot Relays £1470 we are affording it at the moment – we need to understand what effect being a big club has on CSC costs. Robin will welcome thoughts on whether we continue on this basis or adjust. To be discussed at Jan 2027 meeting with a view to closure.		
50/1:8.1	Investigation of the use of Google Drive and OneDrive for storage of information. Graham is open to any suggestions as to how this should be managed - Anybody with an interest send a summary to Graham. It may be possible to get 1 account, and the owner share it with a couple of admins for example.	GMc and Interested Parties	Ongoing
50/2:4.2	Review definitions of Office Bearer roles. Paul to present to committee prior to 2027 AGM.	PC	Ongoing
50/2:5.1	Quotes had been obtained for various mapping requests. The Almondell map may be postponed due to construction work. Mapping has started - discharged.	PC	Discharged
50/3:6.2.1	Paul has sourced a replacement equipment shed. The committee approved this and Robin gave the go ahead for Paul to purchase the new shed. Mike and others offered support with construction.	PC	Ongoing
50/4:4.2	Paul to find out whether ESOC subsidise members' Relay entries.	PC	Ongoing
50/5:4.1a	Paul to enquire into other club reward schemes/ incentives to help out at bigger events. Paul will investigate BOF, SOA, FVO website for any current incentive schemes in addition or instead of paying event entry fee.	PC	Ongoing
50/5:4.1b	William to look at application of discounts in Racesignup: - can get % or set amount discounts and these can be limited by time or by number	WI	Discharged
50/5:4.2	Paul to emphasise that the club needs help at all events where the club is involved in delivering the event.	PC	Ongoing
50/5:4.3	To advertise SI Training Course to the club. The latest training was delivered by Robin Strain with 2 of the 8 attendees being Interlopers (Graham and Robin G)	PC	Discharged
50/5:4.4	To approach committee members regarding standing again.	PC	Discharged
50/5:4.6	Mairi to update the Chairman on her coaching course and activities. Paul has received a request from SOA for details.	ME	Ongoing
50/6:4.1	Morag to update 2026 AGM Minutes to reflect our current 3 Ordinary Members	MMc	New
50/6:4.2	Morag to communicate to co-opted role holders what is expected vis-à-vis reporting and committee meetings	MMc	New
50/6:4.3	Paul to discuss with Lucy G and Lorna which of the existing Committee roles cover Clause 4.5 of the Constitution "One of those Committee Members defined in 4.4. shall be specifically responsible for Junior Members' interests". Welfare Officer role (Lucy and Mairi) or ESOA Rep? Only the latter is listed as a	PC	New

	committee role in the Constitution though clause 2.2.2 of this states "In particular, the Club endorses and adopts the SOA Child Protection Policy".		
50/6:4.4	Robin to draft out some instructions for the role of organiser	RG	New
50/6:4.5	Ann to review the Event Checklist on the Club Website	AH	New
50/6:4.6	Graham to add who to go to for permissions area by area to internal documentation	GMc	New
50/6:5.1	Robin will reimburse Jane for Int 50th anniversary party costs	RG	New
50/6:5.2	Robin will provide a breakdown for Junior Inter Area and Mortonhall events for our January meeting.	RG	New
50/6:6.4.1	Paul to discuss Livingston mapping priorities with Graeme A	PC	New
50/6:7.1	William to get next 6 months' events up on the Int Website	WI	New
50/6:8.1	Morag to move the Juniors item to earlier in the Agenda for January meeting	MMc	New
50/6:8.2	Paul to talk to Lorna about getting a rota of coaches together to attend ESOC Wednesday training session with Int juniors (Ray will be doing some of these, but cover needed if he cannot attend).	PC	New
50/6:11.1	William to ask Katherine about update of MapRun courses at Braidburn Valley Park	WI	New
50/6:16.1	Morag to ask Mairi for copies of pics of JB from the newsletters	MMc	New
50/6:16.2	Morag to submit a nomination to BOF for Continued Contribution award	MMc	New
50/6:16.3	Paul to discuss honorary membership of Int with JB	PC	New
50/6:16.4	William to make the BOF Safety Advisory Notices available to event organisers and planners.	WI	New

3 Secretary's Report

Morag has completed the online Club Affiliation details and submitted it to BOF.
Updates to the current committee page on the website have been carried out, and BOF and SOA informed of changes.
As the default Club Safety Liaison officer, Morag has received information in from the BOF Safety Advisory Group, along with a proposed timetable for establishing a clear communication path for safety information between British Orienteering and each club.

- **1 January 2027**: Each club has a nominated point of contact for safety information.
- **1 March 2027**: Safety update information formally sent to nominated contacts.
- **1 June 2027**: We are working to update our systems so that nominated contacts receive copies of relevant incidents reported from their club events.
- **1 January 2028**: A more detailed role description will be shared with clubs, with feedback sought on the proposed Safety Liaison Officer role and communications to date.
- **1 June 2028**: Safety Liaison Officers in place in accordance with the role description agreed following club feedback, with training developed to support the role.
- **1 January 2029**: Safety Liaison Officers have completed the required training.

Information from Kirsteen Kershaw regarding the ESOA AGM to be held on Tuesday 17th November 2026 has been received and distributed to all Interlopers club members.

Also circulated, entry details from Terry O'Brien re STAG's 27th Glasgow Parks Champs on Sunday 6th December 2026.

4 Chairman's Matters

The Constitution document needs tidied up – changes will need to go through an EGM/AGM – Paul proposed holding them over to 2027 AGM. Up to 2 ordinary members - we have 3 currently. Correction needed to AGM minutes (Action 50/6:4.1 Morag). It was agreed that Mike will stay on until 2027 AGM. Morag to communicate what is expected of co-opted members (Action 50/6:4.2)
In addition to the Junior Representative, the Constitution also states there will be a member of the committee (living in or near Edinburgh) responsible for junior members' interests. Paul to discuss with Lucy G and Lorna (Action 50/6:4.3).

SOA Volunteer days were both cancelled.

Rewarding volunteers: We discussed how to do this; e.g. pay entry fees for the event they're helping at. Mentoring of coordinators, planners and organisers is always offered, maybe we can turn this round and offer opportunities to shadow primary volunteers in these roles.
Paul will review what is out there on BOF, SOA, FVO, our website (continuation of Action 50/5:4.1a)
Robin will draft out some instructions on organiser role (Action 50/6:4.4)
William has an event checklist (on our website). Ann to review (Action 50/6:4.5)
It was identified that missing from our internal documentation is who to go to area by area for permissions - Graham to add (Action 50/6:4.6)

5 Treasurer's Report

Frank Townley has been paid for the mapping work he has done.
Interlopers 50th party costs receipts will be reimbursed to Jane (Action 50/6:5.1)
Robin will provide a breakdown for Junior Inter Area and Mortonhall events for our January meeting (Action 50/6:5.2)

6 Reports on Co-opted Responsibilities

6.1 Safeguarding (Lucy Galloway)

Lucy is still waiting for SOA to arrange an update meeting for all Club Safeguarding Officers, which they had intended to email about 3 weeks ago. She is also waiting for them to arrange a Club Welfare Protection Officer update course, as hers has expired. Mairi is up to date.

Lucy sent the relevant PVG application forms to the newly elected Committee members. She is following up on these, some of which have been outstanding for some time.

6.2 Equipment (Paul)

Nothing lost so far this year

6.3 Webmaster (Graham McIntyre)

We have correct PHP version (upgrades were needed and have been done).
It was noted that the site needs to be a bit more dynamic.

6.4 Mapping (Graeme Ackland)

A bunch of work was assigned by the committee to Frank Townley.

We did a detailed remap of the Mortonhall arboretum for Tessa's CATI, and an update of Dechmont Law for the forthcoming SOSOL. There seem to be some ongoing issues with colour map and georeferencing which Frank and Kieran are resolving. Frank has updated the woods at Eliburn and contracted to add the new estate at Almondell/Calderwood (which is not Calder Wood).

I made as-yet unused maps for Broomhills and Gorgie, which would be good for Sprintelopes.

Kieran expanded on the issues with the Dechmont Law map at the meeting – there are bits on the map (estates around Dechmont Law) with very little attention to detail. The symbols on Dechmont Law part of the map are now consistent.
Paul will talk with GA about Livingston priorities (Action 50/6:6.4.1)

6.5 Comms Assistant (Kieran)

Kieran has started to revive Instagram and has made a couple of FB posts. Feedback is that at least one Mortonhall entrant had seen it on FB and come along to enter on the day.
Kieran had engaged with journalist Bill Lothian, who put a post on his website for Mortonhall. Bill would like us to advise him of any news and highlights as well as events.

7 Events

Braidburn Valley Park and Mortonhall each had more than 100 entrants. It was noted that a November date suits better for the Mortonhall local event, which was previously run later in the year.
William has registered the following 2027 dates for Interlopers Local events:
20 March, 3 April, 1 May, 5 June (venues tbc currently, but potentially Kinneil, Eliburn, Riccarton)
Aspiration is to have next 6 months events on the website at any time. William to get these on (Action 50/6:7.1)
We will also run 5 of the Sprintelopes.
Scottish 6 days – Interlopers will be one of the organising clubs on day 1 at Deuchary Hill.
SOL4 19/09/2027 - Loch Vaa: remapping Int are splitting the costs with BASOC 50/50. Volunteers for the event will be needed, details to be confirmed.

8 Juniors

Junior Inter Areas -
Lucy, Innis and Laura were on the East Area team from Interlopers. East came 2nd to North in the Individual results by 1 point (but lost out to both North and West areas in the Relays)
The weekend went well with participants enjoying the afternoon activities that were put on.

Lucy noted that other clubs make good use of Instagram and suggested that Interlopers could post a bit more – both posts and stories. Prior to the event - entry info, and then afterwards results, reports on the event. Mairi has access to repost on Instagram, but Kieran cannot currently - needs to be shared.

ESOC training every Wednesday. Interlopers are welcome to attend if we provide a coach (if juniors are coming along).

Paul will speak to Lorna about getting a rota together to get a coach along if Ray not attending (Action 50/6:8.2)

9 East Area Rep

ESOA AGM will be held on Tuesday 17/11/26 7.30 via Zoom

10 Training

11 Development

Braidburn Valley Park Permanent O Course (POC) has been refreshed - posts have gone back in and the map updated. MapRun is not yet updated – William to ask Katherine if she (or anyone else) will update this (Action 50/6:11.1)

Holly Stodgell had been in contact with Morag and John regarding John's years as Club Secretary and had offered "if there is anything I can do to help with Interlopers and development, please let me know!"

12 Communications and Marketing

Graham and Kieran to work together to have INTeresting go out regularly (monthly). Details of the Compass Sport Cup 2027 should go in the next issue.
Website to include BOF and SOA headlines.
Canva cards advertising events to go up on social media.
A longer-term view of marketing for the next 12 months is needed.

13 Captain

We are now a big club for Compass Sport Cup entry. Entries close on 4 December for Clubs. Mairi's view is that we go for it and try to beat ESOC and ELO at the qualifiers.

14 Socials

This role is shared between Jane and Mairi. Future possible socials:
Burns Night (working around big weekend) and quiz.
Something between Easter and July
Club BBQ during summer/6 Days – possibly at Kenmore

Vogrie Country Park – we have booked the BBQ site at the far side of the house previously.

15 Scottish Six-Days 2027

Day 1 - Deuchary – We've filled 8 roles for the day - 2 planners, controllers, organisers, 2 IT people a junior zone person. It's also a world ranking event, so work is being done on allocating budget for commentary.

Central Organising Team (ESOA) - one or 2 key roles need to be filled – Trader coordinator/organiser and someone to coordinate socials (ideas for these include a ceilidh; a film night at the cinema in Aberfeldy – once a decision is made on which film/s they'll sort out the licencing; a quiz night; whisky tasting.)

16 Any Other Business

Morag to approach Mairi/Jane for Interlopers newsletter pics of JB (Action 50/6:16.1)
Morag to nominate JB for BOF Continuous Contribution to Orienteering award (Action 50/6:16.2)
Paul to talk to JB to find out intentions for BOF membership and offer him honorary membership of Int. (Action 50/6:16.3)

The link to BOF safety advisory notices should be made available to event organisers and planners. William to action (Action 50/6:16.4)

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 Jan 27 at 7:30pm at 5 Strathearn Road, EH9 2AH

William and Katherine were thanked for their hospitality.

The Meeting closed at 22.00 Morag McIntyre (Hon. Secretary) – 18 Nov 2026