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THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, ELEVENTH YEAR

8pm, Monday 13th October 1986, at 234/9 Chessels Court, Canongate

Present: Scott Balfour, Lorna Boyd, Bob Cherry, Jane Lupton, Graham McIntyre, Charlie Walton, Donald Watson, Ray Heyworth

Apologies: Hilary Fairlie

1) Matters Arising from previous minutes

i) Drummond Hill Event: A letter has been received from the SOA secretary telling us about complaints received by the SOA after our badge event at Drummond Hill, and inviting us to reply/comment. The complaints were discussed, and also the way in which the complaints were made. While admitting we had a few problems to get round on the day, the general feeling was that the event had been successful. Charlie will reply to the SOA and keep the controller and planner informed. The event had some 360 competitors and the final profit will be about £170. This seemed a large amount but could easily have been less if the weather had been bad. The junior inter-area competition seems to have been particularly successful with a good turn-out and close competition; thanks go to Graham. Bob reported that we only have about 350 Drummond Hill maps left, perhaps not enough for another badge event. It was felt that to put on a "high quality" event a pre-entries/pre-marked maps system should be used. Ray asked about who decided not to collect maps at the finish at Drummond Hill — it was presumed this was a controller's decision.

ii) Slide evening social: A fair turnout and a wide range of interesting slides, but little sign of the new members we hoped would come along. Thanks to Jane and Bob for hosting.

2) Secretary's Report

i) SOA bits: "Direct" route for SOA/BOF affiliations will be used for 1987. An SOA mapping weekend was held on the 11th/12th October at Dunkeld, where Interlopers were well

Secretary's Report (cont.)

represented. The SOA are to discuss a "new format" for Scottish fixtures, and Graham was able to tell us something about the proposals; it was decided that the club should not comment at this stage but looked forward to further developments. The SOA tells us that the World Champs and World Student Champs will not be coming to Britain, but Scotland should have a World Cup event in 1988; and the ~~1986~~ 1991 JK could be on Deeside, by Loch Lomond, or on an ELO area (?!).

ii) Norwegian exchange: An Oslo club has contacted us about possible 'exchanges' to take in Highland '87, but the main interest is for families. Details to go in newsletter.

3) Treasurer's Report (Bob reported on Hilary's behalf)

After the Drummond Hill event we have lots of money — about £680 in the Building Soc. and £400 in the Bank, so even keeping some £500 "for emergencies" we have a reasonable amount available for spending. Hilary will do a Bank to Building Soc transfer. The club needs new equipment — controls, punches, water containers. Charlie to find prices, talk to shops etc. Repairs to the club tent: Donald volunteered to look into mending/replacing frame. Some new club suits might also be a good idea — not white! Charlie to investigate. Money is also available to help members go on courses, to help club juniors etc — should be mentioned in newsletter. It was agreed we could afford to subsidise social events.

4) Future Events

i) Lothian O League, 11th January 1987: As there is no news from Ewe's Hill, we will try to hold the event on Arthur's Seat. Scott has written for permission. Donald has volunteered to organise, and Janet Fallon to plan. Mandy Reynard (StAVOC) is a probable controller. The provision of a string course was discussed; we believe there is suitable equipment around in the SE Area.

ii) EVOC/Int Badge Even, Kinnoul Hill, Feb 1987: Lorna reported all was going OK.

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Future Events (cont.)

iii) Highland '87 : Ray reported on our current position; car parking and assembly, plus starts / finish, have been provisionally decided. The planners have visited the area. We are still waiting for more information, eg about equipment, and for news of a "general" meeting. It was noted that Achilty is in Ross + Cromarty, rather than Inverness-shire, which should be remembered when looking for accomodation.

5) Mapping

i) Ewes Hill : Landowners appear to be positively discouraging use of much of the area; if there is no change of heart it is not worth producing the map.

ii) Archerfield : After the experiences of the SOA mapping weekend, Lorna is raring to go — and is trying to track down the originals for the old map.

6) Newsletter

The next newsletter will be produced in early November. Bob promised to write something. There was some discussion of Scott's 'District Council Grants' article; it was agreed that the situation at present seemed unacceptable.

7) Socials

i) Beer + Skittles evening, Sheep's Heid Inn : Some food (pies etc.) can be pre-booked — it was agreed to book a "reasonable" amount.

ii) Next year Interlopers will aim to organise socials for 'even' months — ideas required for February.

iii) Burns Supper : we will see what ESOC organise.

iv) Christmas Party : might be a good idea - Jane to investigate.

8) AOCB

i) SE Area : Graham attended the last SE Area meeting for the club. He reported on plans to produce a handbook, and on discussions about LOL scoring, certificates etc. It was agreed a handbook with useful names, addresses etc. could be useful, but the 'temporary' nature of such information was stressed, and it was

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AOCB (cont)

felt that a handbook should not contain complete club membership lists. The current LOL scoring system was seen to be broadly acceptable and simplicity was seen to be a key ingredient in any new formula; Ray pointed out the work and commitment required for the league system. An 'incentive scheme', particularly for juniors, to encourage progress was recognised as worthwhile.

ii) Rotary Club "Hobbies and Leisure" exhibition: we have had no reply to further enquiries.

iii) Group Membership of Interlopers: Christine Whalley has started an orienteering group at Merchiston Castle School and thought a group affiliation to SOA/BOF through Interlopers could be mutually beneficial to club and group. It was agreed to introduce a group membership option for the club, with a fee of £1; the group leader will get a newsletter and the club will try and help the group where possible.

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The next meeting will be held at Hilary's flat, 26 Rankeillor St (2FR), Edinburgh, on Monday 5th December at 8pm.