SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 13 August 1990, at 3 Charlton Grove, Roslin

Present:

John Barrow, Janet Fallon, Ishbel Mollison, Lucy Patterson, Eva Riemersma, Jane Smith, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton

Eva gave apologies on Gordon's behalf; he was still in Sweden on a BOF tour.

1 Matters Arising from previous Meeting

Eva expressed her thanks for the Club cheque which had sponsored Gordon and Ynske on the BOF Junior Tours.

The JK post mortem meeting at the Eildon Hills event was very brief, and was even held before some people had finished. Consequently, it wasn't able to come to any worthwhile conclusions.

The references to BOF Junior Tours, instead of being to "boys" and "girls", should have been to M/W15 and M/W13 age groups respectively.

2 Secretary's Report

A letter had been received from ESOC, asking for permission to use the Club's map of Archerfield for a closed event in September or October. Apparently, ESOC had traced a stock of maps at Stirling Surveys. There were no objections to this proposal.

Evelyn Hall of MAROC had written, explaining that people had been found to take up all the main officials posts for Day 5 of Southern Uplands 91. The officials would now be:

Planners:	Terry O'Brien (STAG), Ken Hall (MAROC)
Controllers:	Donald Wallace (RR), Angela Panther (MAROC)
Organisers:	Graham McFadyen (STAG), Neil Black (STAG)

A Club-selected on-the-day organiser would need to be chosen soon.

A reply had been received from Carol McNeill, regarding her coming to the Club Weekend at Kingussie in September. She wasn't sure just what her plans were, though in principle she would be delighted to come, and would be quite happy to help with any coaching needs. Eva mentioned that the weekend chosen clashes with the Junior Inter-Area Championships. The only consequence of note would be that any Juniors selected for the Area team would probably not be staying at Woodlands.

A lot of information had been received from the SOA. This included: 2 copies of a new SOA Handbook; a Scottish Sports Council (SSC) handout; an SSC publication on "Drugs, Doping, and Sport"; notes on the Coaching Conference held in June; and Minutes of the SOA Meeting of 23 June. The latter contained several references to proceedings at the SOA AGM but, without further background detail, it seemed difficult for Clubs to comment since they were in a position of ignorance. There was no mention of 1991 SOA Affiliation fees. If the SOA Junior age limit did not match that of BOF for 1991, the situation would be very complicated.

Much BOF information had also been received. This included a CompassSport Cup entry form for 1991, together with updated Rules; details of a National Try-O Day on 16 September; 1991 Levy arrangements (the proposals would be considered by the GP&F Committee at its meeting in September); and a review of comments on Clive Allen's paper on membership, etc..

Charlie mentioned that he had received Minutes of a recent meeting of the Edinburgh District Sports Council. He gave them to John, who would file them appropriately. It was suggested that contact be kept with this organisation, since it did occasionally make some training grants available.

Pat mentioned that he had received a copy of an Alternative Ranking List (via CompassSport). There was some discussion on the merits of this List, and it was decided to solicit views from those Club members included on the List.

3 Treasurer's Report

Some modifications to the address list were mentioned. John noted these.

The new Treasurer's Account had been successfully established at the St. Andrew Square branch of the Bank of Scotland. There had been some difficulty in withdrawing the balance from the Building Society account, but this had now been resolved.

Janet wondered if attempts were being made to acquire another multi-memory stop watch for the club. It was reported that Rudolph Riemersma would try on his next trip abroad.

It had proved impossible to have the tent poles repaired at "Camping Écosse", since the shop had not heard of the make of tent. It was mentioned that LINOC had a similar tent. It could be that Ultrasport were stockists. No-one present could now remember how the Club came by the tent in the first place. It was suggested that Scott Balfour or Ken Ovens might remember. However, the cost of repairing the existing tent had to be weighed against that of a new tent, perhaps available in the winter sales. Pat would investigate all options, given that the tent would probably not be required until next Spring at the earliest.

Someone asked where the Club banner was. It was suggested that Jane Cherry might have it. Pat would phone to ask her.

Jane Smith reported on the types of headlamp available; they ranged downwards from £26 for the dearest. The middle range would cost about £15. Eva mentioned that her family's headlamp was missing after the Harvester Trophy. An appeal as to its whereabouts would be put in the next Newsletter. Depending on the outcome of this appeal, the Club would buy one or two of the middle-priced headlamps.

Pat asked if he could claim travelling expenses for attending LBOA meetings. The Meeting agreed with this request.

4 Events

4.1 Harvester Trophy

Three teams had been entered. The A Team was second in its class, the B team 14th out of about 76, and the C Team finished. All participants agreed that it had been very worthwhile going to the event.

4.2 Southern Uplands 91

As mentioned in the Secretary's Report, all the main officials for Day 5 at Dalmacallan had now been chosen.

4.3 S.O.A. Championships 1991

Charlie reported that very little had happened since the last Meeting. A job to be done soon was to advertise for computing facilities for handling Entries and Results. It was pointed out that the setting of entry fees would have to be considered carefully, in the light of proposed changes to the Levy arrangements for 1991.

4.4 LOL

It seemed that the original Day allocated to Interløpers for the 1990/91 Series, 14 October, had been usurped by ESOC without our knowledge. The dates and Clubs for the Series were now: 16 September (WFO - Blairadam), 14 October (ESOC - Pentlands), 11 November (RR - Gala Hill), 9 December (LINOC), 21 January (INT), 17 February (EUOC), and 24 March (ELO, perhaps at Vogrie). Discussions would be held with LINOC and EUOC regarding any available areas which the Club could use. Pat said he would probably find out more information at the next LBOA Meeting. Charlie would be able to glean any details from EUOC. Main officials to be decided in the immediate future would be a Planner and an Organiser - it might be that these could be chosen at the Club Weekend. A Controller could be chosen later.

5 Newsletter

Ishbel reported that she hoped to have the next issue finalised during the coming weekend. Jane Cherry could be contacted for copying, and John would provide address labels.

6 Socials

There was considerable discussion on the holding of the Club Championships. It was agreed that we should try to hold them soon, since they were supposed to be an annual event. A date in September was suggested, but it wasn't clear if either 9 or 16 September would be suitable. The uncertainty was really over when the first LOL event would be, but after some discussion (and a partly abortive phone call to Doreen Biggar) it was accepted that the latter would be on 16 September, and that therefore the date of 9 September would be available. The venue was settled at Colinton Dell, and afterwards at the Dell Inn or another suitable hostelry.

Lucy suggested that an event for later in the Autumn could be an ice skating evening (perhaps in October), and this was well received.

7 Club Weekend

Pat would put together an information sheet, and distribute it to those going to Kingussie.

8 LBOA

Pat reported that there would be another meeting of this committee in a week or so's time, which he would be attending.

At the previous meeting in June, there had been much debate about colour-coded courses for the Lothian O-League, in particular the lack of appeal of the Red course. It had been agreed to replace this with a Light-Green course. There was also discussion about courses for Inter-Club Championships, to be held at the end of the 1990/91 LOL Series, and it was agreed that no White course should be included.

Proposed entry fees for the 1990/91 Series LOL events would be £2 for Seniors and £1 for Juniors.

It was likely that Jim Herdman (ESOC) would be organising a Controllers Course in the Autumn.

In 1991, the LBOA Championships would be staged by ELO, while ESOC would organise the 1992 event.

9 Juniors

The only information of note was that the SOA Team, containing several Club members, was second overall at the Junior Inter-Regional Championships held on 7-8 July in N E England.

10 A.O.B.

As part of the information recently received from BOF, there was an entry form for the 1991 CompassSport Cup. After some discussion, it was agreed to enter the Club for this competition. John would complete the form and send it off.

Charlie had obtained a Silva catalogue from Andy Kitchen, containing their selection of O-suits. These seemed to be no more expensive than those obtainable from other sources. The Riemersmas had come back from tours having swapped their SOA/Club suits for exotic European suits. Rudolph was still to check out contacts in Stockholm. Investigations would continue.

It was not yet clear if a time slot would be available at the Moray House gym for training during the winter; it depended on previous users taking up their options for this coming year. The situation would continue to be monitored.

John asked if there were any obvious amendments to the draft of the Minutes of the A.G.M.. Charlie mentioned a couple, but otherwise the Minutes were satisfactory. John would prepare a final version, which could then be copied and distributed with the Newsletter.

The next Meeting would be held at 8 pm on Monday 8 October 1990 at 36 Buckstone Loan, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 11.00 pm.