THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 8 October 1990, at 36 Buckstone Loan, Edinburgh

Present:

John Barrow, Janet Fallon, Lucy Patterson, Eva Riemersma, Gordon Riemersma, Jane Smith, Pat Squire.

Rudolph Riemersma was also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Ishbel Mollison and Charlie Walton.

In Charlie's absence, Janet conducted the Meeting.

1 Matters Arising from previous Meeting

Janet mentioned that Charlie did not attend the JK post mortem meeting at the Eildon Hills event because of the timing of the meeting. Consequently, it wasn't known whether any worthwhile conclusions were arrived at.

It was agreed that, in future, the timing of the Club weekend should be chosen so that Club Juniors could attend, and perhaps benefit from the presence, and therefore experience, of Carol McNeill. It seemed that, next year, there would be a similar Badge event on 22 September, at Anagach.

2 Secretary's Report

An official invitation had been received for the 1991 Swedish O-Ringen 5-Day event.

A bundle of information sheets for Southern Uplands 91 had been received from the Organisers, to be distributed to Club-only members with the next Club newsletter. BOF members would be receiving theirs with the next issue of 'Score'.

John promised to write a short article for the newsletter, with details of affiliation fees for 1991.

Some information had been received on National Coaching Centre courses, being held at Moray House. Pat described in some more detail what the courses were about. Rudolph pointed out that some courses designed specifically for women were to be held at Lagganlia in 1991.

John asked about training nights which Club members attended (since a new member had sought details from him). For the record, the current sessions were as follows:

night	time	venue	afterwards!
Tuesdays	7.55 pm	The Meadows	The Greenmantle
Wednesdays	6.00 pm	Moray House Gym 3, Cowgate	(not decided)
Thursdays	6.00 pm	Meggetland	The Centre Court

3 Treasurer's Report

Janet reported that all the efforts to change the Club's bank account appeared to be successful, since the account was credited with some interest on a recent statement.

No account had yet been received for the Club Weekend at Kingussie, but it would seem that all costs had been covered.

Rudolph mentioned that he had been unable to find a suitably priced multi-memory watch during his recent trip abroad; cheaper versions were already available through Ultrasport. It was decided to acquire one through the latter route.

The Riemersmas had had their headlamp returned. Rudolph had spoken to a shop in Stockholm, and had been given details of a good halogen lamp (which was not on sale in the U.K.). He would be receiving further information by post. It was suggested that the Club should try to acquire one of these lamps from the manufacturers, test it out at next year's Harvester Trophy, and if successful advertise it to the rest of the U.K. orienteering world.

Pat had spoken to Ultrasport, who probably originally supplied the Club tent. A new tent would cost £350, but a pole set could be supplied for about £275.

Jane Cherry had been approached to find out if she had the Club banner. She thought she had, but couldn't immediately lay her hands on it. Once it was recovered, Eva asked if she might see it, to see if she could restore/improve it.

4 Events

4.1 Southern Uplands 91

Entry forms for the event were available for distribution.

4.2 S.O.A. Championships 1991

In Charlie's behalf, Janet reported on the situation regarding this event. The organisation was somewhat behind schedule, but it was hoped to have an Organisers' meeting in the next week or so. Charlie had agreed to a request from Angela Panther for a Scotland v. Sweden match to be held in conjunction with the Championships. Gareth Bryan-Jones had offered help with computing facilities for the event; it was stressed, however, that full instructions would be needed to use these facilities. An organiser for the equipment was needed; Pat offered to undertake this, since he was currently the holder of Club equipment. Jane would ask Ishbel to put a note in the newsletter about the Organisers' meeting.

Rudolph reported on the status of attempts to seek sponsorship from the Milk Marketing Board. They had asked for more details on the organisation of Schools orienteering, and the printing of maps, as well as on the S.O.A. Championships themselves. There was a plan to erect a banner right across the A9; this banner would be double-sided, with a space for a sponsor's logo. Rudolph asked that no further action be taken on the printing of maps for the Championships until he had heard from the Board. It might be possible to include the MMB's logo on the maps. In planning the budget for the event, Rudolph asked that a survey of available trophies be carried out, and that any missing should be included in the financial planning. He also suggested that some form of presentable item be considered for the first 3 finishers in each class, such as medals.

As a separate issue, Rudolph reported that he was working on Publicity with Peter Coutts, and that this facet was considered crucial if sponsorship were to be actively sought.

4.3 Lothian O-League

Contrary to the implication in the last Minutes, the Club's event in the 1990/91 series was to be held on 20 January 1991 (not 21 January). There was some discussion on the selection of major officials for the event. Eventually, John volunteered to be Organiser, and Pat said he would Plan. John agreed to contact John Biggar of LINOC to check if Beecraigs would be available on that day, and if so whether a sufficient stock of maps existed. Rudolph and Eva jointly offered the services of the entire Riemersma family to organise the Finish. John would pursue the selection of a Controller. Janet said she would provide Pat with some Guidelines on Planning for the event. Pat offered to give John the benefit of his experience in organising a similar event at Glentress earlier this year.

5 Newsletter

Although, as Jane reported, Ishbel was currently in hospital after an appendectomy, she was keen to prepare the next issue soon. John would submit an article about membership renewal, and Pat offered to write something about District Council grant-aid awards. It was hoped to have the issue out by the end of October, and the following one by mid-December.

6 Socials

Lucy reported that she had booked the skittle alley at the Sheep's Heid for Sunday 2 December from 6.30 until 9.30, and suggested that we could either challenge another Club or else make it a Family night. After some discussion it was agreed to make it the latter.

A date was yet to be fixed for an ice skating evening.

7 Club Weekend

This was judged by all to be a resounding success. 24 Club members had enjoyed a great weekend at Kingussie, and all were looking forward to repeating the experience next year. Pat was thanked for his efforts in organising the weekend.

8 LBOA

Pat reported that, at the last meeting of this committee on 20 August, the plans for the 1990/91 O-League series had been finalised. It had been agreed that a Light Green course would replace the Red course. Each event would be asked to contribute £4 towards publicity costs.

The AGM of the Association was to be held on 7 November in the back room of the Southsider at 8 pm.

There was some feeling expressed that the Junior Squad was becoming a little unmanageable, partly as a result of its success. It was agreed to continue with the Squad for the coming year, at least.

9 Juniors

Pat mentioned that five Club members would represent Scotland at the Junior Home Internationals at the Tinto event on 3-4 November. They were Ynske Riemersma, Gail Balfour, Anita Sinclair, Anthony Squire, and Gordon Riemersma; this was the highest representation from any one Club.

Rudolph suggested that this kind of information ought to receive wider publicity than just Club-wide. John asked if any publicity machinery existed within Schools orienteering, and this led on to a more

general discussion about the state of the organisation of orienteering within Scottish schools. Rudolph said he understood that the Scottish Schools O.A. had 4 affiliated Schools Associations, with about 5 Schools in each, and that Terry O'Brien of STAG was a representative. Rudolph agreed to find out more details of what connections there were between the SSOA and the SOA. He mentioned that there were 58 schools affiliated as Groups to SOA/BOF. In reply to a further question from John, Pat explained that the SCOTVEC 16+ modules, referred to in the annual SOA survey of Schools contacts with Clubs, formed a part of the school curriculum.

10 A.O.B.

Rudolph reported that he had managed to obtain a quote for O-suits, to a design by Gordon, using material which was already available in Sweden. The leggings would be in a single colour, in Lycra; it might be possible to have these overprinted if required. Delivery time would be approx. 6 weeks and, depending on the method of importation, the suits might be tax-free. It would also be possible to have the top made, using Aertex. The cost would clearly depend on the number of orders. (Rudolph agreed to send a copy of the quote to John.) It would be possible to arrange for extra printing on the tops, though at an extra cost of up to £1.50. Rudolph would try to find out from the Inland Revenue what the total duty would be. It was agreed to ascertain the likely level of interest through the newsletter, and ask members to contact any Committee member; the highest possible minimum order should be sought. Once a batch of suits had been ordered, the possibility would be investigated of having personal names embroidered on the tops.

There was some discussion on the Club's logo. There was a suggestion that it be registered, and the procedure to do this would be investigated. It was also suggested that a smaller version, about 9 cm across, be prepared for a badge, in red only. Jane Cherry would be asked if the company which printed the Club's sweatshirt could produce such a badge. Another idea floated was to print the logo on the newsletter.

The next Meeting would be held at 8 pm on Monday 3 December 1990 at 54 Easter Road (1FR), Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 11.40 pm.