FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 3 December 1990, at 54 Easter Road, Edinburgh

Present:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Ishbel Mollison and Gordon Riemersma.

1 Matters Arising from previous Meeting

Jane offered Ishbel's apologies for the late appearance of the newsletter, and also mentioned that the next issue would probably not now appear until mid-January.

John apologised for not forwarding SU91 Entry Forms to Ishbel for distribution to Club-only members. They would now be sent out with the next issue.

2 Secretary's Report

Invitations had been received for an 18-mile night fell race in Galloway on 9/10 February 1991.

Ewart Scott had written, asking to whom to return the file on Archerfield, and about the cost of the maps used for ESOC's recent closed event there. Because of the unearthing of a stock of maps at Stirling Surveys, which had not been included in the original budgeting for the maps, it was decided to ask ESOC for 30p per map. John would ask for the remaining stock held by ESOC to be returned to him, as well as the file on the area.

ACTION John

Notice had been received for the next LBOA Committee meeting, to be held on Wednesday 5 December.

A letter had been received from David Lane, now working at Lagganlia in Kingussie, to the effect that he would continue to oversee the organisation of the LBOA Summer Series for 1991, and asked for clubs to bid for dates.

An invitation had been received to send a team to an inter-Club Invitation Championships at the Cunninghame event on 1 December. This event was to be of a similar nature to a CompassSport Cup match, in which as many runners as possible would need to compete in all colour-coded courses. It was decided, in advance of the meeting, not to attempt to send a team.

3 Treasurer's Report

Janet had no financial activity to report. However, Eva and Lucy asked for recompense for various expenses.

No account had yet been received for the hire of Woodlands for the Club Weekend.

Because of the small numbers attending, it was felt that the fees for the circuit training sessions at the Moray House gym would have to be increased after the New Year from 50p to £1 (since the overall charge for the gym was £9). Pat was asked to find out when the current term ended, and if the Club could expect to keep the booking for the Spring term.

ACTION Pat

3.1 Equipment

Another multi-memory watch had not yet been acquired. However, Janet said she would get one soon.

Pat reported on developments with regard to replacing all or part of the Club tent. Ultrasport had increased prices on 1 October, and the new prices for a complete tent and for poles only were now £375 and £215 respectively. However, because the original tent had been purchased from Ultrasport, the Club would be offered a pole set at £195. It was unanimously agreed to order a new pole set. It was also agreed to order a multi-memory watch at the same time; the only model available, according to the Ultrasport catalogue, was made by Casio, at a price of £27.95. Pat would ask Ultrasport to invoice the Club.

ACTION Pat, Janet

Jane Cherry would be asked again to try to find the Club banner.

No further details of the Swedish headlamps had been obtained.

4 Events

4.1 Lothian O-League

Pat reported that he had had a preliminary visit to Beecraigs to check proposed control sites, and would be meeting John Biggar (the Controller) later in the week to seek approval of outline courses. He also passed on some Organiser's Guidelines to John.

4.2 Summer Series

Because of the Club's commitment to the S.O.A. Championships on 8 June, it was felt that it would be difficult to organise any of the proposed Summer Series events around that time. Consequently, it was agreed that the Club should to run only one event in this Series, and the preferred date was 8 May, to be held at Colinton Dell. Pat agreed to organise the event, with the help of others. He would also check the availability of the suggested date at the LBOA Meeting later in the week.

ACTION Pat

4.3 S.O.A. Championships 1991

Charlie reported that there had been two Organisers' Meetings since the last Committee Meeting. All was proceeding smoothly. However, the new BOF and SOA levy arrangements gave cause for concern; the new rates, based on total income from entry fees, had two tiers: all income under £500 was subject to a 22.5% levy, while all income above this amount was subject to a 47.5% levy. Hence, there was concern that setting the entry fees too high would not only deter some people from entering, but would also not raise that much extra money because of the increased rates of levy (if the total entry fee income exceeded the £500 threshold). Sponsorship for the event was still being followed up, but there was not very much hope of a favourable outcome.

As far as equipment for the event was concerned, it was clear that some would need to be borrowed from other sources. All requirements for controls, such as markers, punches, etc., could be met from the combined stocks held by Interløpers, St. Andrews and Edinburgh Universities, and by the S.O.A.. The Army would be able to supply tents and tables. It was suggested that packaged drinks should be provided (such as those supplied at the last Championships). Some new signs might be needed. The control codes used at previous Club events might be suitable, but the BOF Rules would need to be consulted.

There was to be another Organisers' Meeting in the following week.

4.4 Southern Uplands 91

It was suggested that a reminder to members to keep Day 5 clear should be included in the next newsletter.

No word had yet been received from MAROC as to what they would specifically like Interløpers to do on the day.

4.5 S.O.A. Relays 1995

Charlie mentioned that this event had been allocated to the Club by the S.O.A. in its recent review of major events for the next several years.

5 Newsletter

Jane expected that Ishbel would be able to prepare the next issue for distribution by mid-January. It was pointed out that ideally it should appear in time for the Lothian O-League event on 20 January.

The next issue should also include a note to the effect that anyone wanting to enter the JK Relays should contact John. The event next year would be based around Chesterfield. Similarly, Jane offered to help with requests for accommodation at the event.

ACTION Ishbel *via* Jane

6 Socials

17 people attended the Beer & Skittles evening at the Sheep's Heid on 2 December, and the occasion was much enjoyed. Costs were not quite covered, but it was accepted that the Club should subsidise the shortfall.

The next social event would be a Mulled Wine and Mince Pies evening, to be held at Andrew Bankhead's flat on Wednesday 19 December at 7 pm.

Lucy also mentioned the possibility of a Burns Supper towards the end of January.

7 LBOA

The AGM of the Association was held on 7 November in the Southsider. Derek Jones was elected Chairman, and Fiona Hendrie and Ian Hendrie were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Pat pointed out that, in the Financial Statement presented to the AGM, there was no mention of Clubs' contributions towards the Junior Squad, and it was agreed that this was a potentially serious omission.

There was a suggestion that a Senior Squad might be formed, but this Meeting was not much in favour of the idea.

Because of the size of the, very successful, Junior Squad, it was recommended that it be split in two, based on ability.

An LBOA Night Event was proposed.

The mext Meeting of the LBOA Committee was to be on Wednesday 5 December.

8 Juniors

There was some discussion on how well the Schools which our Juniors attended were aware of their achievements. It was agreed that the Club should write to the relevant Headteachers and Heads of P.E. Departments, bringing attention to these achievements. Pat would collate the details of Schools' and teachers' names, and John would prepare the letters.

ACTION Pat, John

Pat initiated a short discussion on what he saw as a general reduction in the number of casual entries at local events by Club juniors over the last year or so. There were some suggestions on how to attract new younger members, such as through personal contact, or through contacts with Schools. Publicity was inevitably discussed, and several ways were mentioned, including contacting local radio stations and the free local newspapers who were all generally keen on including items on local sporting activities.

9 A.O.B.

Charlie mentioned that the Club had been awarded a bye in the first round of the CompassSport Cup, and had been drawn against Clyde in the following round. The tie had to take place before 16 April 1991, but the Meeting felt that it should be held somewhat earlier than that. If nothing had been heard from Clyde (the first named club in the draw, and hence the one to organise the tie) by the New Year, efforts would be made to contact them.

ACTION John

There was some discussion on the ordering of new Club O-suits. Rudolph had distributed an order form to all members. Several were then completed, and handed to Eva. The situation would be assessed on the closing date of 10 December, in order to determine what the likely cost would be. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Club should sponsor the purchase of the tops, for which members would be asked to pay £14 (for Seniors) and £8 (for Juniors). Trousers would not be subsidised. Prices would need to be reviewed for future batches.

Eva mentioned that, at a Badge event in the Lake District on the previous weekend, Ynske and Gordon had heard about a BOF Squad tour to Russia in 1991 for M/W 15/17. However, it appeared that places on the tour had already all (but one) been taken by English juniors, yet there had been no announcement about the tour in Scotland. It appeared that a formal complaint might be necessary, but further details would need to be obtained from Rudolph first.

ACTION John

The next Meeting was originally to be held at 8 pm on Monday 4 February 1991 at 26 Swan Spring Avenue, Edinburgh. However, in the New Year, it was re-arranged to be held on Monday 11 February at the same time and place.

The Meeting closed at 10.30 pm.