SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 8 April 1991, at 2/4 New Orchardfield, Edinburgh

Present:

John Barrow, Janet Fallon, Ishbel Mollison, Lucy Patterson, Eva Riemersma, Gordon Riemersma, Jane Smith, Charlie Walton.

Pat Squire offered Apologies for Absence, in retrospect.

1 Minutes of the Meeting of 11 February 1991

1.1 Adoption

In Section 3.1, "Another multi-memory..." should read "A multi-memory...".

Apart from this minor amendment, the Minutes were adopted without dissent.

1.2 Matters Arising

None. Any action items from the Minutes would be dealt with during the appropriate Agenda item.

2 Secretary's Report

A Report had been received on the SOA Competitions Conference held at the University of Stirling on 9 March. It included a report from Alistair Lessells on the BOF Controllers' Conference. The Conference also considered proposals for, and made recommendations on, the planning of Score orienteering courses, with particular reference to the SOA Score Championships. The recommendations would form the basis of BOF Score Guidelines. There was also a discussion of the format of the Scotlandsgaloppen series.

Notification had been received of a Senior Improvers Course, to be held at Callander on 1/2 June. It would be intended for all orienteers aged over 21, and would be designed to improve orienteering techniques under the direction of SOA coaches. Applications had to be sent to Derek Allison.

There was also an announcement of a Scottish Clubs 14-person Relay, to be held at Beecraigs on 8 September. Entries had to be received by 25 August, and would cost £14 per team.

3 Treasurer's Report

A cheque had been received from ESOC for the maps used for their closed event at Archerfield last October.

However, money was still awaited from EUOC for the maps used for Lothian O-League event 5 in February.

All finances relating to the club's Lothian O-League event at Beecraigs in January had now been settled.

There had still been no account received for the hire of Woodlands for the Club Weekend.

Janet mentioned that the Financial Statement for 1990-91 had yet to be prepared.

3.1 Equipment

Pat reported that the new pole set for the Club tent had arrived.

The new O-suits had arrived during March, and all but one had been paid for by club members. A slight profit had been made on the manufacture, but the costs of printing the club name on the tops, and Rudolph's expenses, had yet to be paid. Eva mentioned that the same trader who arranged the printing of the club name on the tops could also make badges to any required design.

There was a continuing discussion on headlamps, and whether the club should acquire any. Members were urged to continue to monitor the market, with a particular view to the next Harvester Trophy event in September.

No action had been taken on the club banner, either to find the existing one, or to consider the making of a new one. However, it was suggested that a new one could be made from the same material from which the suits had been made, and it could be mounted on a pole.

4 Events

4.1 CompassSport Cup

The Club's tie against Clyde was held at the Tinto event at Happendon Woods on 24 February. After a very close contest, the club lost by only 2 points, by 62 to 64. Some opinions were voiced that this competition required some considerable effort to organise, with not much in return.

4.2 J.K.

In the Open Relay, the club's A team had come 4th. Overall, 6 teams were fielded, and every member who wanted a run got a run. In the Individual event, Anthony Squire was 1st, Gail Balfour 2nd, Gordon Riemersma 12th, and Ynske Riemersma 20th in their respective classes.

4.3 Summer Series - 8 May

There had been no word from David Lane about this series, and no poster had appeared. However, Pat reported that his arrangements for the club's event at Colinton Dell were in hand. The details would be included in the next newsletter.

4.4 BOF Relays - 5 May

3 Open, 1 Women's Open, 1 M40, and 2 Short Open teams had been entered for this event.

4.5 SOA Championships 1991

Organisation for the event was on schedule.

4.6 SOA Relays - 9 June

Several Committee members mentioned that they would like a run in this event, but John reported that he had had no calls from other members. Since the club had a hand in the overall organisation for the weekend, it was felt that there was no need to rush to enter teams, and that deciding on entries could be left until a later date (possibly the club AGM on 16 May).

4.7 Lothian O-League

The venue for the last event in the 1990-91 series had been settled as Blairadam, on 28 April. It appeared that LBOA had decided to hold an Inter-Club Championships on 23 June, though no details were available, such as a venue, or what format the event would take.

4.8 Southern Uplands 91 - Day 5 (9 August)

A letter had been received from Graham McFadyen (STAG), the Day 5 organiser, asking for names and numbers of Interløpers helpers for the day. After some discussion, Jane offered to act as the club's representative, and would try to find out who expected to attend the event. John would reply to Graham, to let him know of Jane's offer.

A letter had also been received from the Event Organisers, asking if the club would want to be included when print numbers were being estimated for the maps for our Day. It was felt, however, that Dalmacallan was sufficiently far from Edinburgh that any attempt to organise an event there would severely stretch the club; consequently, it was agreed not to put in for a stock of the maps for that area.

4.9 Harvester Trophy - 1 September

An entry form had been received for this year's event, to be based 10 miles SW of Guildford. Since the main closing date for entries was 29 July, it was felt that no action need be taken at this time.

5 LBOA

For the 1991/92 Lothian O-League, the club had decided to seek a date in February 1992. The venue was yet to be decided. The LBOA had circulated clubs participating in the 1990/91 Series, asking for comments. The meeting felt that, apart from a few hiccups in the computer program to analyse the results, the Series had proceeded satisfactorily. It had been agreed by LBOA that the entry fee structure of £2/£1 for Seniors/Juniors would be retained for 1991/92, subject to no major increase in BOF or SOA levy.

6 Newsletter

The next issue would appear in early May, with a copy-date of 22 April. Information to appear would include the AGM Agenda, which nominally had to be circulated at least two weeks before the AGM.

7 Socials

The Pancake Night had taken place, and all who attended had enjoyed it, and had been impressed with Ian McIntyre's flat.

An evening at the Megabowl had also been organised on 24 March, and the 18 attendees had had a good time.

There was some further discussion about the post-AGM meal, and it was agreed that it be held at a Mexican restaurant at Tollcross, at 9 for 9.30 pm.

8 Juniors

Several club Juniors had attended a successful LBOA Junior Squad training day.

With regard to the letters from the Club to Headteachers of schools which successful Club Juniors attended (as mentioned in the Minutes of the Meeting on 3 December 1990), the information was still being collated by Pat. John would liaise with him in preparing the letters.

ACTION Pat, John

Gail Balfour and Ynske Riemersma had been selected for the Scottish Junior Squad which would be touring Finland in the Summer. The tour would take in the World Schools Championships, as well as the Finnish 5-Day event. There followed some discussion on how club efforts could help towards raising the necessary sums of £600 each. Suggestions included seeking sponsorship through the club, and setting up cakes and sweets stalls

at events (particularly at the SOA Championships in June). Support for these ventures would be sought from club members through the newsletter.

Ishbel mentioned that she would be bringing a party of youngsters from the Wester Hailes Youth scheme to the Summer Series event at Colinton Dell on 8 May; she asked if the club had any suitable training material. It was suggested that she contact Pat (since he was a qualified coach); in addition, some material might still be in the hands of Jane Cherry.

9 Annual General Meeting

John reported that the Meeting Room at the Pleasance had been reserved. Copies would be made available of the Constitution and the Minutes of last year's AGM. The Agenda would appear in the newsletter. The only other items required for the Meeting would be the Chairman's Report and the Financial Statement.

10 A.O.B.

It had been agreed not to retain the booking of the Moray House gym for the Summer term, but to re-apply next Autumn.

No papers had yet been received for the SOA AGM on 11 May. It was hoped that any suggestion to convert the SOA into a Limited Company would be explained in detail in the papers for the Meeting. Club members would be encouraged to attend this Meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Rudolph Riemersma for his considerable efforts in organising the purchase of the O-suits from Sweden.

The Tour to the Soviet Union, as mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting on 11 February, was really an exchange visit with Russian orienteers, and it was felt that no mileage would be gained by enquiring further as to why no information had apparently reached the SOA about it.

There was a discussion on what items of club gear could be acquired in the future. It was decided that a priority would be badges, and then perhaps T-shirts. Eva would investigate further.

10.1 1991/92 Committee

The intentions of the present members of the Committee as regards the following year were as follows:

Ishbel	resigning (probably changing job)
John	happy to remain as Secretary
Jane	happy to remain on the Committee
Eva	happy to remain on the Committee
Gordon	may not be in the country. Perhaps Ynske could replace him
Lucy	would prefer to resign, if someone else (perhaps Andrew Bankhead) could be persuaded to stand
Charlie	prepared to remain as Chairman, given that he would be away for 3 months from July - October
Janet	prepared to remain as Treasurer, given that she would be away for 3 months from July - October
Pat	would probably remain, if asked

It was suggested that other members, such as John Kenworthy, Robert Lee, or perhaps another M21, be approached with a view to being elected to the Committee.

The date and time of the next Meeting would be decided by the new Committee elected at the A.G.M..

The Meeting closed at 10.32 pm.