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FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTIETH YEAR

7:30pm, Monday 31 August 2026

1 Present

Paul Caban, Max Carcas, William Ivory, Graham McIntyre, Ann Haley, Rob Lee
Mairi Eades,

Apologies for absence: John Barrow, Morag McIntyre, Laurence Ward, Robin Galloway, and. Mike Stewart

2 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 1 June 2026

Corrections:

- Action 50/1:4.1 Analyse costs involved in entering teams for Relays and CS Trophy. This Action was re-assigned to Robin. He was able to confirm that entry fees for Relay teams (BOF, JK, SOA) amounted to approx. £1500 annually, and fees for the CSC came to about £456 in 2025. Ongoing
- 4 Chairman's Report. Regarding Calderwood: Max (not Mike) would be willing to go along if a meeting could be arranged.

2.1 Action Items

- Action 50/1:2.4 **Graham McIntyre, William Ivory.** This refers to how to manage uploading material onto the website. Graham preferred the production of some documentation to allow others to add or amend events, results, news and photos. Ongoing
- Action 50/1:2.5 **Paul Caban.** Paul spoke to Ken Daly regarding contacts at West Lothian Council. A meeting regarding Calderwood will be arranged. Max will also be in attendance. The SSSI covers most of the area, but should not warrant blanket exclusion. Ongoing
- Action 50/1:3.2 **Graham McIntyre, John Barrow.** Set up a generic default username in Namesco database. Ongoing
- Action 50/1:4.1 **Rob Lee, Robin Galloway.** Analyse costs involved in entering teams for Relays and CS Trophy. There is a follow up request for some data on how much has been spent on various entry fees over the last few years and whether these expenses/subsidies should be considered annually. Ongoing
- Action 50/1:8.1 **Graham McIntyre.** Investigate use of Google Drive and OneDrive for storing information please. Graham was open to any suggestions as to how this should be managed. Ongoing
- Action 50/2:4.2 **Paul Caban.** Review definitions of Office Bearer roles. See section 4 below. Ongoing
- Action 50/2:5.1 **Paul Caban.** Quotes had been obtained for various mapping requests. The Almondell map may be postponed due to construction work. Ongoing

Action 50/3:6.2.1 **Paul Caban**. Paul had sourced a replacement equipment shed. The committee approved this. Robin Galloway will be contacted. Ongoing

Action 50/4:4.2 **Paul Caban**. Paul will find out whether ESOC subsidise members' Relay entries. Ongoing

Action 50/5:4.1a **Paul Caban**. To enquire into other club reward schemes.

Action 50/5:4.1b **William Ivory**. To look at application of discounts in Racesignup.

Action 50/5:4.2 **Paul Caban**. To emphasise that the club needs help at all the events where the club is involved in delivering an event.

Action 50/5:4.3 **Paul Caban**. To advertise SI Training Course to the club.

Action 50/5:4.4 **Paul Caban**. To approach committee members regarding standing again.

Action 50/5:4.6 **Mairi Eades**. To update the Chairman on her coaching course and activities.

Resolved or reassigned actions

Action 50/4:3.1 Find a location for the AGM and meal, and tentatively set a date - resolved. 24/9/26
Stable Bar, Mortonhall

Action 50/4:3.2 Distribute JST details to parents of potential competitors - resolved

Action 50/4:3.3 Update e-mail Address List by removing details of lapsed members - resolved.

Action 50/4:4.1 Pursue permissions to be able to use Calderwood - ongoing see 50/1:2.5

3 Secretary's Report

A report of updates to actions was received.

John will be standing down at the AGM, but it is hoped he will continue to be available for consultation as necessary. The committee is aware of John's contribution over many years, including his work on archiving. It is understood that Namesco is currently in John's name.

4 Chairman's Report

The chairman has given thought to committee roles and how we recognise volunteers.

Although our subsidised entry fees are being considered elsewhere, the Chairman would like to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts people put in and, therefore, would like to continue to cover the cost of entry fees to the CompassSport cup final. Similarly, he feels that the club should continue to cover all entry fees for the Scottish Relay Championships and any Junior relay fees. There was also appreciation of the input by the elite athletes to travel and compete, and therefore be visible, but these will be part of the wider subsidised entry fee review.

4.1 Volunteers. There was a call to implement the policy of free entry to INT local events for helpers. There was a discussion as to how wide to acknowledge volunteer help, such as roles at bigger events (where other clubs are involved), local or national coaching or committee roles (INT or otherwise), or whether a reward scheme should be limited to Interloper club activities. There was a discussion as how this would work (points or credit notes), how this would be monitored and how this was acknowledged (such as a mention, or, say, a buff). Schemes do exist in other clubs.

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Action 50/5:4.2 Paul Caban. To emphasise that the club needs help at all the events where the club is involved in delivering an event.

4.2 Committee roles. The Chairman felt that although some roles are the requirement of BOF, some of the committee roles need to be adapted or updated. Some more roles could probably be coopted and therefore would only need to report to the committee or to attend if requested or required.

Committee roles:

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Event Coordinator

Marketing - outward facing

Communications - internal facing (but consideration has to be given to the communications to interested parties listed on Registration slips)

Development

Ordinary members - give input to the committee, so should remain as committee members

Social Secretary - considered very important. Committee or coopted?

Could be, or are already, coopted:

Club Captain - definitely required but could be coopted. This could be considered at the 2026 AGM.

ESOA representative

IT Support

Mapping

Kit

Safe guarding

Potential new roles:

Membership secretary?

Volunteer coordinator?

New member coordinator, or does this come under communications? It is currently undertaken by the Assistant Secretary (Morag).

4.3 A training course on the use of SI equipment is being offered. Interested members should contact Robin Strain

Action 50/5:4.3 Paul Caban. To advertise SI Training Course to the club.

4.4 Members of committee will be asked if they want to stand at the AGM.

Action 50/5:4.4 Paul Caban. To approach committee members regarding standing again.

4.5 SOA Club days are 12th September, Dunblane (Graham will attend) and 19th September, Boat of Garten (Paul and William will attend).

4.6 SOA Development fund.

Action 50/5:4.6 Mairi Eades. To update the Chairman on her coaching course and activities.

5 Treasurer's Report

All was well from a financials perspective. Accounts are all present and correct and signed off. Mairi found a venue for the Interlopers anniversary party: £275 plus a returnable booking fee of £100.

6 Reports on Co-opted Responsibilities**6.1 Safeguarding (Lucy Galloway)**

No report

6.2 Equipment (Paul)

A new lighter weight power pack had been purchased and is now held with the other equipment. Its performance hasn't been fully tested, however, it ran the computer (only) at a sprINTelope, reporting only a 5% drop in capacity.

Having a Club mobile phone was discussed. However, if it isn't used, it would get cut off. Remote venues can have connectivity issues, so it may be of limited use.

Robin has been contacted re the purchase of a new shed. All present were content with the proposed expenditure of £300-£400.

6.3 Webmaster (Graham McIntyre)

Graham will produce documentation to help people edit news or make corrections

He will also follow up on the Interloper Namesco registrations.

6.4 Assistant Secretary (Morag McIntyre)

Nothing to report

6.5 Mapping (Paul Caban)

A quote for some mapping had been received. This should be completed in the next 4 weeks.

6.6 East Area Representative (Lorna Eades)

There have not been any recent meetings to report on.

There was a very successful East area training/ coaching day on 22nd August. There were 40 participants, plus 12 coaches, ranging from 6yrs to 70+. All East Area clubs were represented. Abilities ranged from complete beginners to regulars.

The next East area training is Sunday 4th October at Gullane. Helena Nolan (ESOC) will be the Lead coach. Lorna will be present as a coach and hopefully Bex Harding will have her PVG, to be an assistant. This venue should entice more ELO participation plus it will be good practice for the Junior inter regional which is at Yellowcraig later in October.

7 Events

6th June Almondell

Sprintelopes at Buckstone on 10th June (Robin Galloway), Colinton Dell on 8th July (Chris Dibben and Pippa Ascough) and at Gracemount on 8th August (Colin Ledlie). A taster session was held in Braidburn Valley as part of the Tea in the Park event on 29th August (Paul Caban and Jane Ackland).

There will be two Autumn Local Events:

Braidburn Valley on 3 October (Organiser: Paul Caban, Planner: Mike Stewart)

Mortonhall on 7 November (Organiser: Victoria von Rintelen and Robin Galloway, Planner: Tessa Strain)

The event on 5th December at Dechmont Law will be a SoSOL, incorporating the ESOA Championships (Organiser: Graham McIntyre, Planner: Kieran Marsh)

The expected SOL area for 2027, Loch Vaa requires some remapping

The Scottish 6 Days - See 14 below.

2027 events need to be considered. Options are:

Craigmillar

Riccarton

Almondell?

Eliburn

Kinneil, which may be suitable for a local event.

8 Juniors

The junior representative would like to celebrate the large east junior turnout at the ESOA Riccarton training.

9 Training

As above. Next date planned is 4th October at Gullane.

10 Development

It was suggested that more taster sessions are put on at either the Holyrood or Oriam Parkrun events. Max suggested using mazes as appealing and visible activities to get people interested.

11 Captain

CompassSport Cup entries have to be submitted by 27/9/26.

18/10/26 Pippingford Park, near Gatwick

Club members will receive an email for information, with a request to express interest.

12 Communications and Marketing

'INTeresting' needs to go out with 6 days information. Graham would like to modify how INTeresting is delivered with more information available on the web.

Marketing. Ideally Graham would like to look further ahead and have marketing at least 3 months in advance so that it is more visible. It is appreciated that sometimes permissions for areas are given quite late, but ideally we would have this earlier in the process.

Graham is asking people for articles from various summer events.

Keith Dawson for the MTBO was suggested.

13 Socials

There will be another quiz.

On 7th November there will be a big party to celebrate 50 years. The hall is secured. Adverts are just going out.

14 Scottish Six-Days 2027

The Scottish 6 Days - an initial email has gone to clubs. Another will go out shortly to request potential planners and organisers. The East clubs will be coordinating. The East overall coordinator is Michael Atkinson.

Day 1 ESOC/INT/RR/ELO/KFO will supply a Lead Organiser and Lead Planner, who will each coordinate their teams. Controllers for the event are coordinated by SOA. A Controller will be appointed plus someone to assist the controller.

15 Any Other Business

None.

The next Meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 24th September 2026 at the Stable Bar, Mortonhall Estate.

Max and Jane were thanked for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9:48pm

Ann Haley 1/9/26