

**Minutes of the EckO Committee Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2006  
2.20pm, Stagecoach Inn, Cairndow**

**Present:** Ross Lilley (Treasurer), Paul Frost (Membership & Publicity), Niall Urquhart (Chairman), Lynne Walker (Secretary), Gill Berrow (Committee member)

**1. Minutes of the Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

- (a) The minutes were proposed by Paul Frost and seconded by Niall Urquhart.
- (b) Matters arising from the minutes: the following events that we had been invited to take part in / help with did not happen – Kerrera Kapers, Big Draw.  
Ross organised some mountain rescue navigation training on the Dunstaffnage map in October.

**2. Chairman's report – Niall Urquhart.**

- (a) *award:* ABOP won the (Vibrant Communities) at the Argyll & Bute Council Excellence Awards. Not only that, ABOP then went on to win the overall Leading Rural Authority Award. Niall will compose an article for the club website / SOA website / Score / CompassSport about this by 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- (b) *Level 1 training:* Gill Berrow has been contracted by Argyll & Bute Council to deliver these courses.
- (c) *2011 6-Day event:* Niall is to write to Donald Petrie on behalf of A&BC.
- (d) *ABOP:* this partnership will still exist, even although STRAMASH in its current form will cease.

**3. Treasurer's report**

- (a) *ABOP:* Ross is still working on the accounts for this. This requires Ross & Niall to sit down one evening before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006.
- (b) *expenditure:* after discussion, it was felt that we should spend some of the club finance as follows:
  - Laser printer for the Oban area (who will look after it?) (Paul to produce spec, Ross & Niall to progress)
  - Aluminium L bars for SI units: Paul is to look into a spec with Teal Engineering (shorter, no number plate, L shape)
- (c) *SOA Development Fund:* Lynne is to make an application for funding from this. The funding would be used to put in place permanent courses on 5 of our O maps which are not Forestry Commission: Inverawe / Bridgend, Islay / Kilmory, Lochgilphead / Bishop's Glen, Dunoon / Ardkinglas, Cairndow.  
Ross & Niall will also work with the Forestry Commission to have courses put into Aros Park (Mull), Sutherland's Grove (Loch Creran), Fearnoch (near Connel).

**4. Webmaster's report**

- (a) *Colour scheme & layout:* Paul has made changes to the website and these were positively commented on.
- (b) *Mailing list:* Paul is going to sometime request that people re-submit for the mailing list as he is going to install a 'mailing list manager'.

**5. Child Protection Report**

- (a) *Compliance visit:* Gill reported that we have not had an SOA Compliance visit yet, but she was ready to welcome someone, whenever.
- (b) *Website:* Gill will do a short article for the EckO website; this will hopefully raise awareness and highlight a few issues.
- (c) *Child Protection Seminar:* Gill & Lynne attended the SOA Child Protection seminar (Good Practice & Child Protection) in Perth on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

## 6. Events

### (a) Review

- 11 person relay: the event went well and was a financial success.
- Autumn series 2006: 2 events have happened (Inverawe & Lochgoilhead) with Sutherland's Grove to come next week. They have attracted about 30 people to each event so far.

(b) *Future local events*: Ross & Niall felt very strongly that we should be trying to put on as many events as possible to help interested people become more committed orienteers. We should also be putting on the following courses (at least in the day time events): yellow, green and a training course.

Provisional dates are below – organisers are to confirm permission with landowners.

Saturday / Sunday events will have a start time of 11am – 12 noon, except for Glenbranter which will be 1 – 3pm, with the night course starts 5 – 6pm.

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Dunollie – Ross Lilley
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Dunstaffnage – Andy Dale (Niall to approach him)
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Glenbranter permanent course launch & Night event – Lynne & Carol Burnapp
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Fearnoch & bike O – Niall
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Kilmun Arboretum & Puck's Glen – Paul

Tuesday evening events will have a start time of 6 – 7pm.

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Inverawe – Niall
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Bishop's Glen, Alison Duncan
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Sutherland's Grove – Andy Dale (Niall to approach him, as well as request him to put more detail into the map!)
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Cowal Way Day, Glendaruel Caravan Site (Mary?)
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Ardkinglas / Ardno – Andy Beveridge (Lynne to approach him)
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Creag Mhic – Ross
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Lochgoilhead – Richard (Lynne to approach him)
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Ganavan – Niall

### (c) *Future Scottish events*

- Scottish Champs 2007: 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June: Loch Doon. This is a West Area event so club members will be asked to give some help over the weekend.
- Spey 2007: Day 1: Alvie: Ross will co-ordinate the EckO helpers. He is to do a short article for the website for 1<sup>st</sup> December when the entries go live.

### (d) *Other events*

- Club Christmas gathering: Gill & Andy have kindly offered to host this. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pmish start, no lucky dip BUT bring along either 5 O questions for a quiz OR a wee O game. Gill will co-ordinate food offerings.
- Kerrera event: a day in late August? Think about it!

## 7. A. O. C. B.

(a) *Arrochar Scout group*: they are keen to have some orienteering in the Arrochar / Tarbet area. They will try to source finance for mapping an area. EckO will hold some training for the adult helpers; Niall will look into putting on a level 1 course for them

(b) *Club weekend away*: Niall raised the possibility of a club weekend away to consolidate the keener new members into the club. After discussion, it was felt that it was still a bit too early for this and we could consider it as part of the forward plan for 2008.

**A date will be set for the next committee meeting sometime in the winter / new year.**