

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

22nd May 2007

7.30pm, Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre

PRESENT: Andy Dale (Chair), Lynne Walker (Secretary), Ross Lilley (Treasurer, 8.30pm onwards), Gill Berrow (Child Protection), Paul Frost (Membership, Publicity, Electronics), Carol Boyd (Cowal), Niall Urquhart (Lorn)

- 1. Apologies:** there were no apologies.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting 19th November 2006.** Matters arising from the minutes are covered below. The minutes were proposed by Paul Frost, seconded by Gill Berrow.
- 3. EckO events: Winter & Spring Series 2007 – review.**

There has been a very positive response to the series events in 2007. EckO have staged 12 events since January, with a night event and bike-O featuring as well. Lynne had circulated a brief summary to date:

 - 21st Jan: Dunollie: 9 x S, 17 x J
 - 11th Feb: Dunstaffnage: 25 x S, 41 x J
 - 18th Feb: Glenbranter: 24 x S, 8 x J
 - 10th Mar: Fearnoch: 30 x S, 37 x J
 - 24th Mar: Kilmun: 7 x S, 9 x J
 - 17th Apr: Inverawe: 28 x S, 14 x J
 - 24th Apr: Bishop's Glen: 11 x S, 22 x J
 - 1st May: Sutherland's Grove: 27 x S, 19 x J
 - 5th May: Glendaruel Caravan Park: 7 x S, 26 x J
 - 8th May: Ardkinglas: 11 x S, 20 x J
 - 15th May: Creag Mhic: 25 x S, 20 x J

making a total of 204 senior & 233 junior runs.
- 4. EckO events: Autumn & Winter series 2007 - 2008 – planning ahead (dates / locations / organisers).**

The following dates / locations / organisers are proposed:

 - Saturday 23rd June: Glenbranter Open Day: Ross & Mary Greig?
 - Sunday 23rd September: Coaching: Creag Mhic: Lynne 12 noon – 4pm: aimed at TD4 – TD5
 - Sunday 28th October: Inveraray: Carol
 - Saturday 10th November: Bike-O & yellow x-c course: Sutherland's Grove: Andy D
 - Saturday 24th November: Kilmory: Niall
 - Saturday 8th December: Officials Training Day: Taynult / Inverawe: Ross & Andy D (this might conflict with an SOA First Aid course)
 - January 2008: 1 event
 - February 2008: 2 events
 - March 2008: 1 event to incorporate EckO Club Champs & AGM

For the events September – December, would the named person please obtain permission and let Lynne know by 10th June so that the events can be registered.
- 5. Permanent course:** progress with each area (permission / planning courses / putting out markers) etc. See attached sheet.

There is also a request from the Glenbranter FCS to help with digging holes for the permanent course markers by 5th June 2007. Lynne & Paul will give a day.

6. Finalise remaining mapping areas. (Ross, Paul & Niall)

Glen Aray / Inveraray: being done

Bute: Lynne & Paul will look at an appropriate area over the weekend of 1st – 4th June 2007 and let Niall know.

Lochgoilhead: area previously mapped by the Scout Centre will be made up to date.

Kerrera: transport problems were discussed. Niall & Ross will make enquiries about the use of various boats, including things like the Lismore ferry.

Glen Nant / Angus's Garden: Ross has his eye on some other areas around Taynuilt.

7. Treasurer: Financial matters: Ross

- New club equipment –
 - 20 x SI cards
 - 10 x SI units
 - 36 x stakes & plates for SI units
 - 2 x 400 sheets waterproof paper
- Niall will provide storage space in the Lorn store for EckO equipment
- Ross will ensure there is money to cover consumables (paper / printing / printer toner / etc)
- Scottish Champs and Scottish Six Day 07 input/expected income: probably something but not sure how much.

8. Discussion on the options of employing an orienteering development worker

Niall brought the committee up to date with this situation: A&BC are developing STRAMASH with a plan in place for 1st April 2008. Niall will keep the committee informed of developments.

9. Setting up an EckO Club League & Club Champs. (Niall)

Niall proposed a Club Champs in March 2008. Paul will find out more (from FVO & SO) about the handicap system. Someone outside of the club might be invited to plan the first one.

The Club Champs will be followed by the AGM & Trophy Presentation.

10. Items from the Chair. (Andy) There were no points Andy wished to raise.

11. Webmaster / Publicity / Electronic matters (including second printer). (Paul)

Ross / Niall / Andy D need to discuss the location of the printer.

Gill raised the fact that she felt that the lack of publicity in Cowal area for Spring series had decreased attendance at the events. Paul said this had happened because the events were geographically spread this year. It was generally agreed that the club could afford an advert in the local paper for the Spring series.

12. Child Protection matters. (Gill)

Gill reported that the piece for the web site is progressing (in her head when she goes running and she is getting fitter!)

13. Area Reps matters. (Cowal – Carol, Lorn – Niall) No matters to report / discuss.

14. A. O. C. B.

Membership was briefly discussed with no conclusion.

15. Possible date & location of next meeting: to be decided on, probably November?