**EckO Committee meeting – 19/07/17**

**Present:-** Jan Kersel, Ross Lilley, Andy Dale, Alan Partridge, Andrea

Lines, Carol Burnapp

**Apologies:-** John McLuckie,

1. **Social :-**

Alan has spoken to Lucy re venue. She hasn’t spoken to the Crofting Association but seems to think that cattle will be in the area and more importantly a large bull will be running with his ladies so it is probably best to avoid this area at this time. Ross has produced a map of Taynuilt golf course area and beach using ‘open orienteering’ and has suggested running the score event from the pavilion. Awarding of five trophies

RL to produce map.

GS to do BBQ – check that Gordon is happy to do this

RL to book pavilion

JK to do maze

AP to advertise the event on EckO - each family to bring pot luck dish and own food for BBQ + drink

AP to generate forms for nominations

2. **Volunteers weekend:-**

JK, RL, AL to go on volunteers weekend which is being funded by EckO

3. **Bank Account:-**

AD and CB to action bank account on Friday 21/7/17

SOA development grant was applied for approx. 2 years ago – CB to look into this. RL to chase up emails from Gordon Macmillan re the application

4. Ross explained his thoughts for the next season’s league in more detail.

Each month in the chosen area there will be a map (pdf) with suggested training exercises available for download on the EckO website. The map can be used for independent training or in conjunction with the various training exercises for those who wish some guidance. The organizer will put out controls to remain in situ for the whole month. The controls might be canes with a laminated flag attached as there was a concern about vandalism if leaving equipment in situ for a month. The organizer will then run one event during the month – dates to be confirmed RL. It is not possible to run them on a set day each month eg last Sunday of each month due to clash with national events (SOL’s)

There will be enough training exercises for the whole month based on one day per week. (Ross will model this) Ideally it would be very useful to have a coach at the site for a set time during the day to provide guidance/feedback for participants. If a coach is going to be available for discussion/ feedback this will be indicated on the website.

A risk assessment will be done and the event registered with SOA.

Once this is up and running families and newcomers will be aware of the format and hopefully this will lead to continuity and increased attendance.

Confirmed venues, providing landowners agree to access and suggested organisers:-

Ganavan September Ross Lilley

Ardchattan October ? Shearers/Hunters – Ross to ask Lucy/Kate

Glen Nant November Macmillan Clan

Glencoe/ Sutherland’s Grove December Andy Dale

Glencruitten January John McLuckie

Fearnoch/ Ardnaskie (club Champs) February Alan Partridge

Inverawe March (if required) Jan Kersel

Ross will model September

AL to negotiate/liaise with landowners for:-

formal access for the event

informal access for the training

Discussion as to how to advertise the league to the mailing list and other interested parties

Andy Dale suggested updating the events on facebook as well as the EckO website

If it was felt that there were not enough events, then people would be very welcome to organize other ones but the league will provide at least 6 if not 7 events with training opportunities throughout the Autumn/ Winter as a minimum.

5. **AOB:-**

* Alan is looking for photos of Gill, Susannah, Jan for the EckO website
* Decided to put up minutes of AGM and committee meetings up on website as agreed AP
* Ross feels we need to review the Club development plan

RL to invite Johannes Petersen (North of Scotland development officer) along to the next meeting

6. Minutes for 30/06/17 proposed Alan Partridge

seconded Carol Burnapp

7. **Next meeting – 23/24 August – Andrea’s house 7pm**

Meeting closed at 20.30