

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University Of Edinburgh Department of P.E.,
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 May 1991

1 Present

Scott Balfour, Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, David Eades, Janet Fallon, Robin Galloway, Ray Heyworth, Colin Inverarity, Martin Hyman, Pakit Hyman, John Kenworthy, Robert Lee, Ishbel Mollison, Lucy Patterson, Rudolph Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, Jane Smith, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Steve Terry, Simon Thompson, Charlie Walton (22)

Apologies for absence were received from the Balfour Family (except Scott), Peter Dymoke, Ann Haley, Jan McClean, and Ian McIntyre.

2 Minutes of 1990 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

Adoption of the Minutes as a fair record of the Meeting was proposed by Simon Thompson, seconded by Andrew Bankhead, and duly accepted.

2.2 Matters Arising

Any matters arising from the Minutes would be discussed later in the Meeting.

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report at the Interløpers AGM has evolved to take the form of a summary of the Club's activities since the previous AGM, with thanks to those who have made things happen and a few comments and observations, so I'll simply follow this formula here.

The past year has seen Interløpers continue to play a significant rôle in Scottish and British orienteering. It has been a quiet year as far as putting on events is concerned, but this has partly been due to our commitment to the 1991 Scottish Championships next month (more on this later), and also the limitations of a crowded fixtures calendar and few decent local areas. We have contributed our annual Lothian O-League event - at Beecraigs in January - plus Edinburgh Summer Series events at Holyrood Park (June '90, on one of the least Summer-like evenings imaginable) and Colinton Dell (May '91). Our thanks go to all the club members who took on the main jobs at these events - Pat Squire and John Barrow, Janet Fallon and Pat again - and all who helped out.

Holding events may not be one of our strongest points, but when it comes to competing, I think we have had a very encouraging year with many excellent results posted by Club members. I don't want to mention all the names for fear of missing someone out, but the Club name is becoming a common sight in the papers thanks to successes by our top competitors, both junior and senior. We have seen Interløpers winning at National and International level and have had numerous representatives in Area, Scottish and British teams and squads. Some noteworthy relay performances, such as our 2nd place at a tough Harvester last year, were capped earlier this month by a classy winning performance by our 'A' team of Pakit Hyman, Rob Lee and Andy Kitchen at the British Relay Championships - a great moment for the Club. The performances of our élite members do a lot for the club, and I hope we can offer support and continue to develop the "club spirit" that benefits all our members.

Success in competition may get the headlines but orienteering is also about taking part and improving, and it is always good to see Club members progressing through the year. And 3 teams at the Harvester, 6 at the JK relays and 7 at the British Relays indicates, I think, a healthy level of participation. We were again unsuccessful in our CompassSport Cup match, against CLYDE this year, though it was very close - but there was little disappointment at not progressing in this rather strange competition.

Away from the heat of competition we have continued a varied programme of training and social activities. Our Club Weekend on Speyside in the Autumn was again voted a great success - special thanks to Pat Squire for most of the organisation - and healthy turnouts have enjoyed Lucy Patterson's social events which have included the Club Championships, skittles and 10-pin bowling evenings, mulled wine and mince pies for Christmas and pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to all who helped out with these. Another success this Winter was circuit training at Moray House on a Wednesday evening, with a smallish but dedicated band of club members taking advantage of the facilities for an enjoyable (?) and worthwhile session. I hope this will be repeated in the coming year.

This Spring has been notable for the appearance of the latest generation of Interløpers O-suits, and most folk agree they are a bit special and the smartest in the country. Thanks here are due to Rudolph Riemersma and family who put in a great deal of effort and time making the suits happen. Sizing may not be perfect but most will adapt to fit, and I think the extra cost is worthwhile for something decidedly up-market - and my top has already survived more than most suits would and is still as good as new!

The Club Committee has met 6 times through the year and has always had plenty of business to deal with. Meetings have been well attended and thanks go to the various members (and families!) who have acted as hosts. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee for their efforts during the year, they end up doing the vast majority of Club work. John Barrow deserves special mention for doing the minutes, looking after the membership list and dealing with all the other stuff that gets sent to the Secretary, and Ishbel Mollison has managed the difficult task of supplying us with newsletters on a fairly regular basis. This year we have also had, thanks to Pat Squire, regular representation at L.B.O.A. meetings.

The club has provided financial support for a number of the activities mentioned above and we have again paid for relay entries at major competitions. This year we have also contributed to the L.B.O.A. Junior Squad and have supported Club members who have been selected for representative tours, and other notable items of expenditure have included the purchase of new poles for the club tent and a multi-memory stop watch. The latter is a valuable training aid and I hope many of you will try it out in the coming months. We have continued to maintain a healthy financial position throughout the year and thanks go to Janet Fallon for looking after the club funds. Club membership has remained approximately static but I don't see this as a bad thing, though the S.O.A. and Scottish Sports Council are looking to clubs to increase membership. I take the view that we are of a sensible size at present and prefer to see effort and resources going to encouraging our core of active members. We have gained a number of new faces this year - welcome along!

The '91 Scottish Championships has been a major activity in the club this year though the event does not actually happen until next month. Preparation has been going on throughout the year and much work has been done, mostly by a small team of event officials; there is still a lot to do however and I hope all Interløpers will get involved over the coming weeks to help make the Scottish a top quality event. Other commitments we have lined up for the coming year include helping on Day 5 at the 6-Day in August and putting on another LOL event in the Winter.

Club successes over the past year are of course balanced by areas where we have seen little activity - once again there has been no mapping action, few people have provided contributions for the newsletter, helpers have sometimes been in short supply (e.g. at the Summer Series events), volunteers have been hard to find. Communication can be a problem (why can no-one call John about relay entries?) but we seem to struggle along, maybe next year will be better. I have found that there are many things I would like to put into the Club as Chairman but mostly don't have the time. My main excuse this year has been involvement in the '91 Scottish, perhaps in future I'll get another chance to give the job the input it deserves.

I'd like to finish off by wishing all Interløpers successful orienteering in the coming year, especially those seeking selection for the World Championships and other top level competitions.

Charlie Walton

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1991

Janet Fallon presented the audited Statement of Income and Expenditure, and the Balance Sheet, for the Year.

After a short discussion, she proposed acceptance of the Statement, and this was seconded by Ishbel Mollison. There was no dissent.

5 Membership Fees for 1992

Janet Fallon proposed that the club Membership Fees remain unchanged for 1992, viz. £3 for Seniors, £1 for Juniors and Groups, and £4.50 for Families. Jane Smith seconded this proposal. There was no dissent.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ray Heyworth	Steve Terry
b) Chairman	Charlie Walton	Steve Terry	Rudolph Riemersma
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Janet Fallon	Lucy Patterson
d) Treasurer	Jane Smith	Janet Fallon	Ishbel Mollison
e) Social Secretary	Andrew Bankhead	Lucy Patterson	Janet Fallon
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Andrew Bankhead	Simon Thompson
g) Junior Member	Ynske Riemersma	Scott Balfour	Pat Squire
h) Ordinary Members	Pakit Hyman	David Eades	Scott Balfour
	Eva Riemersma	Rudolph Riemersma	Pat Squire
	David Eades	Pakit Hyman	Robin Galloway
i) Area Representative	Pat Squire	Ynske Riemersma	Colin Inverarity

In line with Clause 4.2.7 of the Constitution, because three names were nominated for the posts of Ordinary Members, the nominees left the room while a vote was taken on a show of hands to determine which two should be elected. As a result of the vote, Pakit Hyman and Eva Riemersma were duly elected.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Club Championships

Ray Heyworth mentioned how much he had enjoyed the sociability of the event last year, but he asked if in future Colinton Dell could be avoided because of the brambles! Anthony Squire offered to organise this year's event if a suitable area could be decided upon.

7.2 Club Weekend

Rudolph Riemersma suggested that Carol McNeill be invited to the Club Weekend with plenty of notice, so as to give her the chance to be able to fit it into her diary. The new Committee would be attending to this matter at their first meeting.

7.3 Lothian O-League/CompassSport Cup

Ray Heyworth mentioned the problem of some people being forced to run in different courses when competing in a CompassSport Cup match at a Lothian O-League event. Some discussion ensued on this matter. Pat Squire pointed out that the LBOA were aware of the problem, and would be discussing it at their next meeting, when planning for the 1991-92 Series. It was suggested that it might also be worthwhile trying to bring some influence to bear on how the CompassSport Cup is organised, when considering which classes run on which courses.

7.4 S.O.A.

Simon Thompson mentioned that both he and Rudolph Riemersma had been re-elected to the S.O.A. Committee at the recent AGM, and that both of them were quite willing to raise matters at S.O.A. Committee meetings if the Club so desired.

7.5 Mapping

Simon asked about the status of enquiries into whether an area (New Tower Hill) at Birnam would be suitable for mapping. Charlie replied that no action had yet been taken. On the more general topic of mapping, Steve Terry offered to provide technical help on any projects which the Club might initiate. Pakit Hyman pointed out that money was available for having maps made professionally. Charlie also mentioned the Sub-National mapping facility in Scotland, which could fund Club mapping projects. There were areas around Edinburgh which would lend themselves to being mapped, both new areas and existing areas which needed to be re-mapped. The Club also had some resources which could be directed towards mapping. The bottom line was that members would need to be persuaded to undertake such projects.

7.6 Controllers

Ray Heyworth asked about the status of graded Controllers in the Club. Charlie replied that the current list of qualified Club Controllers had appeared in a recent newsletter. He also pointed out that the Club could always benefit from having more qualified Coaches among its membership. The S.O.A. held courses for both functions each year, and Simon mentioned that a Controllers Course might be held in the coming Autumn.

7.7 Relay Entries

Charlie Walton elaborated on the point, made in his Report, about the organising of entries for major Relay events. The required teams had been entered for such events, but more by luck than by being based on actual information about who wanted a run. He asked if all those present who wanted to compete at the S.O.A. Relays on 9 June should wait after the completion of business to decide on teams.

Charlie mentioned that this year's Harvester Trophy was much further away than last year but, after last year's success, it would be good to at least enter a strong 'A' team. Entry fees would again be paid by the Club, but members would have to make a firm commitment if they wanted to attend such a far-flung event. Pakit Hyman offered to coordinate entries, and John gave him the entry form.

7.8 S.O.A. Championships - 8 June

Charlie gave a brief résumé on the status of the organisation, but stressed that the event would need all possible help on the day. Apart from those seeking selection for the World Championships team, all members were asked not to enter the event but to commit themselves to helping throughout the day. Two major jobs would need to be done in the near future: these were sending out entries, and the overprinting and bagging of the maps. For the latter task, someone's house/flat would be needed for a day or two from about 27 May onwards. Jane generously volunteered the use of Ian McIntyre's flat.

Charlie mentioned that apart of 12 Soviet orienteers would be coming to the Championships, though without much backup. They apparently would be able to get to Edinburgh, but thereafter would probably be seeking both transport and accommodation. Anyone with any suggestions or offers of help should contact Charlie. Pakit pointed out that the University club might be able to help with transport, since they had ample funds in that regard.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.