

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Department of P.E.,
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7.00 pm on Thursday 4 June 1992

1 Present

Graeme Ambler, Steve Ambler, Gail Balfour, Scott Balfour, Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, Colin Eades, Janet Fallon, Ben Hartman, Ray Heyworth, Pakit Hyman, John Kenworthy, Lesley McFarland, Ian McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, Eva Riemersma, Rudolph Riemersma, Gordon Shiach, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Steve Terry, Charlie Walton (22)

Apologies for absence were received from the Balfour Family (except Gail and Scott), Lorna Boyd, Peter Dymoke, Lucy and Robin Galloway, Martin Hyman, Colin Inverarity, Gordon Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, and Simon Thompson.

2 Minutes of 1991 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

One minor amendment was necessary: under Section 7.8, para. 2, “apart of 12” should read “a party of 12”.

After this amendment, the adoption of the Minutes as a fair record of the Meeting was proposed by Ray Heyworth, seconded by Pakit Hyman, and duly accepted.

2.2 Matters Arising

In the event, the party of Soviet orienteers were unable to participate in the 1991 Scottish Championships. Any further matters arising from the Minutes were to be discussed later in the Meeting.

3 Chairman’s Report

The year since our last A.G.M. seems to me to have passed very quickly, and our general situation appears much as it was a year ago, but looking back a great deal has been going on. I did miss out a few months last summer when I went off to tour the World and avoided the 6-Day, the Club Championships, the Harvester, the 14-Person Relay, and the Club Weekend, but this was a much-needed break after the Scottish Championships last June.

The Scottish was our major production for the year, and it went pretty well. It involved a great deal of effort, and I would like to thank all the officials and helpers, Interlopers and friends, who contributed to the event’s success. Rewards for event workers are few, beyond satisfaction in a job well done, but I hope you all enjoyed being involved – and that you appreciate all the more the effort someone has put in every time we orienteer. Mentioning anyone always risks missing other worthies, but I’d like to highlight the contributions of the main officials which extended far beyond the day of the event – planners Scott and Simon, organisers Jan and Janet, entries/results/computer person Graham, Rudolph for his input to the international match and sponsorship, and Simon again for the excellent social and prize-giving.

As I mentioned earlier, I ducked most of the summer activities, but heard tales of lots of Interløpers involvement at home and abroad – long may it continue! I didn't actually do much orienteering until after the New Year, but there were plenty of other things to keep me busy when I returned to Edinburgh: Club circuit training was on the go, we had Hallowe'en and Christmas socials, Club meals, and the usual training sessions.

1992 has seen continued social activity – the Burns Supper, Pancakes, Skittles, and a French evening – more circuit training, and another season's worth of orienteering events. A British Squad/Interløpers combination contributed a Lothian O-League event at Calder Wood in April, where disappearing codes produced something like panic as the first starters set off, but all went OK in the end. We also won a CompassSport Cup match, a close contest versus Roxburgh Reivers at Tentsmuir in February, and now face ESOC in the next round in a few days' time. As well as the regular Scotlandsgaloppen, LOL, etc., events, we had good representation at the British Champs./British Relays in far away East Anglia and at an excellent JK weekend in the Lake District, while a couple of weeks ago a large Interløpers turnout enjoyed a fine Scottish Champs./Scottish Relays weekend with a Club base at Woodlands in Kingussie. Once again Club members have produced many fine results in these events, with our Open relay A team taking 3rd in the British and 2nd in the Scottish (I won't mention the JK!). Successes are too numerous to detail, but congratulations to all our champions and winners.

The Committee has continued to keep the Club on the rails, and has got through the usual mountain of business in 6 meetings. Thanks once more go to the members and their households who have acted as our hosts. There are lots of people I want to thank for their efforts: good turnouts have enjoyed Andrew's socials, John and Jane have kept the 'business' side of things in order, Colin's newsletters have been much appreciated (if little contributed-to!), and we've benefitted from Pat's organisation of Woodlands accommodation, circuit training, sports injuries cover, and club equipment. Thanks too to the squaddies for doing our LOL event, to Scott and family for doing our first Summer Series event at Colinton Dell in May, and to all of you who helped out during the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of many Interløpers who continue to contribute to Scottish and British orienteering beyond the Club, on Committees, in Squads, etc. – for example, this year several Club members are involved with the World Student Orienteering Championships next month.

Looking ahead, we are collecting commitments all too quickly. We have another Summer Series event next week, another LOL event in October, and in '93 we are due to hold the Scottish Score Champs. and the LBOA Champs., and to do our bit at the 6-Day again. The list continues into '94 and '95, so there is plenty to keep us busy! Finding volunteers for event jobs is always difficult, so I hope you will all get involved in these future events.

We are still short of maps and places to hold events, and there are other areas where we could better ourselves, but on the whole I see a healthy, active Club and hope we can continue to work towards being something we all enjoy being a part of.

Charlie Walton

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1992

Jane McIntyre 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 Colin Inverarity. There was no dissent.

5 Membership Fees for 1993

After some discussion, which included the comment that both SOA and BOF intended raising the fees for 1993, Jane McIntyre proposed that the club Membership Fees be slightly increased for 1993, viz. £4 for Seniors (an increase of £1), £1 for Juniors (the same as for 1992), £2 for Groups (an increase of £1), and £6 for Families (an increase of £1.50). Pakit Hyman seconded this proposal. There was no dissent.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Rudolph Riemersma	Gordon Shiach
b) Chairman	Pakit Hyman	Janet Fallon	Eva Riemersma
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Steve Terry	Jane McIntyre
d) Treasurer	Ian McIntyre	Colin Inverarity	Scott Balfour
e) Social Secretary	Andrew Bankhead	Pakit Hyman	Jane McIntyre
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Rudolph Riemersma	Andrew Bankhead
g) Junior Member	Gail Balfour	Jane McIntyre	Ian McIntyre
h) Ordinary Members	Steve Ambler	Eva Riemersma	Andrew Bankhead
	Janet Fallon	Ian McIntyre	Steve Terry
	Ben Hartman	Pakit Hyman	Colin Inverarity
	Eva Riemersma	Scott Balfour	Jane McIntyre
i) Area Representative	Pat Squire	Pakit Hyman	Rudolph Riemersma

In accordance with Clause 4.2.7 of the Constitution, because four 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, Steve Ambler and Eva Riemersma were duly elected.

A constitutional issue was raised as a result of the need for this vote. There seemed to be some concern about the rights of Family members present at an AGM when using their votes, and whether they should be allowed to exercise the other Family vote (apparently allowed by Clause 4.2.7) when no other member of the Family was present. A suggestion was made that Block Voting be allowed, provided the member present at the Meeting could show due authorisation from the other Family members not present. The matter was referred to the new Committee to try to resolve, and to present any constitutional amendments which it deemed necessary to the next AGM.

John asked the Meeting to show its appreciation of Charlie's considerable efforts as Chairman over the past two years. In a similar vein, Scott highlighted Jane's work as Treasurer.

There was some discussion over a mechanism for honouring the work of other distinguished ex-Club members. The new Committee were asked to consider this matter further.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Bank Charges

Ray Heyworth wondered about the absence of bank charges on the audited Financial Statement. Jane explained that the Club operated a Treasurer's Account with the Bank of Scotland, and this type of account attracted no charges.

7.2 O-suits

Eva Riemersma pointed out that, if a new order for suits were to be placed soon, numbers of suits required would need to be ascertained quickly. It was agreed that some suits should be added to the order to serve as a stock for future requirements.

7.3 Primary Schools Championships

Rudolph Riemersma made a suggestion that the Club could try to join forces with ESOC in staging a Primary Schools Championships in the Edinburgh area, along the lines of that held annually in Glasgow at

the Zoo. There were several suggestions for possible areas in which such an event could be held, including the Botanic Gardens, the Riccarton campus at the Heriot-Watt, the Cramond campus of Moray House, etc.. It was realised that a lot of effort would be needed to put on such an event, and there might not be that much spin-off in terms of new members joining the established clubs. However, the subject was referred to the new Committee for further consideration.

7.4 Schools

Anthony Squire raised a more general point regarding the involvement of schools in orienteering, particularly secondary schools. Obvious problems existed of transport and communication, and in motivation of individual teachers on the staffs of the schools. Practical suggestions for action included preparation of information sheets for distribution to schools, the giving of talks at particular schools, the making of maps of school grounds, etc.. To start with, it was proposed to try to make contact with a small number of identified schools, and to seek suggestions for specific action from Club members through the medium of the newsletter.

7.5 Relay Entries

There was some concern about the blanket subsidy provided for Relay event entry fees. In particular, the JK and SOA Relays between them had cost £288 this Spring. The new Committee were asked to consider a revision of the Club's policy over payment of such fees.

7.6 CompassSport Cup

There was some discussion on the Club's participation in the forthcoming tie against ESOC on 7 June at Creag Vinean. It was accepted that transport would not be a problem. However, some concern was expressed over the relatively high level of entry fees; this was partly due, apparently, to high Forestry Commission charges. It was agreed to offer to subsidise the entries for each Club participant to the tune of £1 each, making the net fees £3 for Seniors, and £1 for Juniors.

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