

EIGHTEENTH 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 3 June 1993

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Graeme Ambler, Steve Ambler, Scott Balfour, John Barrow, Steve Conway, Colin Eades, Janet Fallon, Lucy Galloway, Robin Galloway, Ben Hartman, Ray Heyworth, Martin Hyman, Pakit Hyman, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy, Lesley Kenworthy, Robert Lee, Ian McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, David Simmons, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Steve Terry (24)

Apologies for absence were received from the Balfour Family (except Scott), Andrew Bankhead, Ken Daly, Lorna Eades, Ann and Graham Haley, Andy Kitchin, Carol McNeill, Jo Mitchell, Heather Peel, Phil Smith, Simon Thompson, and Charlie Walton.

2 Minutes of 1992 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

One minor amendment was necessary: in Election of Office Bearers, for "Colin Inverarity" read "Colin Eades"; the former was in Paris at the time!

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

2.2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chairman's Report

I would like to present my Report by summarising the Club's activities under various headings, beginning with selected Results.

Results At the recent Scottish Relays, the Open Men, the Open Women, and the M40s all won their events. At the Irish Championships, Andy Kitchin and Lorna Eades both won their events, and the Men came 3rd in the Relay. At the British Championships, Anthony Squire won M15, and Lorna was 4th in W21E; in the Relays, the Men were 6th, while the Women were 5th. At the J.K. Relays, the Men were 3rd. At the Short Championships, Chris Whalley was 1st (an ex- Club member), and Jo Mitchell was 2nd. At the Harvester, the Men were 2nd in the Open Relay.

Honoured with National and International Selection were Gordon Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, Anthony Squire, Gail Balfour, Fay Balfour, Rob Lee, Andy Kitchin, and Lorna Eades. Gordon was particularly unlucky not to be chosen for the World Junior Championships, having performed consistently well throughout the season and in the Special Selection races, but just missed out on

selection in an especially tough age class. I'm sure this will merely make him more determined to give the selectors no option but to choose him next time.

Andy Kitchin has had a miraculous recovery after an operation to remove a large lump from his knee; he and Lorna are currently in Finland at the Nordic Championships and at the Jukkolen Relay.

Events After the massive effort in holding up our end at the Scottish Championships, it has been a relatively quiet year. Apart from the usual low key Summer Series events, we have put on two Lothian O-League events, at Calder Wood and at Beecraigs. However, we have a tough programme over the next six months, with the 6-Days, the Scottish Score Championships, and the LBOA Championships. Most of the official posts for these events have been filled, but we really will need plenty of bodies to help, not only on the day, but also in the days before and after these events. So please, please do your best to give help, in whichever way you can.

Socials Our Social Secretary has left us to seek his fortune in sunny Leicestershire. He did a fine job in organising a regular and varied programme of social events which, while not always as well supported as he might have hoped, were always well received by those who did participate. Thanks also to Pat for his organisation of the famous weekend up North, which once again was fully subscribed and thoroughly enjoyable.

Committee I would like to thank all the Committee for their efforts over the year, and for not staging a coup d'état. John of course continues to shoulder the bulk of the work that keeps the Club ticking. But Colin continues to do an heroic job on the Newsletter. Ian handled the Treasurer's job rather well under the circumstances. Pat continues to serve us well on the LBOA committee. But everyone on the Committee deserves thanks for sacrificing their valuable time so that you can enjoy the sport as you do.

Congratulations are in order to Colin and Lorna Eades, to Robin and Lucy Galloway, and to John and Lesley Kenworthy. Ian and Jane McIntyre also deserve congratulations on the birth of Claire, who delights everyone at the social events.

IN MEMORIAM: I would like to mention the tragic death of Hilary Smith. Although it received a fair amount of coverage at the time, I would just like to say what a terrible loss it is to our sport. Hilary was a member of Interløpers for many years; a fantastic orienteer and a fantastic person. Although I never knew her at the peak of her career, she was a permanent part of the Scottish Home International Team, and many of us have been helped by her along the way. She will be greatly missed.

On a lighter note, it is good to see new, and indeed old, faces joining the ranks. Over the past year, we have been quite lucky in gaining many new members, who have been very active, and fitted in well with the existing scene. This can only auger well for the future of the Club.

A suggestion, made by Ray Heyworth, and agreed by those present, was that the Chairman's Summary of Results be reproduced in the Newsletter.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1993

Ian McIntyre presented the audited Statement of Income and Expenditure, and the Balance Sheet, for the Year.

After a short discussion, he proposed acceptance of the Statement, and this was seconded by Colin Inverarity. There was no dissent.

5 Membership Fees for 1994

Ian proposed that there be no increase in the Club's membership fees for 1994. Lucy Galloway seconded this proposal and, with no dissent, it was carried.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Robin Galloway	Jane McIntyre
b) Chairman	Graeme Ackland	Ian McIntyre	Lucy Galloway
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ian McIntyre	Colin Eades
d) Treasurer	Ian McIntyre	Janet Fallon	Robin Galloway
e) Social Secretary	Robin Galloway	Scott Balfour	Colin Inverarity
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Graeme Ackland	Robin Galloway
g) Junior Member	Anthony Squire	Graeme Ackland	Janet Fallon
h) Ordinary Members	Steve Ambler	Jane McIntyre	Lucy Galloway
	Janet Fallon	Lesley Kenworthy	Robin Galloway
i) Area Representative	Pat Squire	Colin Inverarity	Scott Balfour

All the Nominees were elected uncontested.

7 Amendment to the Constitution

An Amendment to the Constitution had been proposed, to try to resolve any possible conflict with voting rights for Family and Group members (as had been raised at last year's Meeting). The text of the amendment had been printed on the Agenda for this Meeting. After a short discussion, the Amendment was proposed by Jane McIntyre, and seconded by Lesley Kenworthy. With no dissent, it was carried unanimously.

A suggestion was made that it should be made clear before future AGMs, probably in the Newsletter, that members were entitled to register postal votes on proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

8 Any Other Business

- Martin Hyman had written a letter to the Chairman, concerning the "BOF News" publication. His feeling was that the continued production of this publication was not justified on the grounds of cost and amount of editorial effort required. Its coverage was duplicated in the main by that of "CompassSport", which a large proportion of active orienteers subscribed to. Those who didn't could usually obtain fixtures information through their clubs. His request was that this Club write in similar terms to BOF, asking that continued effort into the preparation of "BOF News" be reviewed, with a view to making a saving of about £5000 annually by ceasing its publication.

The Meeting discussed the matter, and agreed that more detailed information about BOF's finances should be sought, and in particular the quoted cost of producing "BOF News" should be explained with a fuller breakdown.

- Anthony asked if the new Committee could spend some time in considering its Junior policy. In particular, he felt that the Club should spend some effort in liaising with local schools, with a view to attracting more pupils to local events. One major stumbling block was the provision of transport. A suggestion was made that a grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts could be used in this direction.

It was agreed that the new Committee should be instructed to consider action for supporting participation by Schools. A sub-committee should be established (to include the Junior Representative, and maybe other co-opted Club members) to carry out this task. It was suggested that Martin Hyman might be able to supply information regarding sponsorship for such a proposal.

- Ray Heyworth was concerned that the Club had not undertaken any mapping activity for at least the last three years. Archerfield was the only area with a map in the Club's name (apart from local

areas). Some individual efforts to reconnoitre new areas were described. Also mentioned was an inventory of suitable areas which Perth Orienteers had drawn up. It was felt that they should be consulted regarding choosing an area for the Club to map. It was pointed out that the BOF Squad was always on the lookout for new areas to train on, and some sharing of costs might be envisaged when preparing a map of a new area.

It was agreed to ask the new Committee to consider this matter, and to aim to instigate action on an area before the end of the current year. It was suggested that the Club might be able to provide help to assist a member to attend a Mapping Course. Steve Terry said he would be prepared to organise a Club-based mapping training session.

It should be possible to find out from the SOA Mapping Convenor how to coordinate mapping efforts. The new Professional Officer should be able to assist in this regard.

- John mentioned the Club's commitment to helping at Day 4 of Royal Deeside '93 in August. As Club Coordinator, he would be contacting Club members nearer the time, once he had established exactly what effort would be needed. He would be having a meeting soon with Liz Mills (the Day Organiser) at which this would be discussed. Scott pointed out that he would be preparing the map for the String course, and his family together with the Inveraritys would organise the course. Martin Hyman would be planning the Wayfarers courses, while it would be Scott's responsibility to control them.
- The staging of the 1993 SOA Score Championships and the LBOA Championships in December was briefly discussed. The major problem was the choice of areas, since the Club did not have any of its own. The new Committee would have to come to a decision soon on these events.

The newly elected Committee members were asked to remain to decide on the date and venue for their first Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.