

# TWENTY FIRST 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 1996

## 1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Karen Dobbie, Peter Dymoke, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Jane Hailey, Ray Heyworth, Martin Hyman, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy, Lesley Kenworthy, Rob Lee, Barry Owen, David Simmons, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton, Janet Walton (19)

Apologies for absence were received from the Balfour Family, Mark Davies, Graham McIntyre, Carol McNeill, and Anthony Squire.

## 2 Minutes of 1995 Annual General Meeting

### 2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 4 May 1995 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings (proposed by Ray Heyworth).

### 2.2 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

## 3 Chairman's Report

### 3.1 Who did what in the last year?

#### 3.1.1 Internationalists

**Lorna** and **Andy** both made it to the British World Orienteering Champs Team in Germany. **Andy** ran the Short Race and the Relay, getting a podium placing **Sixth** with the team in the Relay. **Lorna** ran the Short and Classic distances frustratingly, just failing to qualify for the Final each time.

**Lorna** and **Andy** represented Britain at the first set of World Cup races in early May. **Andy** reached the A Final in the Classic races, and ran in the British B Relay team. **Lorna** fared similarly, reaching the A Final and running in the British B Relay team.

**Anthony** ran for Britain in the Junior World Orienteering Champs last year in both the Short and Classic distances. He also ran for Britain in the Six Nations Cup. More recently, he has been selected to run for Britain in the next Junior World Orienteering Championships to be held in Romania.

#### 3.1.2 Champions or Close Efforts

**Scottish Champs, Dunalistair Individual day** — **Anthony** won M17A by 10 minutes, **Rob** was 6th on M21E, **Ray** was 2nd on M65L, **Lorna** was 6th and **Angela** 7th on W21E, and **Mark Davies** was 1st on the Blue course.

**Scottish Champs, Dunalistair Relay day** — Despite being Organising Club, we managed to field two teams. **Anthony, Rob** and **Graeme** achieved 3rd on the Open Course, and **Angela, Lorna** and **Heather** were 1st in the Women's Open course. Luckily the lashing rain drowned any cries of a fix.

**Scottish Six Days Strathspey '95** — A big turn-out from Interløping types. **Andy Kitchin** won M21E, **Gordon Riemersma** was 7th in M21E, **Ben Hartman** was 10th in M21L, **Graham McIntyre** was 5th in M35S, **Heather Hartman** was 10th in W21E, and Hon Pres. **Carol McNeill** was 1st in W50L but far more importantly was winner of the Interløpers Knock-Out Cup competition. Rest assured, I will have thought of a way to fix it so it will be impossible to defend this title, to keep in line with the idea of the competition, which is not supposed to be fair anyway.

**JK96** — **Andy** was placed 4th in M21E, **Lorna** was 8th in W21E, and **Anthony** was 4th in M19A. Best result in the Relays was a 3rd in the Short Open from **Colin, Anders** and **Iain**, despite my appalling efforts on the first leg.

**BOC96** — **Rob** was 7th in M21E, **Graeme** was behind Rob, and **Anthony** was 2nd in M19A. Best result in the Relays was a 2nd place by the Short Open team of **Colin Inverarity, John Mitchell** and **Mark Davies**. We did field a total of seven Relay teams, however.

**Scottish Short Race Series** — **Andy** won this, **Rob** was 3rd, and **Lorna** was 2nd by 1 point.

**Scotlandsgaloppen Series** — **Andy** won this, **Anthony** won M17A, **Heather** was 2nd in W21E, **Steve C** was 1st in M21L, **Eva** won W50S, and **Ray** was 2nd in M65L.

**National Lottery** — Has Andy won this?

## 3.2 Forthcoming Events

### 3.2.1 Scottish Orienteering Championships 1996, South Achray

For the first time in living memory, we are not required to help at the Scottish Champs. To celebrate this historic occasion, I would like to see as many Interløpers running as possible. However, in my usual state of chaos, the entries are required this weekend, so could all those closet Interløpers phone me to say they would like to run in the Relays and hopefully I can find you a suitable class to run in.

### 3.2.2 Scottish Relay Orienteering Championships 1997, Strathmashie

It will come as no surprise to some of you that we are again involved in organising a major event in Scotland. A new system of assigning The Championships to an Area is now in operation, so we are blessed with the opportunity to organise another Relay race, however this time in conjunction with RR and LINOC. This event is not until 1997, but it would be an advantage to have major officials in place by next month so that planner(s) can be in the forest at the right time of year. Any volunteers to organise or plan? Go on, you know that you have always wanted to try an event of this size.

### 3.2.3 Lothian O-League 1996-97

We are to organise the October event in the series, so all of you who quickly read on at the end of the previous item should jolly well read this and remember that all planners and organisers had to start somewhere and where better than at an LOL. It may even be possible to get someone more experienced to help/oversee. Why not volunteer, then you can get your own back and tell me to go and sit at a manned control in the middle of a marsh or some job that is even more unpleasant.

### 3.2.4 CompassSport Cup 1996

By some cruel twist of fate, we are still in the CompassSport Cup after a double header at Devilla where we defeated firstly FVO and then Clydeside. This leaves us with the task of taking on CLARO before 31 July 1996. I think that, after failing to crash out in the first round as per usual, we ought to make a go of it. To this end I will try to arrange the next round somewhere in Northern England at a suitable event. This might enable us to borrow Anthony Squire for the event which should help our cause. It may prove a good idea to arrange transport to help people get there. Please let me know what you think. Two possible dates are 16 June at a CLOK event on Roseberry Common and a WCOC event at Blakeley Raise on 7 July.

### **3.2.5 SOA Inter-Club Championships, STAG, Fauldhouse Moor, 2 June**

The southern clubs round is to be held here, and another good turn-out like the Devilla CompassSport Cup match would be good. The rules are slightly different for this competition; in fact, if anyone can explain them, it may help us to field a stronger team.

## **3.3 Events Held**

### **3.3.1 Scottish Relays 1995**

On a very tight budget, we managed to organise the Scottish Relays. The weather was a tad unkind over the weekend, but somehow all the cars managed to get out of the field on the Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to all those who helped out on the day to enable us to still enter one men's and one women's open teams, who both competed well on their courses. Well done to Charlie Walton for Organising and thanks to John Biggar for his controlling of the event. My main regret is that nobody saw Dunalistair in the sunshine as I did on each occasion when I was planning. Perhaps at the Scottish 6-Days it will be sunny.

### **3.3.2 LOL at Saltoun & Humbie**

We organised our LOL at Saltoun & Humbie, making a nice change from Archerfield. Thanks are due to Dave Simmons (Mr Organiser) and Ken Daly and Darina Cunnane for planning some courses for people to do. Thanks are also due to Ewart Scott for controlling. Most comments I heard were favourable, so well done to you all; you could always try a Scotlands galoppen next!

### **3.3.3 Scotlands galoppen at Anagach**

Thanks at the event are due to Colin McNeil for planning the courses, especially his M21L course which turned out to be only 100m shorter than the Elite course; it serves the wimps right! Thanks are also due to Ken Davidson for controlling, and finally Graeme Ackland for not being there. The event went reasonably well; many thanks to all those who helped out on the day.

There was considerable discussion, during the presentation of this Report, on the policy adopted for distribution of the profits from the 6-Day Event, and in particular from the 1995 Event. It appeared that the policy of the Company was not to distribute any money to University clubs, since it was the Company's opinion that such clubs were not in a position to undertake any significant mapping projects requiring financial resources. Furthermore, the Company's Treasurer had claimed that this policy had been explained to all Club Chairmen, well in advance of the 1995 Event.

It was this Club's agreed view that such a policy was distinctly unfair and quite undemocratic, and that this view should be communicated to the 6-Day Event Company and to the SOA. In addition, the Chairman was able to confirm that there had been no consultation whatsoever from the Company before the 1995 Event on the method to be employed for distribution of any profit.

It was suggested that the Clubs involved in Day 3 of Strathspey '95 (viz. Interlopers, ELO, and STAG) might like to discuss the possibility of pooling the allocations received from the Company, with a view to giving some proportion of the total to Edinburgh University.

It was the Meeting's feeling that these measures should be undertaken with the intention of trying to right a wrong perceived to have been done in 1995, and to try to ensure that a more democratic process for distribution of profits be decided upon for future 6-Day Events.

## **4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1996**

Steve introduced the audited accounts, together with accompanying notes, and made some comments about various aspects of the Statement. There was discussion of some items, after which the Statement's acceptance was proposed by Pat Squire, and seconded by Rob Lee.

## 5 Membership Fees for 1997

It was agreed to set the Club membership fees for 1997 to be the same as for 1996 (viz. £4.50 for Seniors, £1 for Juniors, £7 for Families, and £2 for Groups); this was proposed by Steve Ambler, seconded by Charlie Walton, and unanimously agreed.

## 6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ray Heyworth	Lorna Eades
b) Chairman	Colin Eades	Martin Hyman	Janet Walton
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Pat Squire	Colin Inverarity
d) Treasurer	Steve Ambler	Peter Dymoke	Lorna Eades
e) Social Secretary	(no nominations, although a suggested candidate would be approached)		
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Pat Squire	Rob Lee
g) Junior Member	(no nominations)		
h) Ordinary Members	Paul Caban	Graeme Ackland	Janet Walton
	Peter Dymoke	Graeme Ackland	Lorna Eades
	John Kenworthy	Colin Eades	Rob Lee
i) Area Representative	(no nominations)		

All the Nominees were elected uncontested. It was agreed that the remaining Positions could be allocated (or co-opted) by the new Committee.

## 7 Any Other Business

- Lorna had agreed to be principal Planner for the 1997 SOA Relay Championships at Strathmashie, assisted by Colin.
- Ray gave a brief summary of relevant points discussed at both the BOF and SOA AGMs, held recently.
- It was mentioned that the Club was responsible for the final event in the LBOA Summer Series, to be held at Bonaly on 26 June, and that a barbecue would be held in conjunction.
- Charlie showed examples of the chosen designs for the Club T-shirt, which would be produced in the near future. It was expected that the unit cost would be in the region of £5.

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

The Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 11 June 1996