

TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Centre for Sport and Exercise
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7 pm on Thursday 10 June 1999

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Peter Dymoke, Colin Eades, Dave Godfree, Ann Haley, Colin Inverarity, Tim Lenton, Steve Terry, and Donald Petrie (invited guest). (12)

Apologies for absence were received from Jane and James Ackland, Kim Buckley, Karen Dobbie, Lorna Eades, Ray Heyworth, Rob Lee, Hilary Quick, Pat and Anthony Squire, and Charlie Walton

2 Minutes of 1998 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

In Section 4, "Financial Statement...", paragraphs 1 and 3, the name "Paul" should read "Steve".

In Section 6, "Election of Office Bearers", it should be recorded that Graeme Ackland was elected to the post of Chairman after a contest with the Yellow Spider (nominated by Mark Haley).

With these corrections, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 4 June 1998 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings (proposed by Colin Eades, seconded by Ann Haley).

2.2 Matters Arising

Graeme presented a brief update on the Mapping situation.

The map of Glenearn & Berryknowe had been completed, and had already been used for a Scotlandsgaloppen and a Night Championships.

It was expected that new maps of Colinton Dell and Mortonhall would be made professionally, partly funded from a successful application to the "Awards for All" scheme.

It was hoped that a new map of at least some of the Archerfield area could be made, once it was clear that the present planning application had not succeeded.

Enquiries into the possible use of the Dalmeny Estate were unsuccessful.

Two new maps had been produced recently, for the Grange Estate, and Braidburn Park.

3 Chairman's Report

Another interesting year for Interløpers, with a fair measure of individual successes, some good events and progress on mapping.

We have one British Champion - Hilary Quick diving into a lakeland phonebox and metamorphosed into SuperOldWoman to win W40. Hilary followed this by becoming Scottish Champion, as did Andy Kitchin in M21E - our third Scottish elite champion since the last AGM, joining 1998 winners Lorna Eades and 'first Scot' Tobias Andersson, now returned to his adoptive Swedish homeland.

Locally, we have seven LBOA champions, Sarah Dawson, Gillian Matthews, Ann Haley, Niall, Ruaridh and Calum 'six seconds' Invararity and that man Kitchin again. Doubtless inspired by our Harvester success, Jane Ackland (W21) and Barry Owen (M50) became Scottish Night Champions.

Finally, in pothunters corner, we find Ben Hartman as Scottish M21S winner, and Stephen Haley, 37 minutes clear in M10B at the LBOAs.

Internationally, Lorna Eades, Kim Buckley, Andy Kitchin, Gordon Riemersma and Dan Marston all represented Britain, while Heather Hartman, Hilary Quick, Jane Ackland, Rob Lee, Barry Owen, Niall Inverarity, Dave Godfree and, er, me were pulled in to make up the numbers on Scottish teams.

Thanks to the prominence of our elites, our relay teams obtained sponsorship from CompassPoint, which benefits the whole club in the form of our distinctive subsidised O-kit. Most club members have taken advantage of this, and a reorder is a distinct possibility. The teams themselves have done well without excelling: the ladies (Kim, Lorna, Heather) have been runners up at JK, BOC and Scottish while the men (picked from Andy, Gordon, Dan, Rob, Dave and Tim Lenton) have improved steadily from fourth to third to second.

Mapping has also made a welcome reappearance on the club agenda. Two new 'maps' were used this year: The Grange Estate (a typically managed, naturally forested, lowland estate) and Braidburn Park. We secured a lottery grant of £1450 to map Colinton Dell, Mortonhall and Gullane Dunes, and a contract has been placed with Peel Land Surveys to do this work in the autumn.

We staged eight events: five local, one colour coded, a Scotlands galoppen and the Scottish Night Champs. This is still relatively little for a club of our size, and I hope next year we can do more events of the type that will appeal to club members. Finding organisers is always the main problem, so I would like to highlight the excellent job done by Brad Connor at Uath Lochan. Brad is not a regular orienteer, nor, to be honest, an ESOC-style organising perfectionist. But without overmuch effort he put on the event, making best use of the fact that Interløpers on-the-day helpers are quite superb. All this while preparing to move to New York the week after the event. Likewise Paul Caban, who filled the organisers role at the SNC admirably, and was able to complete his last 'Donald', and run the Tinto hill race on the day of the event. Brad and Paul have shown us that it is possible to put on an excellent event in the Interløpers way - without time consuming megaorganisation, and I hope others will follow their example.

Although our membership has increased slightly this year (against the national trend) this has come from experienced orienteers moving to Edinburgh or from club members introducing friends and lovers. New recruitment has been disappointing and it seems clear that our local events are not achieving this end. In particular it is disappointing that club members do not attend these events: if we are not bothered we won't attract new members. Conversely, if we're not putting on the type of events club members want to do, why should we expect (or even want!) people from those events to join us? Many of us go training on Wednesday evenings - I think the challenge for next year is at least to make our events attractive to ourselves. We can all help with this by making clear what sort of event we would attend.

Without new members the club and the sport will decline: we need to get the excitement of Interløpers' distinctive view of the sport across. We're not doing this. And on that slightly downcast note, I'll finish.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1998

Paul introduced the audited accounts, together with accompanying notes. He pointed out that his first year as Treasurer had been made significantly easier by inheriting Steve Ambler's accounts, although there had been a few small teething troubles (mostly associated with the Bank). He made some brief explanatory comments about the Statement. There followed considerable discussion of various aspects of the accounts.

Tim Lenton enquired about the valuing of map stocks. Paul replied that it had been agreed at last year's AGM to re-value maps year by year so that, after three years, their value should have reduced to nil.

The Statement's acceptance was proposed, with thanks to Paul for his efforts, by Darina Cunnane, and seconded by Tim Lenton.

5 Membership Fees for 2000

It was agreed to set the Club membership fees for 2000 to be the same as those for 1999. This was proposed by Graeme Ackland, and seconded by Colin Eades. 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	Colin Inverarity	Ann Haley
b) Chairman	Graeme Ackland	Steve Terry	Darina Cunnane
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ann Haley	Peter Dymoke
d) Treasurer	Paul Caban	Peter Dymoke	Darina Cunnane
e) Social Secretary	Darina Cunnane	Peter Dymoke	Colin Eades
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Peter Dymoke	Graeme Ackland

At this point, Donald remarked that he still felt that the Club's Newsletter was the best in Scotland.

g) Junior Member (no nominations)

A suggestion was made that Niall Inverarity might be willing to act as Junior Member. Colin would enquire.

h) Ordinary Members	Colin Eades Dave Godfree Tim Lenton	Darina Cunnane Graeme Ackland Darina Cunnane	Peter Dymoke Darina Cunnane Colin Eades
i) Area Representative	(no nominations)		

All the Nominees were elected uncontested. It was agreed that the Committee be empowered to decide upon LBOA representation.

The elected Committee were asked to remain after the close of formal business, in order to decide on a date and venue for the first ordinary Committee meeting of the Club's 24th Year.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Junior Development Officer

There was some discussion on the position regarding the appointment of a JDO for the Edinburgh area. An attempt to recruit last summer resulted in only one expression of interest, which ultimately evaporated. There had been a suggestion that Eddie Harvey might be keen on the job. Donald confirmed that 50/50 funding was still available from an SOA Development Fund. Further enquiries would be made.

7.2 Post-WOC Recruitment Drive

Donald explained the mechanics of dealing with the expected flood of enquiries from the general public after the World Championships. All enquiries, from whatever source, would be directed to Lindsay Knox in the first instance. She would then re-direct them to a named contact in the appropriate Club, who would then provide appropriate literature and details of local come-and-try-it events staged specially for the purpose in the Autumn.

Colin Eades offered to be the contact for Interlopers. John would pass on this information to Lindsay.

Graeme made the point that we must organise the style of event that our Club members would want to attend, so that they would be there, and therefore be able to help any beginners who come along. One suggestion was for the construction of a Club information board, to contain details on the Club itself, as well as Fixture Lists, etc.. It might be useful to compile an e-mail list of beginners expressing an interest in the sport, for future publicity purposes.

7.3 6-Day Event 2003

Donald gave a brief presentation on the history and current structure of the 6-Days organisation in Scotland, with specific reference to starting the organisation of the 2003 Event. It had been decided to aim for a Centre

somewhere in the Elgin/Forres area, with four competition areas already making themselves evident (Roseisle, Cawdor, Darnaway, Lossie); hence, only two other areas would need to be identified.

The Company hoped that Interløpers would want to become the Lead Club, and it also hoped to be able to recruit WFO and ELO. It would probably be necessary to identify approx. 18-20 people to form a Coordinating Committee; more details of specific duties could be ascertained by reading any recent 6-Days programme.

Graeme stressed that members of the Club must want to take on this responsibility, and not simply because anyone felt that Interløpers ought to take it on. Volunteers for specific jobs should do so because they were prepared to accept the challenge.

The immediate requirements would be to appoint a Team consisting of Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator (Donald usually undertook this position), Treasurer, Day Coordinator, Mapping Coordinator, and Technical Coordinator. Graham McIntyre had already offered to be Technical Coordinator, and John offered to be Treasurer. Donald said that, if a Coordinator could not be found, then he would do the job. (He had already performed this duty twice before, and felt a special buzz from seeing everything come together by the time of the event.) Graeme felt that, realistically, the post of Coordinator was unlikely to be taken on by a member of Interløpers; this job would best be done by someone free from the constraints of a normal full-time job, a situation enjoyed by very few in the Club.

Donald would contact WFO and ELO to see if they would accept the challenge, and to find out if anyone from those Clubs wanted to take on any particular job.

7.4 Park World Tour

Donald reminded the meeting about this event, to take place the following Tuesday (15 June) in Kelvingrove Park, and asked for volunteers to turn up both to spectate and to help.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 23 July 1999