

TWENTY FIFTH 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 22 June 2000

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Jane Ackland, James Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Brad Connor, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, David Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Heather Hartman, Ray Heyworth, Colin Inverarity, Alison Laws, Robert Lee, Hilary Quick, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire (19).

Apologies for absence were received from Kim Buckley, Karen Dobbie, Colin and Lorna Eades, the Haley Family, and Martin Hyman.

2 Minutes of 1999 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10 June 1999 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

2.2 Matters Arising

It was mentioned (with reference to Section 7.1) that there had been no developments with regard to the appointment of a Junior Development Officer in the Edinburgh area during the past year.

The Post-WOC Recruitment Drive appeared to have had little effect on numbers of people joining the Club. There had been some new members during the year, but none who could be definitely said to have been attracted by any publicity associated with the WOC.

Arrangements for the 6-Day Event in 2003 were beginning to come together, although no overall Coordinator had yet been appointed. Until such an appointment were made, Donald Petrie would continue as Acting Coordinator. All indications pointed towards the event being named "Moray 2003". Of the overall organising Clubs, no volunteers had yet come forward from KFO. There was some discussion, initiated by Ray Heyworth, over the sources of details about specific duties; it was to be hoped that more concrete information would exist in addition to that available from previous event Programmes.

3 Chairman's Report

Graeme presented his Report for the Year.

It had been a rewarding year, with increased membership, and the satisfaction of having staged some excellent events. There were some fine individual performances, albeit with a recurring theme.

3.1 Results

The outstanding result of the year was Andy Kitchin's triumph in the JK, closely followed by Colin Inverarity who became M45S champion at the SOA Championships.

Also at the JK, Rob Lee was 2nd in M21E, and Heather Hartman 2nd in W21L.

Rob was also 2nd at the British Championships.

At the British Elite Championships, several notable results were achieved. In the Men's Open Short Race, Dave was 4th, Andy 5th, Tim 8th, and Anthony 14th, while in the Classic Race, Andy was 4th, Tim 6th, Dave 7th, and Anthony 16th. In the Women's Open Short Race, Lorna was 4th, Kim 8th and Gillian 9th, and in the Classic Race, Lorna was 11th.

At the Scottish Score Championships, Dave Godfree was 2nd in M21E, and Calum Inverarity also 2nd in M10. In the SOA Relays, both the Open Men and the Open Women were placed 2nd. The Old Women (Jane, Ann, and Hilary) won the W35 course.

In the JK Relays, the Men were again 2nd, and the Women 3rd.

In the Harvester Trophy, the rôles were reversed, with the Men coming 3rd and the Women 2nd.

The Club managed 2nd place overall in the UK Relay League.

Internationally, Kim and Lorna took part in the World Championships, as did Geoff (competing for Hong Kong). Lorna and Kim also acquitted themselves well at various World Cup races.

Several Club members represented the SOA in the Senior Home Internationals.

Paul won the Club Championship, staged at Barry Budden on a bright December day.

At the 6-Day Event, Tobias won the first 4 days.

It was encouraging to see more Juniors becoming involved in Club teams.

3.2 Mapping

The Lottery Grant referred to in last year's Report had been used to produce new maps of Craigmillar Castle and Mortonhall, as well as updated versions of Colinton Dell and Inch Park. It was intended to pursue the production of a new map of the Archerfield Estate.

3.3 Organising

The Club staged the British Elite Championships at Loch Vaa in June, as well as taking on some responsibilities at the JK, and being lead Club for a Day at the 6-Day Event in August (the same day as the World Championships Short Race Final).

We also put on the JOK Chasing Sprint, as well as a host of local events in the ESOA Wednesday and Saturday Series throughout the year.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2000

Paul introduced the audited accounts, together with accompanying notes, and made some brief explanatory comments about the Statement.

In reply to a question from Ray about the prizes for performance in the UK Relay League, Paul said that there was no stipulation about how the money was used.

The Statement's acceptance was proposed, with thanks to Paul for his efforts, by Rob Lee and seconded by Ben Hartman

5 Membership Fees for 2001

It was mentioned that there was ongoing discussion at a UK level over changes to the method for paying BOF and SOA affiliation fees. The main proposal seemed to be to ask Clubs to collect such fees and pay them on their members' behalf. There was significant disquiet over this proposal, and it was suggested that efforts should be made to mobilise opinion when voting on the matter took place at the BOF AGM in 2001 (including the use of proxy votes for those unable to attend the meeting in person). It was suggested that members look out for the publishing of any details of the proposed changes.

It was agreed to set the Club membership fees for 2001 to be the same as those for 2000.

6 Election of Office Bearers

At the outset, it was suggested that a formal appointment of a Club Captain be made, to coordinate Relay teams entries, etc.. However, in accordance with the current Constitution, such an appointee would not have voting rights at Committee meetings.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Dave Godfree	Gillian Godfree
b) Chairman	Graeme Ackland	Pat Squire	Darina Cunnane
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Darina Cunnane	Hilary Quick
d) Treasurer	Paul Caban	Hilary Quick	Darina Cunnane
e) Social Secretary	Tim Lenton	Darina Cunnane	Dave Godfree
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Gillian Godfree	Darina Cunnane
g) Junior Member	Niall Inverarity	Colin Inverarity	Hilary Quick
h) Ordinary Members	Darina Cunnane	Pat Squire	Gillian Godfree
	Ken Daly	Ben Hartman	Hilary Quick
	Gillian Godfree	Paul Caban	Dave Godfree
	Ben Hartman	Heather Hartman	Hilary Quick
i) Area Representative	(no nominations)		

Because more than 3 names were proposed to fill the remaining positions, a suggestion was made that one of the nominees might like to take on the job of Club Captain, while the remaining 3 could act as Ordinary Members/Area Rep. This was accepted, and Ben duly volunteered to be Club Captain. Hence Darina, Ken, and Gillian were elected to the Committee.

It was recommended that a proposal be submitted to the 2001 AGM to amend the Constitution in order to formalise the appointment of a Club Captain as a full Committee Member.

Dave Godfree was happy to continue as the Club's BOF Mapping representative.

Graeme asked the meeting to recognise the many years of service to the Club which Colin Eades had devoted, in various capacities.

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 25th Year.

7 Any Other Business

Graeme reported on the results of recent appeals on problems at the JK and BOC. The appeal over the apparent tie in the Women's Open at the JK was upheld, and the INT team remained 3rd equal. However, the appeal over the positioning of two controls within 50m with similar codes in the Women's Open at the BOF Relays was turned down, with the consequences that the Women's Open results were re-instated, SYO restored as winners, and INT disqualified. Significant disquiet was expressed at this decision, since it implied that the Jury was supporting a clear contravention of BOF Guidelines which any competent Controller should have dealt with well before the day of competition.

There was discussion over the next two JK events. In 2001, it had been decided that the first day would be a Short Race, partly because there was considerable opinion that the chosen area could not support a longer event. The venue for the 002 event was the SCOA, which several influential people felt did not have areas capable of providing sufficient technical challenge. However, the BOF Technical Committee had expressed the opinion that it was not necessary for the JK to be of the same standard as for the BOC (a view which this Meeting felt was rather astonishing).

There then followed a discussion of the timing of the BOC in Northern Ireland in 2001. It seemed that it had been decided that the principal events were to be held on Sunday and Monday (giving competitors the whole of the Saturday to travel to the competition area); however, this decision appeared to have been taken without realising that the Monday was not a holiday in Scotland, hence disadvantaging Scottish competitors. After some discussion, it was agreed to write a letter of protest to the Technical Committee and the Fixtures Committee,

with a copy to the SOA Fixtures Secretary (particularly in view of the fact that the original plan had been to hold the competitions on the Saturday and Sunday, as normal).

Several compliments were made about Hilary's T-shirt, and her new hairstyle.

There followed some discussion about the organisation of the 2001 SOA Individual Championships, for which the Club was taking the lead. Graham McIntyre had offered to be Planner, Darina would take entries, and Dave volunteered to coordinate the SportIdent activities. The other participating Clubs were RR, TAY, and EUOC, although it was recognised that TAY had been heavily involved in organising this year's SOA Relays.

Mention was made of several other events in the pipeline which the Club would be involved with.

The question of whether the Club should apply for an event in the 2002 Scotlandgaloppen series was discussed. It was agreed to try for an event early in the year, perhaps in March or June. However, it was pointed out that, if the chosen area was fairly remote from Edinburgh, a date in March might be harder to get to. Eventually, it was decided to go for late-April or June.

There was a short discussion about Moray 2003. John suggested that he could act as liaison between the organising committee and the Club.

It was mentioned that Eddie Harvey had been re-appointed as ESOA rep. on the SOA Committee.

Some ideas were mentioned about holding an Annual Dinner, perhaps in conjunction with the SOA Championships, or even a Club Championships.

Finally, Graeme thanked everyone for coming to the Meeting, and for prompting so much invigorating discussion.

The Meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 30 May 2001