

# **TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Centre for Sport and Exercise  
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6:30 pm on Thursday 20 June 2002

## **1 Present**

John Barrow, Brad Connor, Darina Cunnane, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Scott Fraser, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Heather Hartman, Janine Hensman, Ray Heyworth, Colin Inverarity, Tim Lenton, Helen Murray, Hilary Quick, Pat Squire, Fiona Weir (19).

Apologies for absence were received from the Ackland family, Tim Barrow, Paul Caban, Ken Daly, the Galloway family, Chris Godfree and Ruth Pyatt, the Haley family, Rob Lee, Carol McNeill, and Anthony Squire.

## **2 Minutes of 2001 Annual General Meeting**

### **2.1 Adoption**

In “Chairman’s Report”, page 2, para. 3, line 3, “falt” should read “felt”.

Subject to this correction, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14 June 2001 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

### **2.2 Matters Arising**

Hilary mentioned that, although she had been appointed Transport Coordinator (as reported in A.O.B.), there had been very little activity. It was suggested that a mention of her rôle in this capacity could be made in the Newsletter.

## **3 Chairman’s Report**

Ben presented his Report for the Year.

As far as outstanding Results were concerned, there were many by Club members throughout the Year. Most worthy of mention, however, were the Open Men’s Relay team, which won the British Championships and, by virtue of 2nd place at the J.K. and victory at the Scottish, won the U.K. Relay League for 2002 (regardless of the result at the Harvester). Also most meritorious was Gillian, with a win at the Scottish, 2nd at the J.K., and a string of 2nd places at several other major events. Finally, worthy of individual mention was Scott Fraser who, after not much more than a year in the sport, was already one of Britain’s top M16s, and deserved our good wishes for success on the various tours he’d been selected for over the Summer. It would be invidious to mention anyone else by name for their performances, although there were many of high quality; apologies to those not so named.

The Club was involved in two top quality events during the Year, Day 5 at Arisaig during the 6-Day Event, and the Scottish Individual Championships at Rogie. Most officials and helpers for these two events were provided by the Club, and they were considered to be two of the best technical events of the year. We also organised 3 other significant individual events during the year, the ESOL/East Area Championships at Archerfield in October, the UK Cup race at Archerfield in April, and the BUSA Individual Championships at Touch, also in April. We were also involved in the usual series of local events, the ESOA Summer Series, the ESOA Autumn and Spring Saturday series and, latterly, the Edinburgh Park O series (held in conjunction with this year’s ESOA Summer Series). However, a conscious decision has been taken not to put on Saturday morning events in future, largely because of the lack of response to these events, but to opt instead for staging limited colour-coded events on available Sundays during the Autumn. As usual, many members contributed to the success

of the events we organised; however, a big “thank-you” must go to John Colls who, although being based in Melbourne, controlled both the Arisaig and Rogie events, and spent a large part of the last year working from his Beaulieu base.

In other facets of the sport, many Club members played significant rôles. At the SOA level, Ken and Gordon occupied the two Vice-President positions, while Brad took over the job of “Score” Editor, and has rejuvenated the magazine. Hilary has taken a lead rôle in coordinating Veterans teams at the Home Internationals. In the 6-Day Event Company, Heather has taken over the position of Finance Director. In the Central Coordinating Committee for Moray 2003, Pat has assumed the job of Coordinator, while John, Graham, Rob Bloor, Ann, and Colin Inverarity have all taken leading jobs. Ben felt gratified that Interlopers’ tentacles were spreading far and wide.

(As an aside, Hilary pointed out the work that both Ben and Heather have contributed to orienteering over the last few years.)

Finally, Ben looked ahead to 2002/2003, and to the fact that (apart from Moray 2003) there were no large events to organise, and nothing planned any more remote than Glenearn & Berryknowe. However, the top priority had to be to pull together behind the Moray 2003 organisation in order to try to make it one of the best 6-Day Events yet. Another, perhaps slightly less pressing, priority was to concentrate efforts on staging more local events, and on trying to develop the sport in Edinburgh.

In conclusion, there was much talk of orienteering being a sport in decline. However, Ben was convinced that Interlopers was very much bucking that trend.

## 4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2002

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

## 5 Membership Fees for 2003

It was agreed that the Club membership fees for 2003 should remain unchanged. This was proposed by Dave and seconded by Ray.

## 6 Amendments to the Constitution

The reasons for the proposed changes, as outlined on the Agenda, were briefly described by John. After some discussion, they were passed unanimously on a show of hands.

## 7 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ray Heyworth	Dave Godfree
b) Chairman	Gillian Godfree	Brad Connor	Hilary Quick
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Hilary Quick	Gillian Godfree
d) Treasurer	Dave Godfree	Janine Hensman	Heather Hartman
e) Social Secretary	Janine Hensman	Gillian Godfree	Heather Hartman
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Hilary Quick	Fiona Weir
g) Club Captain	(to be decided)		
h) Junior Member	Scott Fraser	Ben Hartman	Gillian Godfree
i) Ordinary Members	Darina Cunnane	Gillian Godfree	Janine Hensman
	Ken Daly	Gillian Godfree	Heather Hartman
j) Area Representative	(no nominations)		

All the above were sole nominees, and were elected uncontested.

John agreed to continue to act as Area Representative, given that Ken was Secretary of ESOA.

There was some discussion on the question of cheque signatories, given that two of the new Office Bearers with that responsibility were now in the same family. However, the Constitution specifically stated that the signatories should be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, with any two to sign cheques. Hence, any suggestion that another Office Bearer should be included as a mandated signatory could not be entertained. Ben felt that the Club should be aware of the situation, however, and it was agreed informally that, as far as was practically possible, the Secretary should always be one of the signatories to cheques.

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 27th Year.

## 8 Moray 2003

Pat spent a little time giving the Meeting an update on progress with next year's Scottish 6-Day Event, "Moray 2003", for which Interløpers were the lead Club.

The Event had been formally launched at the SOA Individual Championships at Rogie on 1 June, with the appearance of the Brochure and Entry Form. The intention was that the Brochure should be as widely distributed around the world as possible, and couriers had already been identified to take it to various international events as widely spaced as Canada, Australia, and Italy. Anyone who could assist in this was asked to contact Marion Moir.

Several Central Organising Committee posts still remained vacant, and it was becoming increasingly urgent to find volunteers for these, not least to reduce the burden being borne by Donald Petrie.

There would be a need for help during the week of the event from people who had no formal responsibility in the Central Committee, and who were otherwise uncommitted.

Finally, Pat pointed out that accommodation in the North East was already becoming difficult to find, and that Club members intending to go to the Event would need to make some arrangements soon.

## 9 Any Other Business

Hilary mentioned two points. The first concerned the distribution of the Club Newsletter in electronic form. The Meeting was fully behind this suggestion, and indeed it was suggested that overseas members should receive the Newsletter in this manner (to save on postage costs) by default, unless they specified otherwise. The other point concerned a publication which had been announced in the BOF Bulletin, entitled "Finding and Keeping Volunteers". The new Committee was asked to be aware of this document.

Gillian asked whether Dave would be happy to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative to BOF; Dave agreed that he would be.

John mentioned that, in his notification of apology for absence, Chris Godfree had raised the question of a new order for Club O-suits. John pointed out that the last Committee had recently considered this issue, and had agreed to ask in the Newsletter for expressions of interest.

John also mentioned that Dave Northcott of ELO had recently asked if the Club had any interest in resurrecting the map of Duns Castle Wood. Apparently, there was an old map of the area, drawn by Robin Sloan in the days when he was a Club member, and referring to copyright held by Interløpers. ELO were interested in re-drawing the map, but wanted to check formally with Interløpers first. The Meeting agreed that ELO could proceed with their plans.

John then raised the issue (suggested by Paul Caban) of registering a WWW domain in the name of the Club. Hilary mentioned that there was a cost of £25 to register a domain name. The new Committee would consider the matter.

Brad raised the issue of the auditing of the annual Accounts. Both Dave and Paul had been of the opinion that it was not strictly necessary to have the Accounts formally audited. However, referral to the Constitution elicited the information that "An audited statement of the accounts shall be prepared at the end of each Financial Year, and shall be submitted to the following A.G.M.". Accordingly, it was agreed that this must be the practice in future, and it was agreed that, for the forthcoming Financial Year, the Auditor should be Peter Dymoke. (Peter, who was present, agreed to this nomination.)

Ben introduced a brief discussion on the merits of organising major events (SOL and above) on quality areas, which may well be quite remote. It was almost unanimously agreed that this should be the aim, and not to accept sub-standard areas which might be closer to home.

Ben also mentioned the post-NOW event being held at Kinneil on Sunday 23 June, and encouraged everyone to go along.

He pointed out that, in their NOW event publicity, ESOC were offering free membership for the remainder of 2002 to all who joined on the day, and wondered (somewhat tongue-in-cheek) if all Interlopers attending should take them up on their offer, and stage a take-over at the next ESOC AGM!

Finally, Ben thanked everyone for coming to the Meeting.

Brad offered Ben and Heather “Bon Voyage” for their forthcoming World Tour.

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 17 October 2002