

TWENTY EIGHTH 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 19 June 2003

1 Present

John Barrow, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Chris Godfree, Dave Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ann Haley, Ben Hartman, Heather Hartman, Janine Hensman, Ray Heyworth, Ruth Pyatt, Pat Squire (16).

Apologies for absence were received from the Ackland family, Tim Barrow, Paul Caban, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway family, Colin Inverarity, Helen Murray, Hilary Quick, and Anthony Squire.

2 Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 20 June 2002 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

2.2 Matters Arising

- Although there had as yet been no action on the production of the Club Newsletter in electronic form, the new Committee were asked to think about this once again. Making the Newsletter available in this way would save considerably on overseas postage.
- There had not yet been any action on registering a WWW address for the Club (although it had been established that "www.interlopers.org.uk" had not yet been allocated). There had been some feeling that the existing WWW site was in need of some re-vamping. It had also been pointed out that, if it was the intention to register such a name, it was not permitted by the University of Edinburgh to have such a name pointing to a location within the University's domain. However, discussions with Roger Coombs, the SOA's WWW guru, had resulted in an offer to provide a suitable link on the SOA's pages, which could then be re-directed anywhere else. The new Committee would be asked to take this forward.
- It had been realised (from a simple glance through the Club's Constitution) that it was a requirement that the annual accounts should be formally audited. For the Year just ended, Peter Dymoke had agreed to act in this capacity. In future, approval of such an appointment should be sought annually at the AGM.

3 Chairman's Report

Gillian presented her Report for the Year.

- Performance: This has been a very successful year for Interlopers. At international level, several Interlopers ran in the World Masters Championships in Australia, in which Lorna Eades gained a Silver medal in W35, a truly outstanding result. Rob Lee came 10th in M40, which is also extremely good. Interlopers has proved its dominance at a Scottish international level by providing 7 out of 15 members of the Scotland team against Lithuania - Lorna, Janine, Gillian, Claire, Tim, Dave, and Murray. Interlopers was also well represented at the SHI in Cornwall with Murray, Dave, Gillian, and Janine. At the VHI, however, Hilary was our sole runner. Our Juniors have also gone from strength to strength. Both Murray and Scott won both of the FCC Final races at M20 and M18, and both have been selected for JWOC in Estonia in July. Good luck to both of them! In national races, Interlopers had several class winners at the Scottish Championships - Ben in M21L, Kim in W21E, Darina in W21S, Morag in W40S. Lorna is now W35L British Champion, and Scott and Jane are JK Champions in M18A and W35L respectively.

Interløpers are now British, Scottish, and Harvester Relay Champions, and Team Haley are Scottish Ad Hoc Champions, with a little input from DVO! The girls have won the UK Relay League for the 2nd time.

Congratulations to everyone who has done well this year.

- Events: This year, we have organised an ESOL at Glenearn, for which many thanks to Fiona and Barry, and a limited colour-coded at Devilla. Both of these attracted high numbers, which was really encouraging. It has been Interløpers policy over the last year or so to organise limited colour-coded events on decent areas, instead of some of the CATIs on Saturday mornings, on the feeling that the turnout is usually far higher. However, we have organised some Saturday events, at Mortonhall and Cammo, which have been well attended for that level of event. Thanks to Paul and Pete for their hard work. I must also mention the fantastic help on the day of all our events provided by all Interløpers.
- People: On a sad note, we will shortly be losing Hilary to a northern club. Both MAROC and Grampian have been head-hunting her. I'd like to formally thank Hilary for all her effort and enthusiasm during her time with Interløpers, organising the Scottish Championships at Rogie during Foot and Mouth, and also organising the UK Cup Hagaby last year, which turned out to be extra-challenging since it involved working with Gordon Ross! I'd also like to thank Janine and Dave for their hard work on the Committee. Both have decided that they've done their bit and don't want to be re-elected. Janine has been Social Secretary this year, organising some great socials, a weekend in the Lake District, and accommodation at the Scottish Championships. Thanks very much! Dave has been Treasurer for two years, and previously was a Committee member for several years. He has also acted as Mapping Rep. Thanks very much!
- Moray 2003: The Club's major commitment this year is organising Moray 2003, which I am sure will be an outstanding event. Many club members are heavily involved, and I am sure that the week will be a credit to them. I hope Pat and the team have a lovely sunny week without too many unforeseen hitches.

In conclusion, I feel that we've had a very successful year. I look forward to an excellent summer with great orienteering at Moray 2003, and then another successful year thereafter.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2003

Dave introduced the accounts, together with accompanying notes, and made some brief explanatory comments about the Statement. After some brief discussion, the Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Darina, and seconded by Pat.

It was agreed that Peter Dymoke should be asked to continue as official Auditor.

5 Membership Fees for 2004

It was agreed that the Club membership fees for 2004 should remain unchanged. This was proposed by Gillian and seconded by Ray.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Gillian Godfree	Pat Squire
b) Chairman	Gillian Godfree	Colin Eades	Janine Hensman
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Pat Squire	Ann Haley
d) Treasurer	Ben Hartman	Gillian Godfree	Darina Cunnane
e) Social Secretary	Helen Murray	Janine Hensman	Gillian Godfree
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Lorna Eades	Ann Haley
g) Club Captain	Anthony Squire	Janine Hensman	Chris Godfree
h) Junior Member	Scott Fraser	Darina Cunnane	Lorna Eades
i) Ordinary Members	Darina Cunnane	Gillian Godfree	Janine Hensman
	Ken Daly	Pat Squire	Ray Heyworth
j) Area Representative	(one of the above)		

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.

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 28th Year.

7 Moray 2003

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

In fact, members of the Club had assumed most of the lead rôles on the Central Organising Committee (with the notable exception of some individuals from ELO and KFO). There had also been very significant input from Donald Petrie, the SOA's Professional Officer.

Entries were still being accepted: on-line entries would close on 30 June, while postal entries would continue to be accepted until 16 July. As a concession, entry at a preferential rate was being offered to those members of the BOF Squad who did not make it into the British Team for the World Championships in Switzerland.

Pat pointed out, however, that volunteers were still needed for various jobs, including at the campsite and serving in the merchandising tent. It was stressed that all helpers would be able to get punching starts at the events.

8 Any Other Business

- Dave Godfree was still willing to act as the Club's BOF Mapping Representative.
- There was some discussion about plans for the Club's event in the 2003/04 ESOL Series. The preferred area, Kinneil Wood near Bo'ness, had undergone some felling, and it wasn't clear to what extent this would continue. It was agreed that there should be continuing liaison with John Biggar. Claire Williams had agreed to plan the courses, while Pat said he would organise either this event or the SOL on 25 April 2004. Gillian offered to organise whichever event Pat did not take on.
- Another location under consideration for re-mapping was Calder Wood, an area which contained SSSIs. Apparently, the Rangers were investigating the situation.
- There was a long discussion about the Club's involvement in the CompassSport Trophy. There had been some disquiet in the 2003 competition since, although the Club had been one of the Scottish winners, in the event the decision was taken not to attend the Final, largely because insufficient members were willing to travel to East Anglia to take part in a colour-coded event. Another issue was the date chosen for the Final - a date in May/June was difficult to fit into the rest of the calendar, and to several members a date in the Autumn would be more preferable (as was done with the Final at Brown Clee Hill in 1996). It was suggested that attempts should be made to lobby the organisers of the competition, possibly through the SOA, to have the choices of date and venue re-thought.

Ray Heyworth proposed that, if the 2004 Final were chosen to be staged in May, at a venue remote from Scotland, then the Club should not enter the competition. On a vote, 5 were in favour of this proposal, 4 against, with some abstentions. Hence the proposal was carried.

- There was some discussion on the choice of venues for the events in the ESOA Summer Series during 2003. Several people felt that these venues were spread too widely from the centre of Edinburgh, and the attraction of the Edinburgh Park Orienteering (EPO) series (massed-start sprints held in conjunction with the Summer Series) consequently reduced.
- There followed an informal presentation to the place-getters in the 2003 EPO Series - 8 of the top 11 were Club members, headed by Gillian.

The Meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 4 February 2004