

TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Centre for Sport and Exercise
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7:00 pm on Thursday 17 June 2004

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Chris Godfree, Gillian Godfree, Ben Hartman, Janine Hensman, Ray Heyworth, Rob Lee, Pat Squire, Fiona Weir (13).

Apologies for absence were received from Jane and James Ackland, Tim Barrow, Paul Caban, Brad Connor, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway family, Dave Godfree, Ann Haley, Heather Hartman, Colin Inverarity, Graham McIntyre, Carol McNeill, Helen Murray, Barry Owen, Ruth Pyatt, and Anthony Squire.

2 Minutes of 2003 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

Ray pointed out that (under “Any Other Business”) he had not proposed that the Club should not enter the 2004 CompassSport Trophy competition. The issue had arisen after an e-mail submission from Hilary Quick before the Meeting, in which she recommended that the Club should not enter if there were no intention of travelling to the Final if we won the Scottish round. The details of the vote were still correct, however, in that, of those present, 5 were in favour of not entering, 1 was against, and some abstained.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19 June 2003 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

2.2 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman’s Report

Gillian presented her Report for the Year.

- **Performance:** This has been yet another successful year for Interløpers. At international level, Claire Ward and Dan Marston represented Britain at the European Championships. Dave, Scott, Ben, Neil, Daniel, Barry, Heather and Gillian represented Scotland in the match against Lithuania, in which Ben won M35.

Interløpers also did well at the SHI with Scott (M20), Andy (M21) and Gillian (W21) winning their races. Ben also won the M35 course, but this was not part of the International.

At the JK, Stephen won M14B, Scott M18L, and Heather W21L. Heather also won W21L at the British. Janine was the sole winner at the Scottish, in W21L.

In Relay events, the boys won the Short event at the British, while the girls were 2nd in the UK Relay League.

SOL winners for 2003 included Ray (M70L), Gillian (W21L), Darina (W21S), and Ann (W35L).

In the ESOL, Stephen won the Orange course.

Congratulations to everyone who has done well this year.

It should be noted that Gordon Ross, after many years coordinating SEDS and as SOA Vice President (Performance), has decided to call it a day, and retire to Vilnius.

- Events: This year, our main focus was on Moray 2003, for which we were the lead Club; many of the key positions were held by members of Interlopers, including the Coordinator, Pat Squire. All reports were that it was a hugely enjoyable event for all competitors. We also organised a SOL event at Mill of Fortune on a glorious April day; key Officials were Pat, Ben and Heather, and the event attracted 390 competitors. Our ESOL event was held at Kinneil Wood; Gillian, Claire and Graeme were the organising team, and there was also a good turnout at this event. More recently, we put on two events in the ESOA Summer Wednesday evening series, for which thanks are due to Barry, Fiona and Lorna (Craigmillar) and Paul (Colinton Dell).
- People: This year, we are losing several people from the Committee. First and foremost, Colin Inverarity has decided to have a rest from being Newsletter Editor, a post he has held for thirteen years! If anyone deserved a rest, he does. The Club is eternally grateful to Colin for the huge amount of work involved in this position over this length of time. We also have to lose Ken, who has moved on to greater things as SOA President. Such an important position has meant that, as well as relinquishing his post on our Committee, he has had to give up being ESOA Secretary. Finally, Helen Murray has stepped down as Social Secretary, an unenviable position on the Committee. We thank them all for their hard work.

I'm also grateful for the efforts which the rest of the Committee continue to put in to keep the Club functioning.

Finally, some social news. Darina and Chris are looking forward to their wedding in June, and Chris and Ruth are tying the knot later in the Summer. An increase in the Junior membership of the Club is nearly upon us, since the patter of tiny feet is soon expected in the Squire (Junior) and Eades households.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2004

Ben introduced the accounts, together with accompanying notes. He explained that he had not been able to have them formally scrutinised by the Auditor, owing to a breakdown in communications, but would pursue this. He offered some explanatory comments about the Statement. After a brief discussion, the Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Graeme, and seconded by Pat.

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

5 Membership Fees for 2005

It was agreed that the Club membership fees for 2005 should remain unchanged, particularly in view of the Club's healthy financial situation.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Gillian Godfree	Ray Heyworth
b) Chairman	Gillian Godfree	Graeme Ackland	Chris Godfree
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Gillian Godfree	Lorna Eades
d) Treasurer	Ben Hartman	Colin Eades	Pat Squire
e) Social Secretary	Darina Cunnane	Graeme Ackland	Fiona Weir
f) Newsletter Editor	Barry Owen	Gillian Godfree	Ben Hartman
g) Club Captain	Anthony Squire	Chris Godfree	Rob Lee
h) Junior Member	Scott Fraser	Gillian Godfree	Pat Squire
i) Ordinary Members	Chris Godfree	Gillian Godfree	Ben Hartman
	Paul Caban	Gillian Godfree	Fiona Weir
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, although he was now Chairman of the ESOA Committee.

Dave Godfree was prepared to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative, although there had been little or no communication from the BOF Map Group for nearly two years. He would also remain as the Club's Webmaster. It was agreed that these two positions did not need formal ratification, being somewhat more informal in nature.

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 29th Year.

7 Amendment to the Constitution

It was proposed to amend the Constitution thus:

under Clause 5.5: remove the words "at least five times per year"

As described in the Agenda for the Meeting, this Amendment was intended to recognise the current situation regarding dissemination of information to Club members, given the creation of the Club's website. It was suggested that, to try to control postage costs, it might be possible to ask members whether they wished to continue to receive a paper copy, or to rely on reading the information on-line. The creation of such an "opt-in" list would be considered by the new Committee.

Acceptance of the Amendment was proposed by John and seconded by Colin, and it was approved unanimously.

8 Any Other Business

- Graeme pointed out that the Harvester Trophy event was due to be held in Scotland in 2006. He suggested, and the Meeting concurred, that the Club should volunteer to organise it on the SOA's behalf. The issue would be discussed at the first Committee Meeting in the Club's new year.
- Graeme also announced that he and several members of EUOC had proposed the preparation of a base map to cover the whole of the City of Edinburgh within the city bypass, the intention being that maps of individual areas in the City could be made from this base map (which of course would be computer-based). The main question at present was funding for such a project - tentative approaches had been made to the University. One possible area to be looked at was the land between Craigmillar and the Jack Kane Centre (although there was an indication that this might be earmarked for housing).

The Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 16 July 2004