

THIRTIETH 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 16 June 2005

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Brad Connor, Darina Cunnane, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Fiona Eades, Mairi Eades, Gillian Godfree, Ann Haley, Stephen Haley, Ben Hartman, Heather Hartman, (Brenda and) Ray Heyworth, Pat Squire (17).

Apologies for absence were received from Jane and James Ackland, Tim Barrow, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway family, Chris and Ruth Godfree, Dave Godfree, Rob Lee, the G McIntyre family, Barry Owen, Hilary Quick, Anthony Squire, Murray Strain and Jamie Thin.

2 Minutes of 2004 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17 June 2004 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

2.2 Matters Arising

Graeme mentioned that, with reference in “Any Other Business” to the plan to map the whole of Edinburgh, this fell through because of lack of funding.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman’s Report

Gillian presented her Report for the Year.

I have been Chairman now for three years. In that time, the Club has altered significantly. Previously, it felt like a Club with a fair numbers of “Elite” runners - now it feels like a Club with lots of young families. It is great to see the first round of these second-generation Interlopers starting to progress from String through White courses.

However, this last year, Interlopers still managed to dominate the M21 Long class at the Scottish O-League, with 9 out of the top 13 runners being from Interlopers. Dave Godfree came 2nd, with Ben Hartman 3rd. In W21L, there were similar Godfree/Hartman placings, with Gillian 1st and Heather 3rd. Darina Cunnane won W21S, and the Haley/Heyworth families were also prominent, with Mark 1st on JM2, Ann 2nd on W40L, and Ray 2nd on M75L.

As a Club, we didn’t do so well at the Scottish Championships this year (as we usually do). Perhaps this was due to the large number of people involved in organising the weekend. However, Dave Godfree (M21L) and Rob Lee (M40L) are Scottish Champions - well done. Closer to home, we have two second places in the SOSOL league - Graeme Ackland on Brown, and Max Ledlie on Yellow. This is an excellent result for Max, who only started the sport recently and is making fantastic progress.

At an International level, there were fewer Interløper GB vests than in previous years. Scott Fraser did very well in JWOC and the JEC, winning a silver medal in the Sprint at the latter competition. Claire Ward and Dan Marston also represented GB during the year. Unfortunately, however, BOF have deleted all the International results from their website, so I can’t give you further details!

The Club is, as ever, deeply indebted to all the volunteer officials who have helped to put on events during the year. Most recently, we organised the Scottish Championships Relays with Graeme Ackland as Organiser and Chris Godfree as Planner. A new format for the Relays was introduced, and proved to be very successful, with Chris producing some excellent courses. Our SOSOL was held at Dechmont Law, with a high turnout of competitors despite inclement weather and traffic conditions! Thanks to Paul Caban, Mary Ross and Colin Eades who were the main officials. The Club has also put on other events throughout the year - Club Championships at Kinneil Wood by Pat Squire; the Christmas Cracker on Speyside by Ken Daly; a colour-coded at Kinneil by Ben and Heather Hartman; lots of CATIs, generally master-minded and organised by Paul Caban; and some Street-O events organised by lots of people! Thank you very much to everyone who has served as an event official, or who has helped with the organisation on the day,

Thank you also to the retiring Committee members - Darina Cunnane as Social Secretary, and Scott Fraser as Junior Representative. I am also very grateful to all the continuing members, for their hours of hard work for the Club.

So, what have been the highlights of my three years as Chairman? Watching Scott develop from gangly beginner to European Silver medallist. Attending numerous Interløpers parties and socials. Breathing a massive sigh of relief after the Moray 2003 6-Day ended without any major disasters, and knowing that people could now relax and recuperate. The sunshine at Auchengillan when we held our SOL at Mill of Fortune. Seeing lots of newcomers enter the Club - new adults, new families, new babies! Most recently, winning the political argument to allow us to compete in the CommpassSport Cup final next Autumn.

I hope I leave the Club in a healthy and happy state. I wish the new Chairman all the best, and I wish the Club a bright and prosperous future for many years to come.

In view of Ben's unavoidable late arrival, the Financial Statement and Membership Fees items were deferred until after the Election of Office Bearers.

4 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	Paul Caban	Brad Connor	Gillian Godfree
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ann Haley	Darina Cunnane
d) Treasurer	Ben Hartman	Pat Squire	Brad Connor
e) Social Secretary	(no nominations)		
f) Newsletter Editor	Barry Owen	Gillian Godfree	Graeme Ackland
g) Club Captain	Anthony Squire	Darina Cunnane	Graeme Ackland
h) Junior Member	Stephen Haley	Gillian Godfree	Pat Squire
i) Ordinary Members	Chris Godfree	Graeme Ackland	Darina Cunnane
	Brad Connor	Paul Caban	Heather Hartman
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.

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 30th Year.

5 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2005

Ben introduced the Accounts and accompanying notes. The Accounts were approved by the Meeting.

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

6 Membership Fees for 2006

It was agreed that the Club membership fees for 2006 should remain unchanged, particularly in view of the Club's healthy financial situation, and the planned increase in the SOA fees for 2006.

7 Adoption of Data Privacy Policy

It was explained that such a Policy was now required for all Clubs by the SOA. The Policy presented was based on a template made available by the SOA. After some discussion, the Policy was accepted, with the small amendment that the name of the Club should appear simply as "Interløpers", rather than as "Interløpers Orienteering Club". To make it clearer, the words "orienteering club" were added after the name, but in lower case.

8 Possible merger of Interløpers and ESOC

Graeme Ackland introduced this Item, pointing out (in his view) the advantages of a merged Club. He felt that, where the differences between the two Clubs were once very clear, their distinctive natures were not now so obvious. Gillian pointed out that one disadvantage of a merger would be that, as things stood, ESOC were the lead Club for the 2007 6-Days, and that, having been through such as experience as recently as 2003, most Interløpers would not want such a heavy involvement so soon. Various other arguments were put forward, including the possibility of merged Junior Relay teams.

However, at the end of the discussion, the overall feeling was not in favour of a merger (although the issue was not put to a vote by a show of hands).

9 Any Other Business

- Ray asked about arrangements for attending the final of the CompassSport Trophy. Ben replied that the Club would subsidise travel and entry fees.
- Lorna pointed out that a new Club banner would be a good idea, for displaying on the Club tent at events (to help distinguish our tent from all the other green hoop-style tents). The new Committee would investigate.
- Ann suggested that an updated Introductory Welcome Pack should be prepared, for giving out to new members. In addition, more such information should be included on the Club's website.
Paul pointed out that Hilary Quick had already created a template Welcome Pack and a Jargon Buster - these were described on the SOA website. John would try to get hold of an SOA Welcome Pack. It was suggested that details of the Committee should be included in any information given out by the Club - this could easily be in the form of a separate sheet which could be updated on an annual basis.
- The new Committee was asked to look into the possibility of acquiring new Club kit, whether O-suits or T/sweat shirts. The situation regarding any continuing sponsorship by Compass Point would be investigated by Darina.
- Darina asked what could be done to attract more runners to the Club. The Street-Os were one idea being pursued, and attempts would be made for the 2005/06 series to recommend to the SOSOL Clubs to put on Red courses at their events.
- Ken asked, on behalf of Donald Grassie, if the Club's logo was still in existence. It was pointed out that this logo was originally devised by Carol McNeill, based on a mirror-image of that used by Parawanga Orienteers in the ACT in Australia. Ann thought she could produce a machine-readable version, and would follow this up.
- Ken said he was prepared to continue as the Club's Marketing Rep., and would liaise with Sophie Furness at BOF, and pass on anything relevant to the Committee. This offer was tempered by the fact that, as SOA President, his time was severely limited. He suggested that the new Committee should make it a priority to prepare a Marketing Policy.

- Ben offered a vote of thanks to Gillian for her three years as Club Chairman. Her vigour and determination had led to an undoubted improvement in the fortunes of the Club, particularly in the development of the Street-O series.

The Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 4 July 2005