

INTERLOPERS

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Interlopers 13th AGM held in the Sommerville Room at the Edinburgh University Societies Centre, The Pleasance, Edinburgh on Thursday 19th May 1988. The meeting opened at 7.20pm.

- 1) **PRESENT:** Scott Balfour, John Barrow, Jane Cherry, Peter Couldery, Janet Fallon, Julie Grant, Ray Heyworth, Colin Inverarity, Ian McIntyre, Jan McLean, Jean Mitchell, John Mitchell, Ken Ovens, Pat Squire, Steve Terry, Charlie Walton, Christine Whalley (17)
APOLOGIES: Derek Allison (SOA Development Officer), Fay Balfour, Gail Balfour, Bob Cherry, Gordon Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, Gordon Shiach, Andy Spenceley, Hilary Spenceley

2) **MINUTES OF THE 1987 AGM**

The minutes of the 1987 AGM were adopted as a fair record of the meeting:
proposed - Janet Fallon, seconded - Julie Grant

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Steve Terry's report - see attached sheet

Ray Heyworth commented that our successful day at Highland '87 was due as much to good luck as good judgement, and was far from problem-free. In particular he mentioned controller Gareth Bryan-Jones, who was instrumental in making everything work on the day.

The recent fourth place achieved by our Women's Open team in the British Relay Championships received a special mention.

4) **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1988**

Jackie Robinson presented the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet for the financial year. Points of note included:

- a) no income from events in a quiet year;
- b) reduced newsletter costs, due partly to our no longer producing a joint newsletter with ESOC;
- c) the year has seen a high level of expenditure on equipment and books; and
- d) some O-suit payments are still outstanding.

Despite a deficit for the year of £198, the club's financial position remains healthy. Charlie Walton reported that some income was expected from the "Highland '87" 6-Day event.

The financial statement was accepted by the meeting:
proposed - Ray Heyworth, seconded - John Mitchell

5) **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1989**

It was agreed that club membership fees are to again be unchanged for next year:

Junior £1.00 Senior £2.50 Family £3.50 Group £1.00

proposed - Jackie Robinson, seconded - Jean Mitchell

It was noted that both the SOA and BOF are making efforts to keep membership fees down.

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6) FUTURE EVENTS

Charlie Walton listed a number of forthcoming events in which Interlopers are involved, and appealed to members to help out, in particular by taking on jobs as event officials. We hope to help Perth Orienteers with a relay and open event before the Senior Home Internationals in October 1988; we have a Lothian O League event in February 1989, probably at Archerfield; we will be helping with the 6-day again in August 1989 (Day 5 at Rowardennan); and a badge event in the autumn of 1989 is also planned.

Further ahead we will be required to help with the JK in 1990 and we have been allocated the Scottish Championships in 1991 - a major event for which work will have to start very soon. Smaller local and training events are also to be fitted in, so we have plenty to keep us busy!

7) SOCIALS

Janet Fallon described problems with small turn-outs to social events in the past year, and suggested a less rigid structure - with for example an annual dinner, socials based around club champs./training days, and other occasional events, rather than attempting to provide something every month. A discussion of socials followed; the importance of social events was agreed, and members were encouraged to support future socials. Points of note included: (a) plenty of advance notice is a good idea; (b) ideas for socials are always welcome, particularly things to involve junior members and families; (c) socials need not fit in with a fixed calendar; and (d) links with other clubs, e.g. EUOC, should be encouraged.

8) ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon. President	Carol McNeil	Ray Heyworth	John Mitchell
Chairman	Steve Terry	Janet Fallon	Scott Balfour
Secretary	Charlie Walton	Jean Mitchell	John Barrow
Treasurer	Janet Fallon	Scott Balfour	Julie Grant
Social Sec.	Julie Grant	Janet Fallon	John Mitchell
Newsletter ed.	Jane Cherry	Charlie Walton	Christine Whalley
Junior memb.	no nominations		
Ordinary membs.	Pat Squire	Jane Cherry	Janet Fallon
	Christine Whalley	Charlie Walton	Jane Cherry
Area Rep.	Ian McIntyre	Scott Balfour	Pete Couldery

Scott Balfour and Jackie Robinson were also proposed for ordinary member but preferred not to stand. It was hoped that the committee could co-opt a junior member. Jane Cherry suggested that a brief summary of the different jobs would be helpful before future elections.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) CompassSport Cup: our match against FVO is to take place at Glentress on 29th May. Jane Cherry appealed for a strong turn out. It was agreed that the club would subsidise entries.

(b) Scottish Relays: Charlie Walton reported some confusion over entries for the Scottish relay championships, and apologised for entering late. It was hoped that the entries would still be accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm with a vote of thanks to retiring committee members Scott Balfour and Jackie Robinson.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year began on a slightly sour note, with ESOC complaining about the weather at the Craig a' Barns event, and laying the blame for the stormy conditions at Interlopers' door. We have tried to play this down as much as possible, and I hope it will not lead to a serious rift between the clubs. Even so, we have drifted apart from ESOC slightly this year, with separate newsletters and socials, which were more-or-less combined before. I hope the atmosphere will thaw!

We managed to play our part in Highland '87, with the Day 6 finish organisation capably handled by Ray Heyworth, and plenty of folk turning up on the day to help. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success.

Our L.O.L. event last December was expertly organised by Janet Fallon and planned by Elizabeth Duke, who coped well with the last-minute arrival of the updated maps of Kinneil Wood. Elizabeth has now returned to New Zealand, but she will be remembered by many Interlopers for the welcome contributions she made to our activities during her short time in Scotland.

I can't remember what happened in the last CompassSport Cup -- perhaps it's best forgotten? This year's first round tie is against FVO the weekend after this -- I hope you are not too overwhelmed by the Scottish Champs and World Cup this weekend to remember to turn up for our humble fixture at Glentress!

The Club Championships at Beecraigs this year were organised by Scott Balfour (in his non-existent spare time!), and were well received, both by Interlopers and by our guests from Denmark. Interlopers have also continued to help stage the Summer Series of evening events, which were again successful last year.

Other activities have included a Training Day, organised by Charlie Walton, which was very useful and well-attended. I hope we will be having more of these from time to time. Janet Fallon has been busy setting up social events, some unfortunately not too well attended. I hope this is only a temporary lull in social activity -- we will be needing all our enthusiasm over the next few years!

This year we have not had any serious Junior representative on the committee, although we have a number of very promising younger juniors. I hope we can improve this situation for the coming year.

In the Mapping field, Lorna Boyd has been progressing the revision of the Gullane Dunes & Archerfield map, and we hope to finish this in a few months.

The Newsletter editorship has been taken over by Jane Cherry, and she is to be congratulated for producing a very interesting and lively tabloid!

There has not been a large amount of event organising this year, and this is the result of a deliberate policy to try to have a quiet time just now. We have several very heavy years coming up, in terms of major events to help organise, and I feel we may be severely stretched. Details will follow in the "Future Events" item on the Agenda, so I will not elaborate here. Suffice it to say that we are going to need EVERYONE'S best efforts!

In conclusion, this year I have achieved two life-long ambitions -- to be chairman of Interlopers, and to Address the Haggis at a Burns Supper: so now I can retire happy!

Steve Terry