

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University Of Edinburgh Department of P.E.,
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 17 May 1990

1 Present

Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, Jane Cherry, Janet Fallon, Ray Heyworth, Colin Inverarity, John Kenworthy, Jan McClean, Ishbel Mollison, Ken Ovens, Lucy Patterson, Eva Riemersma, Gordon Riemersma, Rudolph Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, Jane Smith, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Steve Terry, Simon Thompson, Charlie Walton (21)

Apologies for absence were received from Bob Cherry and Ian McIntyre

2 Minutes of 1989 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

Adoption of the Minutes as a fair record of the Meeting was proposed by Janet Fallon and seconded by Jane Cherry.

2.2 Matters Arising

Apart from the organisation of the 1991 Scottish Championships, which was to be discussed later in the Agenda, there were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman's Report

I will try to keep this brief once again, despite a busy year to report on - the busiest year for some time, in fact, with four major events organised or contributed-to, as well as the usual minor evening and training events, which are no less important in their way, of course. The "biggies" this year were: (1) Day 5 of Loch Lomond '89 at Rowardennan-on-sunny-Loch-Lomondside, where Scott Balfour controlling and Ian McIntyre planning did most of the difficult work on our behalf, while I managed to persuade a couple of dozen helpers to help park cars and stand at the start blowing whistles, etc.; (2) the Badge event on the Lomond Hills in Fife last October, with Janet Fallon organising and Simon Thompson planning, was also a success, despite atrocious weather; (3) Lothian O-League at Glentress in March '90, where Pat Squire and Andrew Bankhead were quietly confident in their first attempts at organising and planning, respectively; (4) for the J.K. '90 Relays at Devilla, our efforts on the day were coordinated by Charlie Walton, and again many hands meant light work for most, but yet again Scott, as controller, shouldered a great deal of extra behind-the-scenes work and responsibility.

In the social scene, Lucy Patterson organised half-a-dozen events, which were all successful in their own way. Unfortunately, I missed all of them!

With Pat Squire's help, we succeeded in re-introducing the Club Weekend last year. Based at the "Woodlands" outdoor centre in Kingussie, and held on the weekend of INVOC's event on a new area at Alvie, this combination brought happy memories for me of many carefree (!) times up to 15 years ago.

Another weekend is already arranged for September this year, so get your booking to Pat promptly to ensure your place - Club Weekends are always fun! Also, the Club Championships this year set a new standard, with Charlie's devious handicapping leading to Fay Balfour just beating Ian McIntyre - that's what Interløpers Club Championships are all about!

We lost our first round tie in the CompassSport Cup again, but only very narrowly, to ESOC. One day, we will get beyond the second round. Progress continues steadily with preparations for the Scottish Championships (Individual) 1991 - there is a report from the Working Group later in this meeting. Our Juniors are also continuing to make steady progress, with our current crop of youngsters (you know who you are!) putting in a lot of good performances - congratulations, and please keep up the enthusiasm - and let us know if you think the club might be able to help you. Also we have recently seen an influx of high quality young(ish) new members (such as Andy Kitchen et al.), and recycled members (such as Pakit Hyman), and I hope they will stick around and contribute to Interløpers' future successes. Charlie deserves another honorable mention for further raising the standard of the newsletter, with his devious computer system.

As a final observation, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Interløpers has not grown greatly in size over the last few years, and has not attempted to put on many extra events - that is, some might say that we have not "developed" very much. I find this perfectly satisfactory - there is no intrinsic merit in continuous growth, and it is fine to hold on to a steady state - provided it's not stagnation, of course. I think this is a reflection of how Society as a whole must change in the near future, from the current headlong uncontrolled growth to a sustainable stable state, and it is worth asking, in such a society, where will Orienteering stand - with its heavy dependence on unrestricted travel by car on tarmac roads for hundreds of miles to and from each event?

And finally finally - my sincere thanks as always to everyone on the Committee, especially Charlie, Janet and John, and to everyone not on the Committee, especially Scott, for all your work behind the scenes to help Interløpers play its part in the World of Orienteering.

May your participation always be FUN!

Steve Terry

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1990

Janet Fallon presented the audited Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet for the Year.

She pointed out that the figures were inflated somewhat because, although they included income from the Lothian O-League event on 11 March, they did not include some of the major expenses for that event, since these were paid after the end of the financial year. The Event Income figure included quite large sums from the October 1989 Badge Event, and from Day 5 of Loch Lomond '89 (although the proportion of total profit from that event was not known). Janet also mentioned that, during the last financial year, the stocks of the maps for both Archerfield and Drummond Hill had become exhausted.

Acceptance of the Financial Statement was proposed by Simon Thompson, and seconded by Rudolph Riemersma.

5 Membership Fees for 1991

Janet Fallon proposed that the club Membership Fees remain unchanged for 1991, viz. £3 for Seniors, £1 for Juniors and Groups, and £4.50 for Families. Jane Cherry seconded this proposal. There was no dissent.

6 Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Janet Fallon	Steve Terry
b) Chairman	Charlie Walton	Janet Fallon	Simon Thompson
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Charlie Walton	Gordon Riemersma
d) Treasurer	Janet Fallon	Lucy Patterson	Rudolph Riemersma
e) Social Secretary	Lucy Patterson	Pat Squire	Eva Riemersma
f) Newsletter Editor	Ishbel Mollison	Jane Smith	Simon Thompson
g) Junior Member	Gordon Riemersma	Janet Fallon	Pat Squire
h) Ordinary Members	Jane Smith	Ishbel Mollison	Jane Cherry
	Eva Riemersma	Pat Squire	Jane Smith
i) Area Representative	Pat Squire	Charlie Walton	Rudolph Riemersma

7 Scottish Championships 1991

Charlie Walton reported on the status of preparations for the Scottish Championships for 1991. The Working Group had met twice during the past year. Main Officials for the event had been decided on, and consisted of Jan McClean and Janet Fallon as Organisers, Scott Balfour and Simon Thompson as Planners, and Jim Herdman of ESOC as Controller. Various other responsibilities had been considered, such as Sponsorship Coordinator. Two positions to be filled in the near future were those of Event Treasurer and Event Equipment Coordinator. Later on, someone would have to be found to coordinate Entries and the Programme. Charlie stressed that a lot of help would be needed on the day of the event, almost certainly more than could be provided by one Club.

The area to be used was Birnam Hill. Basic permission to use the area had been obtained from the landowners, and FVO had agreed to the use of the area and the map. National Event status for the event had been obtained, and it would also be on the IOF Fixture List. The Relay event, being organised by ESOC, would be held on the following day, 9 June 1991, at Baluain, near Blair Atholl. Some joint effort would be required, particularly in the taking of Entries and the production of the Programme.

More detailed work to be carried out would be for the main officials to visit the area over the next 3 months or so, and more effort would be required in the New Year.

Ray Heyworth suggested that the chosen Organisers might like to take note of how this year's event is being put on, and to take note of any particular facets they might think useful and relevant for the 1991 event.

Rudolph Riemersma raised the question of Sponsorship, since he had been asked to undertake the job for the event. In particular, more long-term sponsorship was discussed, in the wider context of orienteering in Scotland as a whole. Companies such as the Milk Marketing Board could be a useful source of support.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Orienteering suits

Charlie Walton summarised the position, after the discussion at the last Committee Meeting in April. He had spoken to Ultrasport, but the outcome was rather disappointing, since it seemed that the sort of printed patterned material required was not yet available in the U.K.. There was an attractive green material, though it was thought to be somewhat heavy. It was mentioned that Andy Kitchen had obtained sponsorship from Silva, and it would be worthwhile investigating what they could offer in the way of material. The new Committee was asked to find out more information.

8.2 Fixtures Structure

Ray Heyworth raised the subject of the proposed new SOA Fixtures Structure, to be discussed at the forthcoming SOA Annual General Meeting. A particular point to consider was the suggested National Colour-Coded Club League. Ray expressed concern over the possible effect on the staging of Badge events, especially by University clubs. There might also be a problem connected with the BOF Ranking List, in that there might be a reduction in the number of ranking events in Scotland. Most at the Meeting were in favour of the proposal, although it was clear that there was not yet enough information on which to base a considered judgment. The new Committee was asked to consider the matter further, and to report to members through the Newsletter. In this connection, members were urged to try to attend the SOA AGM on 26 May at which the subject would be discussed.

8.3 Scotlandsgaloppen W21 Trophy

A trophy, to be presented by Interløpers to Scotlandsgaloppen for the W21 Championship, was displayed.

8.4 Harvester Trophy

Charlie Walton announced that he was trying to coordinate entries for the Harvester Trophy on 23/24 June 1990. Given a few more names, it might be possible to enter two teams.

8.5 ELO event

Charlie Walton mentioned that a club event being staged by ELO, at Barns Ness on Sunday 20 May, would incorporate the LBOA Inter-Club Championships. He felt that this might assist members in their preparations for the Scottish Championships.

8.6 Vote of thanks

Colin Inverarity proposed a Vote of Thanks to Steve Terry, who was standing down after serving for three years as Chairman of the Committee. This was followed by a spontaneous round of applause.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9 pm.