

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Department of P.E.,
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 7 pm on Thursday 4 June 1998

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Jane Ackland, Steve Ambler, John Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Karen Dobbie, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Dave Godfree, Ann Haley, Mark Haley, Stephen Haley, Ray Heyworth, Martin Hyman, Colin Inverarity, Rob Lee, Ian McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, Helen Murray, Barry Owen, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton, (24)

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Davies, Graham and Morag McIntyre, Carol McNeill, the Mason family, Hilary Quick, and Janet Walton

2 Minutes of 1997 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

With a correction to Janet Walton's name, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15 May 1997 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings (proposed by Graeme Ackland, seconded by Darina Cunnane).

2.2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chairman's Report

3.1 Who did what in the last year?

3.1.1 Internationalists

Lorna Eades was 33rd in the Nordic O Champs Classic Race, and participated in the Relay. Anthony Squire was 26th in the Classic Race, and also took part in the Short Race and the Relay.

At JWOC, Anthony was 15th in the Short Race, and 54th (1st Briton) in the Classic. He also was part of the Relay team.

The NEDS Squad (potential Scots internationalists) included Anthony, Lorna, Dan Marston, and Andy Kitchin.

Lorna took part in two World Cup events. In Ireland, she was 29th in the Classic, and was in the Relay team. In the Lake District, she was 31st in the Classic.

Geoff Peck participated in the World Championships, representing Hong Kong!

The Senior and Veteran Home Internationals were held on the same day. In the Vets, Hilary Quick was 3rd in W40, and Barry Owen ran in the Relay. In the Seniors, Heather Hartman was 2nd in W21, Rob Lee was 2nd in M35, Gordon Riemersma was 3rd in M21, and Anthony was 3rd in M20. Darina ran for Ireland.

3.1.2 Champions or Close Efforts

BOF Championships - Individual — Barry was 27th in M50L, and Graham McIntyre 25th in M40L.

BOF Championships - Relay — A Mixed Ad Hoc team, consisting of Barry, Graham, and Donald Petrie, won. The M Open team were 10th and the W Open were 13th.

JK - Individual — In M21E, Gordon was 3rd, Dave Godfree 11th, Andy 14th, Rob 23rd, and Anthony 25th. In W21E, Lorna was 4th and Jane 28th. In other classes, Graeme was 2nd in M21L, Paul 36th in M21S, Kirsty Balfour was 3rd overall in W14B, Rachel 4th in W18B, and Gail Balfour 26th in W21L.

JK - Relay — The M Open team were 4th, and the W Open team 7th.

SOA Championships - Individual — Heather was 9th in W21E, Gillian Matthews 4th in W21L, Morag McIntyre 2nd in W35S, Andy Kitchin 4th in M21E, and Graham McIntyre 1st in M35S.

SOA Championships - Relay — The Mens Open (Andy, Gordon, and Rob) won their event, Heather, Jane Ackland and Ann Haley were 5th in W Open, and the Inverarity tribe were 3rd in M14. Thanks were offered to all who helped with the event.

Harvester Trophy — The Club team, consisting of Dave Godfree, Colin Eades, Tobias Andersson, Rob, Anthony, Graeme, and Gordon, won the event. Unfortunately, this didn't count for the Relay League, because of some vague affiliation problem.

Scotlands galoppen — Rob 1st, Ben 3rd in M21E, Paul 1st in M21S, Graeme 2nd in M35L, Colin 9th in M40L, Barry 8th in M50L, Ray 2nd in M65L, Heather 3rd, Darina 5th, Lorna 7th in W21E, Karen 2nd in W21S.

Lothian O-League — Final results can be seen in the Club newsletter.

CompassSport Cup Small Clubs — In 1997, ESOC beat us. In 1998, we beat ELO, then triumphed over ESOC by 1 point. The next round is to be v. FVO at The Trossachs on 20 September.

3.2 Events Held

We were the lead Club for Day 3 of the 1997 6-Days, and were thanked for our efforts by the Day Organiser.

We staged SG7 on a new map of Glenearn & Berryknowe. The day turned out very misty during the competition, with bright sunshine early and late. Pat and Paul are to be thanked for their efforts with organisation and entry-taking.

Lothian O-League at Archerfield. This was a joint effort by Jane, Graeme, and Paul, and it incorporated several CompassSport Trophy ties.

3.3 Forthcoming Events

3.3.1 Summer Series

Inch Park, Colinton Dell, and Kinneil Wood are the venues, organised by Paul, Colin E., and Barry respectively. Barry expects to need some help with the final event.

3.4 Mapping

The map of Glenearn & Berryknowe, by Graham McIntyre, was finished in time for SG7.

Archerfield's map is now quite old. However, initial planning permission has been granted for re-development of the area, although it's not certain how much of the O-map is affected. Once this has been ascertained, it may be worth re-mapping what remains usable.

More locally, Paul has been liaising with the Trotter family, who own much of the area around Mortonhall. Mr Trotter is quite amenable to orienteering over his land, and enquiries will continue. As for Colinton Dell, the maps are now almost exhausted; the area could do with a re-map. Some negotiations have begun with the owners of the Dalmeny Estate, although progress is slow.

In general, we need volunteers to undertake negotiations with landowners and, if permission is favourable, we then need further volunteers to actually undertake the mapping.

3.5 Juniors

There is an Agenda item later on, concerned with support for Juniors. I feel we need to have someone on the Committee who has special responsibility in this area.

3.6 Socials

The highlight was undoubtedly the water frolics on Linlithgow Loch. This experience is to be repeated on 11 June this year. Anyone with ideas for social happenings should communicate them to Darina, who is to be thanked for her efforts over the year.

3.7 Newsletter

The Club's newsletter is still reckoned to be the best in Scotland, and Colin should be proud of it. (Round of Applause!) However, articles are still continually needed to keep up its standard.

I'd like to thank the Secretary, particularly for sifting through the mountain of BOF and SOA paperwork for anything useful, and to the Treasurer. Thanks are also due to the rest of the Committee, and to all who volunteered to take on responsibilities during the year.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 1997

Paul introduced the audited accounts, together with accompanying notes, and made some brief comments about various aspects of the Statement.

It was suggested that, in future years, the value of any assets, including maps, be listed on the Statement, with a view to reducing to zero the value of map stocks over a period of, say, three years.

The Statement's acceptance was proposed, with thanks to Paul for his efforts, by Ray Heyworth, and seconded by Darina Cunnane.

5 Membership Fees for 1999

It was agreed to set the Club membership fees for 1999 to be the same as those for 1998. This was proposed by Steve Ambler, and seconded by Martin Hyman. 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	Ann Haley	Jane McIntyre
b) Chairman	Graeme Ackland	Paul Caban	Lorna Eades
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Darina Cunnane	Colin Inverarity
d) Treasurer	Paul Caban	Graeme Ackland	Steve Ambler
e) Social Secretary	Darina Cunnane	Pat Squire	Barry Owen
f) Newsletter Editor	Colin Inverarity	Darina Cunnane	Dave Godfree
g) Junior Member	(no nominations)		
h) Ordinary Members	Colin Eades	Martin Hyman	Charlie Walton
	Dave Godfree	Graeme Ackland	Darina Cunnane
	Barry Owen	Darina Cunnane	Rob Lee
i) Area Representative	(no nominations)		

All the Nominees were elected uncontested. It was agreed that the Committee be empowered to decide upon LBOA representation.

7 Appointment of Junior Development Officer

A paper on this topic had been distributed.

There was considerable discussion on the paper. Various queries were raised, concerned with the level of financial support. In general, however, most opinion was very positive about the proposal, although some contributors stressed that any personal help might be limited by other commitments. It was also felt that “something is better than nothing”, but that, although a large number of juniors might get involved in the JDO’s activities, any longer-term spin-off might not be of anything like the same magnitude. Other points mentioned were that several schools in the Edinburgh area already had some orienteering activity, that such an appointment might be a way of producing simple maps of small local areas, but that formally employing a person to carry out this activity would need to be arranged very carefully.

Finally, a vote was taken on whether the Committee should proceed with the proposal to join ESOC (and possibly the LBOA) in seeking to appoint a JDO for the Edinburgh area. The Proposal was unanimously endorsed.

8 Any Other Business

None.

The newly elected Committee members were asked to remain to decide on the date and venue for their first Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 22 May 1999