

# **THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held in the Seminar Room at the University of Edinburgh Centre for Sport and Exercise  
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6:45 pm on Wednesday 13 June 2007

## **1 Present**

John Barrow, Paul Caban, Brad Connor, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Ann Haley, Stephen Haley, Jen Murphy, Peter Murphy, Richard Webb (10)

Apologies for absence were received from the Ackland family, Tim Barrow, the Cunnane family, Lorna Eades, the Hartman family, Ray Heyworth, Barry Owen, Emily Seaman, Anthony Squire, Pat Squire, Steve Terry and Fiona Weir.

## **2 Minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting**

### **2.1 Adoption**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8 June 2006 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

### **2.2 Matters Arising**

With reference to "7 Any Other Business", no e-mail was sent by Ann to Paul. However, Paul promised to raise the issues at SOA level, if Ann would get in touch with the details.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

## **3 Chairman's Report**

Paul presented his Report for the Year.

Club members had sporadic successes during the Year. It would be iniquitous to pick out too many people, but two in particular stand out: Scott Fraser at the British Sprint Championships, and Heather Hartman in W35 at the British Championships.

However, he felt that members who took on responsibility for organising, in whatever capacity, were just as important to highlight, perhaps more so. Clearly members of the Committee deserved thanks, whether continuing in office, or standing down. As well, all planners, organisers and controllers were to be praised, especially any who acted as mentors to more recent recruits. Those answering repeated pleas from the Chair were also thanked. Members also served on other Committees, or simply helped out in the background.

Again it would be invidious to single out people, but he felt that Ann Haley, and her family, should be mentioned for her work in Junior Development and Marketing.

He himself intended to stand down at this Meeting (although he promised to tidy up matters which he had taken on); he had too many other responsibilities to work on, including the onerous task of SOA Fixtures Secretary. However, he had some recommendations which he hoped the new Committee would take on board.

In particular, he felt that more effort should be put towards developing Marketing and Member Services; however, this should only be pursued provided that events could be organised without too much pain, with people continuing to volunteer for tasks without being badgered too much.

External developments which could affect the Club in future included the restructuring of the SOA, and perhaps further legislation concerning Access, Child Protection, and the Environment.

Future commitments included this summer's 6-Day Event, and possible involvement in next year's British and World Schools Championships. There were other events planned for 2008, but these were mostly in hand already.

Ken offered Paul his thanks, on the Club's behalf, for all his untiring work in steering the Club over the last two years.

## 4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2007

In Ben's absence, John introduced the Accounts and accompanying notes. The accounts showed a small surplus for the Year.

Ken expressed some concern that, in the current financial climate, there was a slight tendency to feel that "breaking even" was satisfactory; he felt that there should be some move towards trying to increase the Club's available resources.

After some discussion, the Accounts were approved by the Meeting.

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

## 5 Membership Fees for 2008

Ben had suggested that Club membership fees for 2008 should remain unchanged, particularly in view of the fact that they contributed a relatively small proportion of total income. Paul proposed acceptance of this suggestion, and Colin seconded it; the proposal was carried.

Ken mentioned that, at the BOF AGM, there was some concern over the SOA's policy of offering Juniors free membership for the first year.

## 6 Election of Office Bearers

Paul summarised the situation regarding who was prepared to continue in office, and those wishing to stand down. The Meeting agreed to accept that the former should be re-elected en masse. They included:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Hon. President	Carol McNeill
Secretary	John Barrow
Treasurer	Ben Hartman
Social Secretary	Emily Seaman
Club Captain	Anthony Squire
Junior Member	Stephen Haley

This left the positions of Chairman and Newsletter Editor unfilled.

Paul would try to find a replacement as Chairman; however, he would still stand down even if no-one could be found to replace him. Colin offered, as a last resort, to take on the position.

It was suggested that Colin Inverarity might be persuaded to assume the post of Newsletter Editor again. Paul would ask him. In the mean time, Brad said he might manage to produce one further issue.

Up to two Ordinary Members would still be needed. Paul wondered if Mary Ross might be persuaded to stand; she might be able to take on some duties currently performed by the Secretary. Ann would sound her out.

Dave Godfree was prepared to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative. He would also remain as the Club's Webmaster.

Ann agreed to continue to coordinate Junior activities.

Dave and Paul were also identified as the Club's SportIdent contacts.

## 7 Amendments to the Constitution

- clause 2.1 - append “and Lothians” - approved;
- clause 2.2.1 - delete “frequent” - approved;
- clause 2.2.1 - delete “; organising orienteering tours” - approved;
- clause 2.2.2 (additional) - “In particular, the Club endorses and adopts the SOA Child Protection Policy.” - approved;
- clause 4.3 - delete “and active orienteers” - there was considerable discussion on this proposal, and significant opposition to it as it stood. It was agreed to defer consideration of the essence of the proposal to a future AGM. Perhaps the use of wording such as “have an active interest in orienteering” would be more acceptable;
- clause 4.4 - replace “and at least two of” with “Treasurer, and at least one of” - approved;
- clause 6.1 - replace “at least six times” with “at least four times” - approved;
- clause 8.1 - delete “, preferably in conjunction with a major Scottish orienteering event, but in any case” - approved.

## 8 Any Other Business

- Stephen presented a brief report on Junior activities.
  - more members took part at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy - Christopher Galloway won the Yellow course.
  - 10 members took part in the Scottish Schools. As preparation, 4 extra training sessions were held. Club teams won the P7 and S4 categories, while Christopher and Mark were 1st and 2nd in the P7 class.
  - several sessions had been held for Cubs and Beavers. A typical turn-out was 40 children and parents. Debbie Kelso was one of the Beaver leaders; she had said she would really like some sort of flier to hand out to participants. This should contain brief details of Interløpers, such as contact names, membership fees, and so on. John would get in touch with her.
  - 17 Welcome Pack folders had already been handed out to Juniors. An application had been submitted to the SOA Development Fund to further this. Hilary Quick had taken up the issue, and had suggested that such a Pack could be distributed to all Scottish Juniors (perhaps over the age of 10).
- John offered the thanks of the Meeting to Brad and Chris, who were formally standing down from the Committee, for their efforts over the years.
- Ann also wanted to thank all event officials for their hard work during the year.

The Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 30 October 2007