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THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Conservatory at The Steading, Hillend, Edinburgh,
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 28 June 2012

1 Present

Jane Ackland, John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Ann Haley, Martin Hyman, Rachel Kirkland, Rob Lee, Graham McIntyre (13).

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme and James Ackland, Patricia Alston, Tim Barrow, Paul Caban, Darina Cunnane, Keith Dawson, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway family, Stephen Haley, Ray Heyworth, Carol McNeill, John Mitchell, Gordon Ross and Pat Squire.

Ken welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings. Proposer Rachel Kirkland, Seconder Jane Ackland.

2.2 Matters Arising

There was some discussion on the terms of the various software licences the Club owned, in particular CONDES, OCAD and SportIdent. The issue arose last year when we offered the use of a map of Edinburgh city centre to Glenalmond College for an exercise they were undertaking. The consensus seemed to be that, provided the Club were involved in some way in the staging of the exercise, the licence terms would not be infringed. However, in this particular case, the Club took no part in arranging the event, so this may in retrospect have been a questionable use of material prepared using the Club's licence. The Committee agreed to undertake further research into this area of concern.

There had been a discussion over the possible appointment of a Club Reporter. However, the Committee had not yet addressed this issue.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman's Report

Ken presented his Report for the Year.

The Interlopers AGM marks the end of another successful year for the Club. Instead of listing all of our achievements, I would like to emphasise three important observations. I will finish with a summary of our more major achievements and objectives (both not exhaustive).

1. **Team spirit and participation.** We have always had good team spirit and participation, but it has been increasingly evident over the last year or two. Good examples include the Oban 6-Day where our Juniors and adults were full of enthusiasm for the O and post O activities; Club socials and last week's Hopetoun House SoSOL (tea shop bonanza). I think it helps to get as many people as possible involved in the Club activities, be it as event volunteers, committee member, relay runners, out training or socialising. I also think it helps to make good use of the sail banner, Club tent, new tops, newsletter and web site. I therefore ask that regular orienteers continue to do their best to include others and that we all get more proactive as contributors and managers of Club matters. Remember "you get out what you put in" and "people want to join a fun and active Club".
2. **Relay success.** Our Men Open team retained the JK trophy, and went on to win the big 3 (JK, British and Scottish) in 2012. Very few Clubs have retained the JK trophy so this was a fabulous achievement. Our Juniors and Women 40+ teams also brought success in the big relays. Although not a relay, the Club was second in the Compass Sport Trophy (the British Small Clubs knock-out). Next we want the CST victory and a Women Open team.
3. **Programming of Interløper events.** We have part-achieved our aim to host events closer to home, but we have hosted too few events this year. Furthermore, we have tended to be late arranging permissions, appointing lead volunteers and promoting the events. We are still in that predicament for our next few events and must improve. I therefore propose that the Committee considers appointing an Events Coordinator to help programme, recruit for and drive our events forward. This will also relieve the Chairman of some of the work load. Currently I require volunteers for the Livingston SOUL (06/10/12), Calder Wood SoSOL (07/10/12), Norman's Law SOL (03/03/13), 6-Day 2 Organiser (29/08/13), and more. Please volunteer.

3.1 New Members

Welcome to Peter Gardner, Steven and Andrew McHarg, Tim and Heather Kieniewicz, Calum Urquhart, and the Tenesa/Navarro family (Albert, Pau, Pere and Alba).

Membership numbers are fairly static, but it is encouraging that over the last few years we have attracted a steady stream of new Juniors mostly via our current Juniors and schools work.

3.2 Sponsorship

Compass Point continues to sponsor Interløpers and offer discount to Club members. Please support Rick and Angela by purchasing your O kit from Compass Point.

3.3 Achievements

- **BOF Squads and Internationals** - Scott Fraser, Matt Speake, Murray Strain, Oleg Chepelin, Alan Cherry and Chris Galloway.
- **Scottish Junior Squad** - Alex Carcas, plus Sam, Matt and Chris Galloway.
- **JK, British and Scottish Champs** - Lots of success.
- **INT Champion** - Jegor Kostylev.
- **Compass Sport Trophy** - Interløpers 2nd.
- **World Schools** - Matt Murray and Matt Galloway.
- **Scottish Schools** - Nether Currie, Heriot PS, Firrhill, Boroughmuir and Heriot's.
- **Junior Training, Scouts, Brownies and Schools work** - Ann Haley, Pat Bartlett, Lucy and Robin Galloway, Graeme and Jane Ackland, Lorna Eades, Heather Hartman and Steven McHarg.

3.4 Socials

AGM meal, Oban BBQ, Halloween party, Christmas party, Web launch Party at Inch, Vogrie BBQ, etc. (Patricia, Graeme, Colin, et al.)

3.5 Club Livery

The new Club logo / stationery are now available for use, and the web site has been revamped.

3.6 Post Holders

Carol McNeill (Hon. President), Ken Daly (Chairman), John Barrow (Secretary), Pat Bartlett (Treasurer), Patricia Alston (Socials), Ann Haley (Newsletters), Rob Lee (Captain), Chris Galloway (Junior Rep), Rachel Kirkland (Committee and SI), Colin Eades (Maps), Paul Caban (Equipment) and Graham McIntyre (Web).

Standing Down - Patricia Alston (thanks for all the good work).

3.7 Events Hosted

Street Os (2/5)
 Oban 6-Day 4
 Dechmont Club Champs
 JK Sprint
 Riccarton SoSOL
 Urban series (3/4)

A lot of our members have also provided significant input to non Interløper activities and events, including BOF, SOA, squad activities, selection races, 6-Day, EUOC Big Weekend, JK Sprint, Banchory Sprint, Scottish Schools, etc.

3.8 Future

Urban series (1/4)
 CATIs
 Livingston Double
 Norman's Law SOL1
 Scottish 6-Day 2

Debate possibility of having Events Coordinator and Adult Junior Rep.

Create a Development Project, to include the acquisition of SI training kit and further development of our SI expertise, thereby helping us deliver higher quality and better experiences for all.

Extend Norman's Law and Calder Wood maps. Map more of Livingston.

3.9 Summary

Interløpers (aka Interløpers Team Compass Point) had another very successful year with Men Open victory in the JK, British and Scottish Relays as well as plenty of other relay and individual successes. Members have been selected for World Schools, WOC, Euro Youth Champs, etc.

Club spirit has been good and improving, but we need to involve newcomers more and be more proactive as contributors and managers of Club matters if we are to attract new members.

We are improving our SI expertise, hosting Junior training, supporting schools / groups and plan to put together a development project and grant aid bid (to include SI training kit).

We need to be more structured and advanced with event programming.

Thank you and well done everyone.

Ken Daly (Interløpers Chairman)

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2012

Pat introduced the Accounts and accompanying Notes. He mentioned that the audit of the accounts had yet to be completed by Ben Bate.

Although the accounts showed a surplus for the Year, this was largely due to a higher than expected return from the 2011 6-Day Event. Apart from the 6-Days, there had not been any significant event income compared with 2010/11.

Martin asked about achieving a prudent "minimum" balance, and what that level might be. Pat replied that it would be somewhere in the £5K to 10K range, equivalent to the cost of staging a major event, or the purchase of an SI Training Kit. He suggested that the minimum should really be at least £8K, so he felt that at present the Club's finances were relatively healthy.

Max made a further reference to the level of event income and why the figure for the current year was well below that for 2010/11. Pat explained that the main contributor to this item was the staging of bigger events with higher attendances, such as a SOL.

Max asked for a brief run-down of the major contributing factors to the costs of staging an event. Pat replied that these factors included BOF Levy, parking charges by landowners, toilet hire, map printing/overprinting, and officials' expenses (particularly if the venue was far away).

The Accounts were approved by the Meeting. Pat was thanked for presenting the accounts in such a clear manner.

5 Membership Fees for 2013

Martin proposed that the current Club fee structure be maintained (£5 for a Senior, £1 for a Junior and £7 for a Family).

However, John pointed out that BOF were introducing a fundamental change in membership fees for 2013, and it wasn't yet known what the SOA were planning to do. Hence, it wasn't clear what effect this might have on how the Club might set its fees.

Colin seconded Martin's proposal, and the Meeting agreed to let the Committee decide if any changes would be necessary once the BOF fee structure had changed, and the SOA had made up its mind how to proceed.

6 Election of Office Bearers

The full list of Elections was as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Proposer</u> | <u>Secunder</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) Hon. President | Carol McNeill | Ann Haley | Martin Hyman |
| b) Chairman | Ken Daly | Pat Bartlett | Colin Eades |
| c) Secretary | John Barrow | Lorna Eades | Jane Ackland |
| d) Treasurer | Pat Bartlett | Colin Eades | Graham McIntyre |
| e) Social Secretary | Max Carcas | Ken Daly | Lorna Eades |
| f) Newsletter Editor | Ann Haley | Jane Carcas | Rachel Kirkland |
| g) Club Captain | Rob Lee | Graham McIntyre | Jane Ackland |
| h) Junior Member | Christopher Galloway | Max Carcas | Ken Daly |
| i) Ordinary Member | Rachel Kirkland | Ann Haley | Pat Bartlett |
| i) Ordinary Member | Colin Eades | Jane Carcas | Rob Lee |
| j) Area Representative | (one of the above) | | |

The Meeting agreed that John, as current ESOA Chairman, could continue to act as Area Representative. Proposer Ken Daly, Secunder Pat Bartlett.

Colin Eades was prepared to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative.

Ann agreed to continue to coordinate Junior activities, but with assistance from Jane Ackland and Pat Bartlett.

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

Paul had indicated that he would continue to be responsible for the Club's equipment.

Ben Bate (ESOC) had agreed to continue to act as Auditor of the Club's accounts.

Ken expressed the thanks of the Club to Tricia for her efforts over recent years as Social Secretary, both for the social events she had organised, and other work such as the introduction of new publicity/marketing templates, suggestions for the web site and her Committee work.

There was some discussion over the remit of the Junior member. The Constitution simply referred to "One Junior Member" in the list of Committee appointments. However, there was no "job description" of this position (in contrast to most of the other Committee posts). Martin suggested that such a description be drawn up and agreed, and if necessary written in to the Constitution in the form of an Amendment. However, it was agreed to maintain the status quo for the forthcoming year, or until a job description was agreed and in use, since Chris Galloway had indicated his willingness to stand again (if perhaps somewhat reluctantly). Martin offered to produce a draft job description and to ask the Galloway Juniors if either of them was willing to be the Junior Member. He also pointed out that care should be taken to avoid overloading any Juniors with a busy workload (such as exams). It might also be appropriate to identify a parent to support the Junior Member.

7 Any Other Business

- Martin asked if any formal Junior training existed. Ann replied that there were monthly sessions conducted under the auspices of the ESOA.
- Lorna, in collaboration with Sarah Hague, was concerned about the seeming lack of some basic skills among the Club's older Juniors, such as compass work and pacing.
- The question of a Club training weekend was raised. Graham explained the difficulties he had encountered trying to find a free date in the calendar and suitable accommodation in Deeside. All agreed that another training weekend would be good, and hoped something could be arranged for the Autumn.
- On James' behalf, Jane asked about Club buffs. The issue had been addressed in the past year, and the conclusion had been that the demand had not been high enough to warrant an outlay on quite costly items.
- Max asked how WOC 2015 might impact on the Club, and what involvement the Club might have. Colin and others believed the Scottish 6-Days would run in conjunction with WOC, and the Club would have a lead role on one of those days. It was also mentioned that volunteers were currently being sought for WOC.
- Jane Carcas asked if it was straightforward to place another order for O-tops. Ken replied that he had a list of members who still wanted an O-top, and he would consult CompassPoint to find out if a further order could be placed. Once he had a reply, he would e-mail the Club list.
- Ken gave a short history of John's involvement in Interlopers, after which he made a presentation of a new trophy, the "Interlopers 'Gullane' Rock", to John to mark the many years of his service to the Club. The idea in future years would be for John to nominate a successor at each AGM.
Apart from expressing thanks for the gesture, John was speechless!
- Pat expressed the thanks of the Meeting to Ken for his continuing efforts for the Club.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 13 September 2012