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THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Conservatory at The Steading, Hillend, Edinburgh,
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 20 June 2013

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Paul Caban, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Fiona Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Lucy Galloway, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Ray Heyworth, Rachel Kirkland, Rob Lee, Graham McIntyre, Barry Owen (18).

Apologies for absence were received from Jane and James Ackland, Jane Caas, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway boys, Hector Haines, and Pat Squire.

Ken welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of 2012 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 Colin Eades, Seconder Rachel Kirkland.

2.2 Matters Arising

Both Action Items from last year's Meeting had been carried out:

- a Junior Representative job description had been drawn up, and was now available on the Club website;
- a further order for O-tops had been placed.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman's Report

Ken presented his Report for the Year.

Last year I emphasised 3 important points for the Club.

1. **I praised the Club for its excellent team spirit.** I believe this is essential for Club success, as it promotes participation, enjoyment, success and growth. I therefore ask you all to keep up the good team spirit, and try to get other people involved as much as possible. Remember "you get out what you put in" and "people want to join a fun and active Club".

2. **I praised the Club for its Relay success.** In 2012, our Open Men won the UK Relay League, and went on to retain the JK Trophy in 2013. Our Juniors and Women 40+ teams also brought success in the big relays.
(JK - Alan, Oleg, Murray and Alex, Sam, Matt)
(British - Lorna, Jane, Heather)

3. **However, I raised concern over the Club's event programming and volunteer support.** This is still a major concern.

The problem is cyclical in that a lack of volunteers for lead roles at events leaves a few stalwarts overloaded, and the programming, lead-in time and quality of our events suffer. Our reputation also suffers, and this undermines all our other efforts,

Over the last few years, the Committee has, in response to member requests, concentrated our events closer to home. We have also provided courses to train volunteers, and Graeme Ackland has provided more local maps. What we now require is everyone to volunteer to plan, organise, control or coordinate an event next year and every year.

I also set a few specific targets for 2012/13:

1. To recruit an Events Coordinator to help programme, recruit for and drive our events forward. I would be grateful if one of you could volunteer for this role.
2. To create a Development Project, bid for grant aid / an SI training kit, develop our SI expertise and thereby help us deliver higher quality events and better experiences for all. This has been achieved, and the work continues.
3. Extend the Norman's Law and Calder Wood maps, and map more of Livingston. This has been achieved, except for the Norman's Law extension which has been postponed.

Volunteers - Thank you to everyone who volunteered for administration roles and lead roles at events over the last year. Please forgive me if I miss anyone.

- Administration

Treasurer (Pat Bartlett)
Secretary (John Barrow)
Newsletter (Ann Haley)
Web Site (Graham McIntyre)
Junior Member (Chris Galloway)
Social Secretary (Max Carcas)
Club Captain (Rob Lee)
SI Manager (Rachel Kirkland)
Maps Manager (Colin Eades)
Mapping (Graeme Ackland)
ESOA Rep. (John Barrow)
Child Protection (Barry Owen)
Equipment (Paul Caban)
Training (Ken Daly)

- Events Hosted

Livingston SOUL Officials (Ken Daly and Graeme Ackland)
Calder Wood SoSOL Officials (Max Carcas, Heather Hartman and Robin Galloway)
Gullane SOL Officials (Colin Eades and Pat Squire)
Urban Series (Ken Daly, Rachel Kirkland, Graeme Ackland, Graham McIntyre, Colin Inverarity, Paul Caban, Mary Ross and Robin Galloway)
Edinburgh Junior Training (Jane and Graeme Ackland, Max and Jane Carcas, Robin and Lucy Galloway. Colin and Lorna Eades, and Pat Bartlett)

- 3rd Party Roles

Our members also provide significant input to non-Interløper activities and events, including BOF, SOA, ESOA, selection races, squads, EUOC Big Weekend, Scottish Schools, etc.

- Future Events

Urban Series Summer 2013 (1/4) (Ken Daly and Paul Caban)
2013 Scottish 6-Days Day 2 (Robin Galloway, Paul Caban and Ken Daly)
CATIs Autumn 2013 (Steven and Andrew McHarg, Barry Owen and Fiona Weir, Hector Haines, vacancy)
Livingston INTrepid Weekend Spring 2014 (vacancies)
SOA Individual Championships May 2014 (Ken Daly/vacancy)
SOL 2015 (vacancies)

- Schools Work - Nether Currie, Heriot P.S., Firrhill, Boroughmuir and Heriots (Pat Bartlett, Lucy and Robin Galloway, Graeme and Jane Ackland, Lorna Eades, Heather Hartman and Steven McHarg)
- Socials - AGM meal, Hallowe'en Party. Club Championships Party and Christmas Party (Max and Jane Carcas)

Sponsorship

Thank you to CompassPoint who continue to sponsor Interløpers. They offer a discount to members, and recently helped secure a very competitive price for the second order of the new O tops. Please support Rick and Angela by purchasing your O kit from CompassPoint.

Club Livery

The second order of the new O tops has been made, and should arrive at the 6-Days.

New Members

Welcome to Hector Haines, Sebastian Mitchell, Paul Richardson, Stuart Waitt, Andrew McHarg, Calum Urquhart and Anthon Longmore.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Oleg Chepelin and his partner on the arrival of their first child (11 days ago).

Success

BOF Squads and Internationals - Scott Fraser, Murray Strain, Hector Haines, Oleg Chepelin, Alan Cherry and Chris Galloway

BOF Rankings - 1st Murray Strain and 4th Hector Haines

Scottish Squads - Chris, Matt and Sam Galloway, plus Alex and Freddie Carcas

JK - Murray Strain

British - Murray Strain

Scottish Championships - Pippa and Jane Carcas, Heather Hartman and Rachel Kirkland

SOL Series - Chris Galloway, Ben Hartman and Jane Ackland

World Schools - James Ackland and Sam Galloway

INT Champion - Joseph Bartlett

Finally, I would like to thank Ann Haley who is standing down from the role of Newsletter Editor. Thank you, Ann, for all the hard work and enjoyable journals.

Thank you, and well done, everyone. Please continue the good work next year.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2013

Pat introduced the Accounts and accompanying Notes. He mentioned that both this Year's and last Year's accounts had now been audited by Ben Bate.

As was evident from the Accounts, a healthy surplus had accrued during 2012/13. This was almost entirely due to Event Income, in particular the larger than expected surplus for the SOL in March at Gullane.

There were several queries raised, all of which were answered satisfactorily by Pat.

With the overall balance now standing in excess of £12000, it was suggested that the Club might be able to take on more substantial projects. The new Committee would be asked to consider this question.

Ken suggested that, if there were a reasonable surplus from the 2013 6-Day Event, some consideration be given to passing on some of the Club's share to LOC, who were likely to provide significant manpower to help on Day 2.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Max Carcas, and seconded by Robin Galloway.

5 Membership Fees for 2014

Following last year's AGM, the Committee had decided, for simplicity's sake, to follow the basic fee structure which BOF and SOA had adopted for 2013, viz. setting fees for Senior and Junior members only (respectively £5 and £1).

Pat recommended that there be no change in these fees for 2014, and the Meeting agreed.

6 Election of Office Bearers

The full list of Elections was as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Proposer</u> | <u>Seconder</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) Hon. President | Carol McNeill | Ray Heyworth | Barry Owen |
| b) Chairman | Ken Daly | Ann Haley | Robin Galloway |
| c) Secretary | John Barrow | Ken Daly | Max Carcas |
| d) Treasurer | Pat Bartlett | Graeme Ackland | Rachel Kirkland |
| e) Social Secretary | Max Carcas | Lucy Galloway | Robin Galloway |
| f) Newsletter Editor | Paul Caban | Ken Daly | Robin Galloway |
| g) Club Captain | Rob Lee | Graham McIntyre | Graeme Ackland |
| h) Junior Member | (tbc) | | |
| i) Ordinary Member | Rachel Kirkland | Colin Eades | Graeme Ackland |
| i) Ordinary Member | Colin Eades | Lucy Galloway | Lorna Eades |
| 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 Barry Owen.

Barry Owen, having been appointed during the 2012/13 Year as Club Child Protection Officer (CCPO), would continue to act in that capacity.

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

Jane Ackland would continue to coordinate Junior activities, but with assistance from Pat Bartlett.

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

Paul agreed to 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 thanked Ann Haley for her work as Newsletter Editor for the past three years. Paul reluctantly agreed to take on the position, in the absence of any other volunteers. However, subsequent to the Meeting, Mary Ross agreed to step in to take on the role as Editor.

7 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

As mentioned in the Minutes of the 2012 AGM, John Barrow had been presented with the "Interlopers Gullane Rock" to mark his many years of service to the Club.

In subsequent years, the intention was for John to present the Rock to the person he considered to have made a significant contribution, either over some years or even in the immediately preceding year.

This year, John presented the trophy to Ann Haley. Ann had been a member since her Junior days in 1976, and had organised and planned several events, more recently the SOA Sprints and the SOA Night Championships. In more recent years, she had helped with Junior coaching at the ESOA level, and of course had been Newsletter Editor for the last three years.

Ann was clearly "gobsmacked", feeling that many others in the Club were equally deserving of the award. A short presentation ceremony was held, and a photo taken. A short report, with the photo, would appear in the next Newsletter.

8 Any Other Business

- Ken had brought some T-shirts which had remained unsold, and wondered if John would be happy to be presented with one. Unfortunately, none of the T-shirts fitted!
- Ray Heyworth felt that the Club's thanks were due to Ben Bate, the Auditor, for continuing to carry out this role.
- Graeme Ackland felt that some investigation should be made into the Club's "Date of Origin", so that due celebrations could be planned in good time. The new Committee would be asked to consider the matter.

- Barry Owen, as CCPO, mentioned the Protection of Vulnerable Groups scheme, and stressed that Club members should be encouraged to apply for Disclosures under the Scheme.
- It was suggested that a new design of Club sweatshirt should be investigated, particularly for Juniors.
- Rachel Kirkland wondered if Barry Owen should be considered as a full Committee member. At present, the CCPO was a co-opted post. The new Committee would consider the issue, and decide whether the Constitution needed amending.
- Lorna Eades suggested the creation of a Coaching Bag, to contain items suitable for use by Club members when leading Coaching sessions. She would draw up a list.
- As mentioned under “Financial Statement”, there had been a suggestion to offer LOC a proportion of any surplus accruing from this year’s 6-Day Event. Ken suggested that agreement should be sought from BASOC for this suggestion.

The Meeting closed at 7.46 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 12 November 2013