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FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Charwood Restaurant, Fairmilehead, at 7:00pm on Thursday 23 September 2021

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Jane Ackland, John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Ali Masson, Graham McIntyre, Phil Murray, Pat Squire, Mike Stewart (17).

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Bartlett, Su Twissell, Paul Caban, Ken Daly, Karen Dobbie, Lucy Galloway, Graham Haley, Stephen Haley, Rachel Kirkland, Graeme Ross, Mary Ross, Steve Terry, and the Ward Family.

Colin welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of 2020 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: Robin Galloway. Seconder: William Ivory.

2.2 Matters Arising

None

3 Chairman's Report

Over the last few months we have finally been able to get out beyond our immediate area and get back to travelling the country to go to orienteering events, a welcome sign of the progress made in the battle against Covid-19. These events have allowed Interløpers to dust off their rusty techniques and try to get back to competition. We have had British Middle Distance Champs, Scottish Champs, Scottish 6 Days (or should it be 2 x 3 Days).

The British Middle Distance was first up and alas no champions but a silver medal for Mairi and bronze for Fiona. The next weekend saw the Scottish Championships on Craig a Barns with numerous top three finishes from Interlopers, but four Scottish Champions in Lucy, Mary, Scott and Angus. The Scottish 6 Days proved another good hunting ground with class victories for Lorna, Matthew, Joseph and Peter and many others giving good showings in their classes. More recently we have British Champions in Sprint Orienteering, Rachel and Mairi in the Individual and then Paul, Jane and Phil in the Mixed Sprint Relay. Well done to all.

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The Six Days and realistically all events don't happen without hard work by many. Interløpers were given the task (honour?) of getting the event started on Day 1, with Max taking on the Organiser role and Mike and Graham doing the honours with the planning; our thanks to Brian Bullen and Ross Lilley for trying to control us!

I must also mention those who have achieved International selection. Congratulations to Mairi and Pippa who made the British to JWOC; alas Britain has had to withdraw the team as Turkey is considered by the Government as a no-go area due to Covid-19. Peter Hodkinson has been on duty at the World Championships in Czech.

More locally we have continued with events in the Sprintelope series both organising and getting out and about. There were four events, at S. Edinburgh, Fairmilehead, Moredun, and Blackford, with thanks to the Ward Family, Ann Haley, Angus Ivory, and Scott Fraser for doing planning at these. There were also three Local Events, at Craigmillar, Dechmont Law, and Polkemmet, planned respectively by Graeme Ackland, Lorna Eades, and Colin Ledlie.

Looking forward after much will it happen/ won't it happen, the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Final has now been declared on, and it would be great to get a strong team out and get the Trophy back. We also have British Long Distance (away) Championships at Braunton Burrows, Devon; hopefully see some of you there.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2021

Robin introduced the Accounts for 2020/21, which had already been fully audited. He described some of the major aspects of both the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account, making reference to the accompanying Notes. The Accounts were felt to be in a satisfactory state.

Robin mentioned that, after the end of the FY, a significant sum was siphoned off the main account, and placed in an interest-bearing Investment Account.

5 Election of Office Bearers

The full list of Elections was as follows:

	Position	Nominee	Proposer	$\underline{\operatorname{Seconder}}$
a)	Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Colin Eades	Ann Haley
b)	Chairman	Colin Eades	William Ivory	Pat Squire
c)	Secretary	John Barrow	Jane Carcas	Max Carcas
d)	Treasurer	Robin Galloway	William Ivory	Lorna Eades
e)	Social Secretary	Lorna Eades	Jane Carcas	Ann Haley
f)	Newsletter Editor	Katherine Ivory	Jane Carcas	Robin Galloway
$\mathbf{g})$	Club Captain	Rob Lee	Colin Eades	Max Carcas
h)	Junior Member	(to be decided)		
i)	Ordinary Member	William Ivory	Colin Eades	Graham McIntyre
j)	Ordinary Member	Ali Masson	Jane Carcas	William Ivory
k)	Area Representative	John Barrow	Colin Eades	Max Carcas

John pointed out that, because he was still ESOA Chairman, he would be happy to continue to represent the Club on that Committee.

Paul would continue to be responsible for the Club's equipment.

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

6 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

John made the following remarks.

"My nominee for the award of the Gullane Rock for 2021 first became involved in orienteering in 2015 when her elder son became a member of the Club, along with other boys of the same age. The following year she herself joined us, and by 2017 the whole family had signed up.

Since then, she has become heavily involved in Junior Training, firstly with the Club, and later with the ESOA, coordinating training sessions at Local Events for a good-sized Squad of Juniors. These activities, of course, have

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all been curtailed or non-existent during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will take time to build up Squad numbers again.

Another facet to my nominee has been her success in negotiating with her employer, Registers of Scotland, for the award of a generous Development Grant for the Club.

Hence I feel sure that you will agree with me that my nomination of Katherine Ivory for this year's Gullane Rock award is fully merited."

7 Any Other Business

- Lorna announced that a new batch of O-tops in Club colours had been ordered, and had now arrived. She would e-mail the Club with the details.
- Katherine reported that 70 people had signed up for the Mortonhall Local Event on 3 October.
- Paul mentioned that he would be taking part in the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday 4 October, and would welcome any Club member who would like to act as pacesetter, whether on foot or on a bike. His proposed route would take him from Buckstone to North Berwick.

Colin thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 23 September 2022