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## FORTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Charwood Restaurant, Fairmilehead, at 7:00pm on Thursday 22 September 2022

### 1 Present

John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Fiona Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Mike Stewart, Claire Ward (+ Bertie) (15)

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme and Jane Ackland, Pat Bartlett, Su Twissell, Paul Caban, Sasha Chepelin, Karen Dobbie, Lucy Galloway, Graham Haley, Graham and Morag McIntyre, Ali Masson, Pat Squire, and the remainder of the Ward Family.

Colin welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

### 2 Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

#### 2.1 Adoption

Ann pointed out that there were one or two events missing from the Chairman's Report. It was also noticed that the Chairman's name in the letterhead was out of date. John would make the necessary corrections, and post the revised version on the website.

With these corrections, the Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings. Proposer: Ann Haley. Seconder: William Ivory.

#### 2.2 Matters Arising

None

### 3 Chairman's Report

Colin summarised outstanding performances by Club members, and events put on by the Club, during the year.

#### 3.1 Performances

Pippa Carcas and James Ackland took part in the World Student Championships in Switzerland in August. Also in August, Pippa ran in JWOC Part 1 in Portugal.

Sasha Chepelin competed in the World Cup Round 2 in Estonia in August.

Mairi and Fiona Eades attended a ScotJOS Training Camp, and Mairi helped out with the JROS Czech tour in August.

Fiona went to the JROS camp in Gothenburg in late August.

Angus was selected for the Junior European Cup team in Germany in October, but could not attend since he was working abroad.

Finally, Laurence Ward attended the JROS camp on Deeside.

Various members took part in the JHI, the SHI, and the VHI representative events.

### 3.2 Events

Paul Caban and Mike Stewart put on a Local Event at Braidburn Valley in September 2021, while Iain Embrey and Zoe Harding planned and Colin organised a SOUL in November.

Four Winterlope events were held at the turn of the year. Alison O'Neill organised the first at Prestonfield, Graeme Ackland then put on the Little France event, followed by Angus Ivory at Liberton, and finally Laurence at Duddingston.

Murray and Tessa planned, and Max and Caspian organised, a very successful SOL at Gullane Dunes in February.

Four Local Events were held during the Spring. Graham McIntyre and Colin Ledlie were the main Officials for the event at Craigmillar in March, Ken Daly and Paul Caban for that at Kinneil Wood in April, Mike Stewart and Graham McIntyre put on the event at Dechmont Law in May, and the Eades consortium staged the event at Almond Park in June.

Five Sprintelopes were put on. Firstly, Graeme Ackland organised the first event at Craigmillar in April, then the Ward family at S. Morningside in May, followed by Ann Haley at Buckstone in early July. Scott Fraser put on the event at Morningside, and then Graeme and Jane Ackland finished off the Series at Oxgangs, both in late July.

### 3.3 Other Issues

Colin felt that some clarity was needed over Responsibilities at events. There was already some help to be found from the BOF Rules and Guidelines. He stressed that some form of mentoring scheme would help to encourage new volunteers to take on the rôles of Event Organising and Planning.

## 4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2022

Robin introduced the Accounts for 2021/22, 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 showed a healthy surplus, particularly compared with the previous Year which was affected by the lack of activity during the lockdown period.

Robin mentioned that a significant advance had been made during the Year with the purchase of a card reader to enable entry fee payments to be made with a credit card. It had already proved its worth in terms of convenience.

## 5 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	Ann Haley	Rob Lee
b) Chairman	Colin Eades	William Ivory	Jane Carcas
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ken Daly	Jane Carcas
d) Treasurer	Robin Galloway	Ann Haley	Mike Stewart
e) Social Secretary	Lorna Eades	William Ivory	Robin Galloway
f) Newsletter Editor	Katherine Ivory	William Ivory	Max Carcas
g) Club Captain	Rob Lee	Lorna Eades	Claire Ward
h) Junior Member	Fiona Eades	Ken Daly	Colin Eades
i) Ordinary Member	William Ivory	Katherine Ivory	Robin Galloway
j) Ordinary Member	Mike Stewart	Ken Daly	Colin Eades
k) Area Representative	John Barrow	Colin Eades	Jane Carcas

John pointed out that, because he was still ESOA Chairman, he would be happy to continue to represent the Club on that Committee. However, he had intimated to the ESOA Secretary and Treasurer that he wished to stand down as Chairman, with effect from the 2023 AGM. Accordingly, another representative would need to be found next year.

John would send a message of thanks to Ali Masson for his contribution over the past two years.

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

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

William pointed out that the position of Events Coordinator had now assumed a level of importance in the running of the Club which should merit it being considered as a full Office Bearer, rather than simply as a Co-opted member. The Meeting fully agreed. Consequently, in the preparations for the 2023 AGM, a proposal to amend the Constitution accordingly would be drawn up.

## 6 Presentation of “Gullane Rock”

John made the following remarks.

“This afternoon, I was struggling to trawl through past issues of the Club Newsletter, looking for mentions of my nominee for the award of the Gullane Rock for 2022. The first honourable reference I found came in an issue of Summer 1991, in which there was a report of the British Relay Championships held near Alnwick, when he, together with Pakit Hyman and Andy Kitchen, won the Mens Open event. There were almost certainly many more noteworthy performances in previous and subsequent years, but these were too numerous to mention (and I eventually gave up looking).

However, his more recent contribution to Club activities came in 2011, when he took over from Anthony Squire as Club Captain. Since then, of course, we have all been bombarded by numerous e-mails, exhorting us to volunteer for the many Relay teams, from the JK to the British, from the CompassSport Trophy to the Harvester. Suffice to say that his efforts to involve us all have met with a great deal of success, as witnessed by the winning of the CompassSport Trophy for three years in succession (2016 to 2018).

I should also mention that he, together with Ken, was part of the original expedition to source the Gullane Rock in 2012.

So I'm delighted to nominate as this year's recipient of the Gullane Rock the one and only Rob Lee.”

## 7 Any Other Business

- Colin noted the fact that Pat and Jennie Squire would be moving house the very next day. They were moving to Derbyshire, to be much nearer to Anthony and Mark. John suggested that it would be good to write a letter of appreciation to Pat for his many contributions to orienteering over the years, not least as SOUL Coordinator until very recently.
- Colin and Mairi had been in touch with Mairi Rowan, a teacher at Colinton Primary School, who had enquired if we knew of anyone who could assist with a programme of 4 sessions on orienteering in November for her pupils. It had been mutually agreed that, if the activity could be moved from Thursday afternoons to Wednesday afternoons, then Mairi (Eades) would be able to help out with all the sessions.
- Max felt that the Club should devote more time and effort into Marketing and Publicity. He would be happy to try to get the ball rolling in the first instance.
- Max pointed out that SOA had recently announced a vacancy for a WOC 2024 Coordinator. The position would attract a salary of £15K.
- Max also wondered about the fate of the Club Championships. It seemed that the tradition of holding the Championships had fallen into abeyance with the advent of the pandemic lockdown, and had not yet been resurrected. John would investigate, and draw up a list of previous winners. The Championships were historically piggy-backed on to an existing event, usually towards the end of a calendar year.
- It was rumoured that Ken was “escaping”, though Ken himself was reluctant to supply any further details.
- It was pointed out that the Club should be just about to be celebrating its 50th anniversary of its founding. John (a founder member) would investigate, and report back to the Committee.

- There was a final plea for Club members to enter the forthcoming Local Event at Braidburn Valley Park.

Colin thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 10 November 2022