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FORTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Charwood Restaurant, Fairmilehead, at 7pm on Thursday 26 September 2024

1 Present

John Barrow, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Mairi Eades, Lucy Galloway, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Graham McIntyre (10)

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme and Jane Ackland, Pat Bartlett, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Karen Dobbie, Robin Galloway, Rob Lee, Carol McNeill, and Mike Stewart.

Colin welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

Graham Haley was not present at the Meeting.

With this amendment, acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by William Ivory and seconded by Katherine 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.

Apologies if this is brief; my plan to write this was ambushed by yet another 6 Days Company meeting last night.

The last year has seen Interlopers continue to enjoy orienteering locally, nationally, and internationally. We have been heavily involved in an event called WOC 2024; not sure if you noticed it! We had nearly 50 Interlopers actively taking part, team support, organising team and volunteering over the week, across a full

spectrum of volunteering tasks all of which were vital to the successful delivery of the WOC and WOC Tour events. A big well done to one and all.

Internationalists

We had four Interlopers actually competing in the WOC 2024 event:

Aoife McCavana and Colm Moran ran in the WOC mixed sprint relay for Ireland;

Freddie Carcas ran in the WOC mixed sprint relay for Great Britain ;

Thomas Laraia ran in the WOC mixed sprint relay for USA and also in the individual sprint and knock out sprint qualifiers

Euromeeting 2023

Many representatives here as it was held in the Stirling area, but well done to all competing.

European Championships 2024

Debuts for Pippa Carcas, at European Championships in Italy with Mairi Eades, Eddie Narbett and Freddie Carcas. Aoife also competing.

World Cups

Peter Hodkinson and Aoife McCavana were competing in Italy last October in 2023 World Cup.

Mairi Eades and Freddie Carcas competing in World Cup Rounds 1 and 2 in Switzerland and Italy.

Luke Fisher made his debut in Round 3 in Hungary.

Colm Moran and Aoife McCavana are currently competing at the World Cup Final in Finland.

EYOC 2024

Laurence Ward was competing at European Youth Orienteering Championships.

World Students 2024

Eddie Narbett and Freddie Carcas competed for Great Britain in this, and rumour has it Eddie is still wearing his gold medal from the Mixed Sprint Relay.

Domestic Events

In the Compassport Cup Final, Interlopers were a very narrow second to Swansea Bay in 2023 competition. Through to the final in the 2024 event.

JK2024

Sprint

In the Sprint, there were Gold medals for Lucy Ward and Peter Hodkinson, and Bronzes for Laurence Ward and Freddie Carcas.

Individual Combined

Luke Fisher won M21E Gold, Lucy Ward won Silver, and Claire Ward Bronze.

Relays

Interlopers Men Peter, Luke and Freddie won Silver, and Sasha, Eddie and James won Bronze in JK Relay after a very competitive race.

British Championships 2024

Individual

Gold for Lucy Ward and Silvers to Laura Kitchin and Claire Ward

Relays

Bronze for Mairi, Pippa and Louise in Women's Open.

Scottish Championships 2024

In the Individual, Luke Fisher and Robin Galloway won Silver, Laurence Ward, Claire Ward and Ann Haley won Bronze.

Relay

Rebecca Harding, Roanne Lilley, and Louise Adams won Women's Open Bronze

14+ Relay William Ivory, Katherine Ivory and Ray Ward won Bronze

20+ Ann Haley Claire Ward and Graham McIntyre won Silver.

That concludes my results summary; apologies if I missed anyone, if I did, my congratulations to you as well.

Event Organisation

Whilst there has been a focus on results here, the Club needs to put on events to allow orienteering to exist. It also is one of our more significant sources of income, so again very important.

Throughout the year we have been hosting several events, and my thanks to all who have helped and to those officials who stepped up.

We have been involved in the following:

SoSOL

We nearly managed to get this event to happen, but the wind got the better of us.

But thanks to Louise for planning and Graham McIntyre for Organising and having to make the safety call.

Int Local events

Braidburn Valley: planned by Ann Haley organised Fiona Eades

Mortonhall with Joe Hudd EUOC guest planning

Craigmillar: Robin Galloway planning and Max and Jane Carcas organising

Kinneil Wood: Saturday Event Chris and Pip hosting

SOUL

Livingston: Pat Bartlett on planning and Lucy Ward doing the organiser role

Sprintelopes

Buckstone: Paul Caban hosting and Lucy Ward doing the planning honours

Gracemount: Mairi Eades planning, Colin Eades getting drenched....

Bioquarter: Graeme Ackland doing the honours

St. Leonards: Ann Haley and Tricia Alston joint effort

Pathhead "The shrubbery": Chepelin Family hosting

Winterlopes

Jan 29 - Feb 4: Prestonfield - Graeme Ackland planned

Feb 12 - 18: Braids - Bex Harding planned

Feb 19 – 25: Portobello - Graeme Ackland planned

Mar 4 - 10: Liberton - Pat Bartlett planned

Forthcoming events

King's Buildings Open Doors Activity Graeme Ackland planning and organising

Scottish Score Vogrie Country Park on 9th November 2024, Mike Stewart planning and Ray Ward organising

Braidburn Valley local event on 5th October 2024

Colinton Dell on 7th December 2024

Other Developments

Orienteering Edinburgh has been ongoing, and we are currently trying to work out how we continue this scheme or merge it into the other event series.

Interlopers Development Officer

Katherine Ivory has been progressing this role as the job advert did not identify any suitable candidates; we are looking into how this continues. There have been a number of introductory sessions, and I would ask folks to try to help out at these events and engage with these groups.

I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work and support over the year. I have however run out of enthusiasm for committee-based orienteering, and wish to step down to allow me to fall in love with orienteering again as I feel totally burnt out. I would also thank the other two committee members who are stepping down and we can promise the Eades family is not running away but want to add to the successful running of Interlopers and orienteering in different ways going forward.

John gave a brief Vote of Thanks to Colin for his perseverance as Chairman over the past four years.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2024

(The Accounts may be found on-line at [this link](#).)

In Robin's absence, John introduced the Accounts for 2023/24, which had already been fully audited. He described some of the major aspects of both the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet, making reference to the accompanying Notes. The Accounts showed a reasonable surplus. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by William Ivory, and seconded by Katherine Ivory.

John pointed out that, in theory, the level of Club affiliation fees was usually approved by the AGM. As had been the case in previous years, it was not thought necessary to alter the level for 2025, in view of the fact that the fees made very little contribution to the overall Income of the Club.

5 Election of Office Bearers

The full list of Elections was as follows:

Position

Nominee

Proposer

Second

Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ann Haley	Colin Eades
Chair	t.b.d.		
Secretary	John Barrow	Mairi Eades	Ann Haley
Treasurer	Robin Galloway	Katherine Ivory	William Ivory
Social Secretary	Mairi Eades	Ann Haley	Katherine Ivory
Communications Manager	Katherine Ivory	William Ivory	Ken Daly
Club Captain	Rob Lee	Ann Haley	Mairi Eades
Events Coordinator	William Ivory	Ken Daly	Ann Haley
Junior Member	t.b.d.		
Ordinary Member	Ann Haley	Lorna Eades	Mairi Eades
Ordinary Member	Mike Stewart	William Ivory	Graham McIntyre
Area Representative	Lorna Eades		

At the Meeting, no-one volunteered to take on the position of Committee Chair. Efforts would continue to try to find a replacement for Colin. In the mean time, John would arrange for e-mail addressed to ``chairman -at- interlopers'' to be diverted to William.

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

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

Lucy Galloway would continue in her role as Safeguarding Officer.

6 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

John read out the citation for this year's award:

"My nominee for this year's award of the Gullane Rock has been a long-standing member of the Club. I found a reference in the Minutes of the 1985 AGM to his being chosen as the Club's Coaching Coordinator. He has been associated with coaching for most of his time with the Club; indeed, he has qualified as a Level 5 Coach. He was Coaching Director to the British Squad from 1987 until 1997. He was Organising Secretary for the World Student Championships in 1992. He was also Technical Director for the World Championships in 2015.

He has participated as a competitor at the highest level, particularly as a Junior.

He has played an active role as a leading official at most of the Club's participation in the 6-Day Events, whether as Planner or Organiser.

However, in recent years, he has coordinated the Club's Off-Road Training sessions on Thursday evenings at a wide variety of venues around Edinburgh.

It can come as no surprise, therefore, that my nominee for the award of the Gullane Rock for 2024 is Graham McIntyre."

7 Any Other Business

Lorna mentioned that the on-line Wednesday evening Stretching Sessions would re-commence some time in October. However, the first session would take the form of a face-to-face evening, probably in the Village Hall in Heriot.

Ken pointed out that he was currently the Club contact with BOF for Permanent Courses. He was intending to step down from this position. He also mentioned that he was currently the point of contact with West Lothian Council for all the Permanent Courses in the Council's area. In view of his recent dealings with the Council, he wished to step down from that role as well.

There was a suggestion that the current BOF Public Liability insurance policy was inadequate to cover all the possibilities for incidents which might arise during Urban Orienteering events. The new Committee would investigate.

There was a suggestion that the Committee look again at the question of the Club becoming a Charitable Organisation.

There was also a suggestion that the new Committee investigate some new mapping projects. Areas mentioned included Crichton Castle, Arniston House, and an extension of Gore Glen.

Lorna mentioned that she would be re-starting the Stretching Exercises sessions on Wednesdays, some time in October.

Colin thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 20 October 2024