

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Meeting Room at the University of Edinburgh Centre for Sport and Exercise
46 Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6:45 pm on Thursday 12 June 2008

1 Present

John Barrow, Paul Caban, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Ann Haley, Mark Haley, Stephen Haley, Ben Hartman, Emily Seaman, Chris Shaw(11)

Apologies for absence were received from the Tim Barrow, Pat Bartlett, the Cunnane family, Karen Dobbie, the Galloway family, Ray Heyworth, Martin Hyman, Rachel Kirkland, Carol McNeill and Hilary Quick.

2 Minutes of 2007 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13 June 2007 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

2.2 Matters Arising

Paul mentioned that Mary Ross was not particularly keen to serve on the Committee.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

3 Chairman's Report

Paul presented his Report for the Year.

We were involved in many events throughout the Year, including Day 3 at Spey 2007, a SoSOL at Dalkeith Park, the Scottish Championships where we were the lead Club for the Individual, and a sprinkling of CATIs (though fewer than hoped). We even instigated our first Permanent Course, at Braidburn Park.

Personal successes were many and varied. However, special mention must be made of British Champion Scott Fraser for his selection for the WOC Team, in addition to his recent appointment as SOA Professional Officer (succeeding Donald Petrie). Stephen, Iain, Shaun and Stuart excelled themselves in representing Scotland at the World Schools Championships in Edinburgh in April. There were some British Champions, including the Mens Open Relay Team, Heather Hartman in W35 and Lorna Eades in W40. Indeed, all winners of all events, and all competitors, are worthy of praise.

We welcomed Rachel Godfree and Oli Murphy. However, we were sad that Brad Connor has finally severed his links with the Club, although some members attended a tremendous wedding at which the Best Man excelled himself. Some other members seem to have drifted away (or been allowed to drift).

We were sad to learn that Brenda Heyworth passed away after a long illness - she had been a long-time supporter, and had helped out at many String courses over the years. There was further sad news when another member, Iain Wilson, was tragically killed in a cycling accident in Edinburgh.

Paul thanked, in particular, Ken, Colin and Hilary for keeping him sane throughout the year. Everyone else who has taken responsibility deserved thanks, in particular those non-elected members (such as Dave and Gillian, and the Haley family for their work with Juniors).

Paul also thanked the outgoing members of the Committee for their efforts over the years. However, it was always good to have new blood on the Committee, and he was sure that the new members under Ken's leadership would have their own ideas. One area where he felt more effort should be devoted was in increasing the membership base - it wasn't straightforward, since he'd tried, but he didn't feel that he'd achieved significant results.

One thing he had learned, though, was never be afraid to ask individuals to take on responsibility - generic requests tend not to achieve the best responses.

Ken offered Paul his thanks, on the Club's behalf, for all his untiring work in steering the Club over the last three years.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2008

Ben introduced the Accounts and accompanying notes. The accounts showed a small deficit for the Year. However, the total Club assets were quite healthy, being just under £6000.

John asked whether maps still had a paper value, subject to depreciation over the years, now that they tended to only exist in electronic form. Ben replied that, for the purposes of accounting, maps were given an initial value at roughly the cost of making them.

The Accounts were approved by the Meeting.

Ben mentioned that this year's Accounts had not been formally audited, and Paul pointed out that there was no legal or constitutional requirement for this to happen. Ben however felt that the Auditor of previous years' accounts, Peter Dymoke, now had very little contact with the Club, if any, and consequently there was little point in continuing to ask him to act as Auditor. A suggestion was made that perhaps someone in ESOC could be found to formally audit the Club's accounts. It was acknowledged that, as a quid-pro-quo, Interlopers might be asked to find a member that could in turn take on the audit of ESOC's accounts (although, of course, ESOC might well be perfectly happy with their current arrangements).

5 Membership Fees for 2009

Ben suggested that Club membership fees for 2009 should continue to remain unchanged, even though they had been the same for many years. The argument was the same as last year, in that such fees contributed a fairly small proportion of the total income in any one year.

6 Other Reports

Paul asked other Committee Members if they had any comments to make.

- Stephen presented a brief report on Junior activities.
 - A team of 11 Club members was entered for the 2007 Jamie Stevenson Trophy.
 - Four Club members (Stephen, Iain, Shaun and Stuart) took part in the World Schools Championships held in Edinburgh in April. It was a fantastic experience for all. Entry fees were fully paid for by an endowment fund.
 - Junior training sessions were held throughout the year, most of which were well attended by Club members. Ann, Robin and Lucy put on more training for Secondary pupils.
 - There were many successes at the Scottish Schools Championships. In P6 Girls, the Club was 4th Team. In P6 Boys, Matthew Galloway was 1st, and Samuel Galloway was 4th. The Team was 1st. In P7 Boys, the Team was 1st. The girls' team were 2nd in S1 Girls. Mark Haley won S1 Boys, and the Team also won. Stephen Haley was 3rd in S5 Boys, and the team was 1st.
 - Thanks to the efforts of the leaders, many more members were joining the Club, including some parents.
- Ann, as de-facto Junior Coordinator, recommended that the Club membership form be amended to remove the reference to a 50% discount for newly-joining Juniors. She felt, and the Meeting agreed, that £1 was not too much to pay for Juniors, especially compared with some other sports clubs where the fees could be £20 or more. She also suggested that the recommendation to join as a BOF Local member receive more prominence on the form.

John mentioned that Ann had agreed to coordinate entries for this year's Jamie Stevenson Trophy on 14 September, to be staged at St. Magdalene Hill, Perth. He wondered whether the Club should pay the entry fees once again - the Meeting agreed with this.

- Emily mentioned that she was in the process of compiling the next Newsletter. She was hoping to include a report from Jane Ackland on the opening of the Braidburn Park Permanent Course on 11 June.

7 Election of Office Bearers

Paul summarised the situation regarding who was prepared to continue in office, and those wishing to stand down. 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	Colin Eades	Paul Caban
b) Chairman	Ken Daly	Paul Caban	Colin Eades
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ann Haley	Ken Daly
d) Treasurer	Pat Bartlett	Ken Daly	Lorna Eades
e) Social Secretary	Lorna Eades	Mark Haley	Chris Shaw
f) Newsletter Editor	Emily Seaman	Ken Daly	Stephen Haley
g) Club Captain	Anthony Squire	Paul Caban	John Barrow
h) Junior Member	Stephen Haley	Lorna Eades	Paul Caban
i) Ordinary Member	Colin Eades	Emily Seaman	Ken Daly
j) Area Representative	(one of the above)		

John pointed out that, since he was currently ESOA Chairman, he could continue to act as Area Representative. The Meeting agreed.

Dave Godfree was not prepared to continue as the Club's Mapping Representative.

Ann agreed to continue to coordinate Junior activities.

8 Any Other Business

- Paul raised the subject of the current holders of non-elected posts. Until now, Dave Godfree had acted as Mapping Representative, and as Webmaster. However, in view of his current personal situation, he was not really in a position to pursue the latter actively (other than to post items on the website as requested). It was felt, therefore, that the Club should actively seek a replacement for this position. Graham McIntyre had volunteered to take on either position and, in view of the importance attached to maintaining an up-to-date vibrant web site, it was proposed to ask him to take on the post of Webmaster.
 - Ann asked if there was any known mechanism for bringing the work of certain individuals within the sport to the attention of a wider population through some sort of award system. She mentioned in particular Robin and Sheila Strain, and Blair and Lorna Young, all of whom had contributed greatly to orienteering over the years in various capacities. Paul offered to write formally to the SOA to try to carry this forward.
 - On behalf of the Club, Ken thanked Paul for his many years of excellent service. He explained that, in addition to being a strong chairman, Paul encouraged new volunteers, contributed volumes to the club newsletter, stored the club equipment, co-planned our day at the Spey 6-Day Event, was a key Interløpers contributor to the British Champs, organiser for the Scottish Champs, organiser for Dalkeith C4, organiser for Calder Wood C4, organiser / planner of numerous CATIs and much more. As if that was not enough, Paul is the Scottish Fixtures Secretary, ESOA Fixtures Representative, helped at the World Schools Championships and assisted other clubs especially Tinto with their events. Ken added that he had only tried to recall the last two years and knew Paul had contributed far more than mentioned. Paul's contribution was second to none and continues. Thank you Paul.
- John added that, as well as all the activities that Ken had mentioned, Paul was also entries supremo for Moray 2003, and had also served the Club as Treasurer for some years before becoming Chairman (albeit with a break of a year).
- Ken made the observation that, in recent years, it seemed to him that the main focus of the Club had shifted somewhat from being principally one of mainly elite orienteers to its position today as more of a family-focussed Club. Although this in itself was no bad thing, he felt that some efforts to restore the Club's position as an elite force could be made. He also felt that the Club should organise more events in summer to create a full season and development pathway for new recruits.
 - John offered the thanks of the Meeting to Ben for his work as Treasurer over the years.