

# **THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held in the Curle Room at the Kings Buildings House, University of Edinburgh,  
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 18 June 2009

## **1 Present**

Graeme Ackland, James Ackland, Jane Ackland, John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Ann Haley, Mark Haley, Ray Heyworth, Rachel Kirkland, Graeme Ross, Pat Squire, Andreas Wilhelm (15)

Apologies for absence were received from the Tim Barrow, Paul Caban, Karen Dobbie, Jonny Gallier, Stephen Haley, Rob Lee, Hilary Quick and Anthony Squire

Ken welcomed everyone to the Meeting, in particular Andreas Wilhelm attending his first such occasion.

## **2 Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting**

### **2.1 Adoption**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 June 2008 were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings. Proposer Colin Eades, Seconder Ann Haley.

### **2.2 Matters Arising**

Paul Caban had written to the SOA regarding the possibility of some form of recognition for the work that the Strains and the Youngs had carried out over many years. He had had no reply. However, Hilary Quick, although she had not seen Paul's letter, responded after reading the Minutes to the effect that Robin Strain had been awarded the SOA President's Medal a couple of years ago. She also understood that there were some BOF Awards to which such members were entitled. Ann mentioned that she remembered that the Youngs had received some BOF recognition a few years ago, and that they were also about to receive a BOF Service Award. Pat mentioned that he felt that Terry O'Brien would also merit some form of similar award for his work.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minutes.

## **3 Chairman's Report**

Ken presented his Report for the Year.

At the beginning of the year I explained some of my intentions for the Club, namely:

1. to develop Interløpers elite status, whilst maintaining our family friendly strength;
2. to promote and contribute to a full season of local events that support recruitment, development and retention of members;
3. to develop the marketing of Interløpers;
4. to introduce regular training sessions.

We have made the following progress on these objectives, albeit that some of the achievements arose from routine work.

1. We have consulted local elite orienteers about what they want, worked closely with the University (e.g. Skittles evening) and I have plans to recruit an elite development officer. We have also hosted family friendly socials and weekends away.

2. We have developed the Street O series, hosted a CATI and opted to host local events next year, rather than a distant SOL.
3. We have created a new web site, converted the newsletter to colour (and gone electronic). We also have plans to add the Interlopers contact details to our maps.
4. Terrain training is now a regular session, except when we make space for the University Night O and our own Street O series.

I therefore believe we are making good progress on objectives 1, 2 and 3 and have achieved objective 4. However, I now want to develop a basic Business Plan to help the Club focus on priorities.

Interlopers have achieved far more than the objectives I raised at the beginning of the year: Paul created a new permanent orienteering course at Craigmillar. Ann achieved a huge amount with the Club juniors. Robin has been hosting orienteering for a local Cub Scout brigade. Graeme has been a leading light in the mapping of Edinburgh. Various people have contributed to the social programme (Colin, Lorna, Rob, Tricia, Graeme, Jane, etc.). And then there has been the routine work of the Club committee members and unelected post holders. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank everyone, including the volunteers that I have not mentioned in this report, for their marvellous contributions.

Volunteer effort can not be praised enough, so I was especially pleased when Stephen Haley won the BOF Junior Volunteer Award for his volunteer work and promotion of O with the Club, his school and scout groups.

Events are also a vital ingredient of orienteering and Interlopers hosted a significant number of major and minor events, including the SHI 2008 at Dalnamein, SOL 6 at Inshriach, a local event at Tullochgribben, a SoSOL at Normans Law, the Club Championships at Riccarton, a CATI at Craigmillar and are mid way through a Street O series of 6. All of these events were very successful. Interlopers have also made a huge contribution to the preparations for the imminent Scottish 6-Day Event. I believe we “bat above our weight”, so well done everyone.

On a competitive front, numerous Interlopers have also achieved. The Club won the Handicap Trophy at the 11-Person Relay and our juniors finished sixth in the Jamie Stevenson Trophy.

Christopher Galloway and Mark Haley ran for Scotland in the World Schools Championships; Scott Fraser won bronze at the World University Sprint Orienteering Championships, ran for GB in the World Championships and won gold in both the British Elite Sprint and Middle Distance Championships.

Alan Cherry, Ben Hartman, Lorna Eades, Scott Fraser, Anthony Squire and Ann Haley all ran in the Home Internationals. Alan and Ben also won their classes in the 2008 SOL series. Logan McIntyre, Ben Hartman and Graham McIntyre became 2008 SoSOL champions. James Ackland and Scott Fraser became ESOA Champions.

At the JK International Orienteering Festival Dave Godfree, Mary Ross and the W45 relay team of Helen Murray, Jane Ackland and Lorna Eades were all victorious.

At the Scottish Championships James Ackland and Fiona Weir won their classes.

Even more Interlopers made the podium and top ten at these and other events. Well done everyone.

Congratulations were also in order when Matthew Alexander Hartman was born on 12 February 2009.

## 4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2008

Pat introduced the Accounts and accompanying notes. He stressed that these were a draft version, pending proper audit by the newly appointed Auditor, Ben Bate of ESOC. The accounts showed a reasonably healthy surplus for the Year.

There was some discussion, with queries in particular on Event Income, Relays entry fees and Map Assets.

At present, following the Club convention that the values of assets are planned to depreciate to zero over a three-year period, there were no such assets. However, plans were afoot to extend the map of Norman's Law, and to upgrade the Dechmont Law map. In addition, the Club would be inheriting relatively new maps of Polkemmet and Gore Glen from Hugh Ilgunas and Scott Fraser respectively.

The Accounts were approved by the Meeting.

## 5 Membership Fees for 2010

Pat recommended that Club membership fees for 2010 should continue to remain unchanged, even though they had been the same for many years. His reasoning was that (unlike BOF or SOA) membership fees contributed a relatively small proportion of total income, so that any increase would not have a significant effect on the latter. The Meeting agreed with the recommendation, proposed by Ray and seconded by Pat.

## 6 Election of Office Bearers

Ken 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>Second</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ann Haley	Ray Heyworth
b) Chairman	Ken Daly	Pat Squire	Graeme Ackland
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Lorna Eades	Jane Ackland
d) Treasurer	Pat Bartlett	Colin Eades	Graeme Ackland
e) Social Secretary	Lorna Eades	Pat Squire	Mark Haley
f) Newsletter Editor	Emily Seaman	Colin Eades	Rachel Kirkland
g) Club Captain	Anthony Squire	Graeme Ackland	Mark Haley
h) Junior Member	Mark Haley	James Ackland	John Barrow
i) Ordinary Member	Colin Eades	Ann Haley	Ken Daly
i) Ordinary Member	Rachel Kirkland	Pat Squire	Ann Haley
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.

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

Ann agreed to continue to coordinate Junior activities.

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

Paul had indicated that he would continue to be responsible for the Club's equipment.

Ben Bate (ESOC) had agreed to act as Auditor of the Club's accounts.

Ken expressed the thanks of the Club to Stephen, who was standing down as Junior Member.

## 7 Other Reports

Ken asked if there were any other relevant Reports to be presented.

- On Stephen's behalf, Mark presented a Junior Report.

There have been many Junior training sessions throughout the year with lots of attendance from Interlopers kids.

- Inter Area October 2008  
Held in Inshriach north and south  
Large attendance by kids from all over Scotland.
- World Schools  
Selection race September 2008  
5 members of INT competed: Lyndsey Cackette, Euan Geddes, Cameron Winterburn, Mark Haley, Christopher Galloway.  
Mark and Chris were selected for the H2 Select team.
- The World Schools Championship was held in Madrid in April. It was a fantastic experience. See article in INT newsletter. There is an article and map in the BOF magazine Focus.
- Robin and Lucy Galloway ran lots of training sessions for newcomers in preparation for the Scottish Schools and for general enjoyment.
- Nights have been organised for explorer scouts, scouts, cubs and beavers.
- Scottish Schools a couple of weeks ago:
  - \* 21 from Buckstone (8 x INT members)
  - \* 11 from Firrhill (9 x INT)
  - \* 1 from Watsons (1 x INT)
  - \* 3 Primary team medals
  - \* 3 secondary team medals (Including the S6 boys who won the team trophy for their year for the 5th time)

\* 3x individual titles: Iain Cackette S5/6 boys, Christopher Galloway S2 boys, Michael Addison S1 boys.

- Inter Area this year  
Relay: Matthew and Christopher Galloway had the fastest splits on the Yellow and Orange courses  
East came second.
- Scottish Championships  
James Ackland 1st M10A  
Matthew Galloway 1st Orange.
- Good luck to the Jamie Stevenson team (9 juniors taking part).

Stephen (and Mark) Haley

- Ken mentioned that Graham, as Webmaster, was now able to access the web site seven days a week, instead of just five.
- He also pointed out that it was not intended that either Graham or Emily write the entire content of the website or Newsletter respectively. They both relied on submissions from members.
- Ken expressed the hope that some members could be found to take on the rôles of Elite Development, Welfare Officer, Marketing and Events Coordinator.

## 8 Any Other Business

- Ray wondered how many qualified Controllers there were in the Club. It seemed that there were at least 6 Level 3 Controllers and 2 Level 2.
- Ann wanted to say a big thank-you to all members who took on responsibility as major officials at events.
- The question of Coaching was discussed. BOF had indicated that there were five qualified Coaches in the Club at 18 November 2008, at various levels, but none had a current First Aid certificate. The problem was that these courses were held fairly intermittently, and often at an inconvenient time; however, the Club had indicated that it was prepared to subsidise attendance at such courses. It was suggested that it might be more practical if the Club's members joined with Coaches in ESOC to encourage the holding of such courses more locally. The Committee knew of 3 members who currently held valid First Aid certificates, but it believed that none of them was a qualified Coach.
- Graeme Ackland mentioned that there was a possibility that the Scottish Sprint Championships would be staged by the Club in 2010. Ken confirmed this, and then expanded the topic into listing future events which the Club would be involved with; these were:

2009 6-Day day 6	8 August	Loch Ordie, several members as Major Officials
SOA 2009 Score Championships	22 November	Planner Keith Dawson, Organiser Pat Squire
New Year event	date t.b.c.	Ken Daly
SOA Sprint Championships	pm 6 March	afternoon before BOF Nights at Bonaly
2 x Local events in 2010		including SoSOL
2 x CATI events		in ESOA Saturday Series
another Street-O Series	Spring 2010	
SOA Relay Championships	2011	venue t.b.d.

- Rachel asked about the Club involvement at this year's 6-Day Event. Jackie Riley (STAG) was the Day 6 Coordinator, and Rob Bloor had offered to act as Club Liaison with her. Ken had approached LOC for possible assistance, but they had now been stood down because it was believed that Interlopers and the three other Clubs involved should have just enough people in attendance to cover the jobs. All Interlopers were therefore encouraged to help. (The other Clubs helping on Day 6 were TINTO, STAG and EUOC).
- Ray asked if it were necessary to charge a Junior membership fee. The matter was debated. Ken suggested that it might be wise to continue with a small fee to ensure that a contractual link existed, which may in turn strengthen the link for BOF Event Insurance cover. It was also suggested that a small sum often helped cement people's commitment.
- Ann asked about registering Junior training events, in the light of changes to BOF procedures. Ken replied that it was probably now more appropriate that such events be classed as Activities, although it would be a good idea to seek Paul's advice on this issue.