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## FORTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the David Balfour Suite at The Charwood Restaurant and Grill, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh,  
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016

### 1 Present

John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Pippa Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Mairi Eades, Robin Galloway, Katherine Ivory, Rachel Kirkland, Rob Lee, Graham McIntyre, Mary Ross, Pat Squire (15).

Apologies for absence were received from the Ackland family, Paul Caban, Lorna and Fiona Eades, Ann Haley, and Barry Owen.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

### 2 Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting

#### 2.1 Adoption

Pippa Carcas pointed out that the postcode for Max Carcas on the letterhead for the Minutes was wrong; instead of "EH10", it should read "EH9".

With this correction, the Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings. Proposer Colin Eades, Seconder Jane Carcas.

#### 2.2 Matters Arising

None.

### 3 Chairman's Report

Max presented a brief verbal report of Club activities during the year.

He began by describing a trip he had made to Norway with Alex, and they had visited the SK Halden club, and had stayed at their club hut in the forest north of Oslo. He remarked on the opulence of the facilities there. He noted, though, that orienteering has a far higher profile in Norway, and that they have been practising the sport for many decades.

He mentioned that, at last year's AGM, in the absence of a Chairman, several individual Reports had been presented. This year, he gave brief summary of what the Club had achieved. He thanked the many members who had officiated at the plethora of events, and all the other volunteers.

He drew attention to Pat Squire's Events Report, which would be published as an Addendum to the Minutes of this Meeting. He made specific mention of Ken Daly's efforts in setting up the Permanent Courses in West Lothian. He

also thanked Pat Squire for his work as Events Coordinator, and Pat Bartlett for managing the Club's finances so expertly.

He felt that efforts should be devoted to encouraging more participation in the sport in schools. He also suggested that the Club should undertake more mapping projects.

He referred to the weekly programme of training runs on Thursdays which was continuing, and was advertised on the website.

Graham McIntyre made a mention of the significant input which many Club members made to the success of the World Championships in Inverness in August 2015.

## 4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2016

Pat Bartlett introduced the Accounts and accompanying Notes. He mentioned that they were still subject to Audit.

In considering the Income/Expenditure Account, it was clear that the lack of major events contributed to the overall Deficit for the Year. (In contrast, he expected there to be a significant surplus for 2016/17, because of the SOUL/SOL events in April.)

Pat invited questions from the floor on either the Income/Expenditure Account or the Balance Sheet.

Rob Lee asked about the significant figure for Debtors. This was largely explained by an account for the toilets provided for the SOL at Culteuchar which was paid in 2015/16, although the event took place in 2016/17.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Max Carcas, and seconded by Rachel Kirkland.

## 5 Membership Fees for 2017

Pat Bartlett recommended that there be no change in membership fees for 2017, and this was accepted by the Meeting.

## 6 Amendment to the Constitution

The proposal was to remove the following lines from Clause 9, Voting Rights:

“each Family Membership: 2 votes  
(These two votes shall not be cast by the same person.)”

As background to this, John explained that such voting rights were now superfluous, given the removal of a separate Family membership at both BOF and SOA level since January 2014. Henceforth, all members of a Family would each have 1 vote.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

## 7 Election of Office Bearers

It was agreed that the position of Honorary President would continue to be held by Carol McNeill, without the need for a formal vote.

The full list of Elections was as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
a) Chairman	Max Carcas	Ken Daly	Rachel Kirkland
b) Secretary	John Barrow	Jane Carcas	Pat Squire
c) Treasurer	Pat Bartlett	Rob Lee	Robin Galloway
d) Social Secretary	Jane Carcas	Rachel Kirkland	Colin Eades
e) Newsletter Editor	Mary Ross	Max Carcas	Jane Carcas
f) Club Captain	Rob Lee	Colin Eades	Pat Squire
g) Junior Member	Mairi Eades	Pippa Carcas	Ken Daly
h) Ordinary Member	Colin Eades	Pat Squire	Rob Lee
h) Ordinary Member	Ken Daly	Max Carcas	Robin Galloway
i) Area Representative	John Barrow	Colin Eades	David Eades

Although the table above indicates that Pat Bartlett was re-elected as Treasurer, he had indicated that, if a volunteer could be identified, he would be quite happy to stand down. Robin Galloway suggested that, if he could be given some time to consider the situation, he would be prepared to take over. For the mean time, however, Pat would continue in office.

Barry Owen had written to the Secretary, indicating that he was resigning as the Club's Child Protection Officer, citing a significantly reduced level of participation on his part in recent times. He would be happy to liaise with whoever took up the position in their dealings with Hilary Quick of the SOA. The Meeting wished to express its thanks to Barry for his commitment to the position since its inception in 2012.

It was suggested that an attempt to find Barry's successor be made by e-mailing the membership.

Ben Bate (ESOC) would be asked to continue to act as Auditor of the Club's accounts.

Pat Squire was prepared to continue as Events Coordinator.

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

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster. He felt, though, that some effort be made to renewing the photographs on the website, and that there was not enough pictorial content on the site. He also referred to the Club's Facebook page, although acknowledging that the link to it from the website Home page now pointed to Jane Carcas's Facebook entry. It was generally agreed that there should be more News articles on the site, in particular event reports.

Ken Daly would take on the position of overseer of the Club's Permanent Orienteering Courses, after a request from BOF for each club to nominate someone to assume that responsibility.

## 8 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

John made the following remarks.

"I seem to remember that my candidate for the Award of the Gullane Rock for 2016 was introduced to orienteering in the dim and distant past by Graeme Ackland. He quickly became part of the Club infrastructure, serving as Treasurer for three years from 1998, and then as Chairman of the Committee for four years from 2005.

He was SOA Fixtures Secretary for many years, and briefly took over that role at BOF.

He has been heavily involved in putting on Local Events and, as a qualified Level C BOF Controller, has officiated at 6-Days, SOLs, and SoSOLs, either as Planner, Organiser, or Controller. He is remembered as the originator of that well-known Interlopers expression "it'll be fine".

He has also performed an invaluable Club function for many years, allowing his house and shed to be used as the Club's equipment store.

Unfortunately, he couldn't be with us this evening. Nevertheless, I'm sure that you will all agree with me that the award of the Gullane Rock for 2016 to Paul Caban is thoroughly merited."

## 9 Any Other Business

- Max mentioned that we still had a free T-shirt presented by Illegal Jack's at the time of Race The Castles in October 2014. He suggested that this be presented to Paul as an addition to the Gullane Rock. John would present the Rock and the T-shirt to Paul in due course.

Max also mentioned that there was an outstanding offer from Illegal Jack's for 14 club members to have a free meal there. It was noted that the restaurant had since moved to premises in St. Patrick's Square.

- Rob Lee presented a brief summary of outstanding performances by Club members during the year.

He mentioned first the Club's success in qualifying for the Final of the 2016 CompassSport Trophy, to be held at Tankersley, near Barnsley, on 16 October.

There had been some good representation at this year's Relay events. Six teams had been entered for the JK, and the M18 team of Freddie Carcas, James Ackland, and Alex Carcas were victorious. Team Eades were 5th in the Mixed Ad Hoc class. Six teams also participated at the SOA Relays at the end of May. A report on that event appeared on the website.

He also mentioned the Club's representation at last year's WOC in Inverness, in the persons of Scott Fraser, Hector Haines, and Murray Strain.

Finally, the Club would be represented at this year's Jukola Relays in Finland on 18-19 June.

- Colin observed that, at recent event prize-givings, it was noticeable that other clubs' prize-winners had been sporting their club tops, whereas at present Interløpers had no such attire. He urged the new Committee to give some thought to acquiring a suitable outfit.

Pat Bartlett also pointed out that the current stock of Club O-tops was very low, and consisted only of small sizes.

The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 13 June 2016