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FORTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Balfour Suite at The Charwood Restaurant and Grill, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh,
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 22 June 2017

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, James Ackland, John Barrow, Pat Bartlett, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Martin Hyman, Rachel Kirkland, Rob Lee, Graham McIntyre, Pat Squire, Murray Strain, Claire Ward (17).

Apologies for absence were received from Jane Ackland, Paul Caban, Alex, Freddie and Pippa Carcas, Andrew Dagleish, Ken Daly, Karen Dobbie, Fiona and Mairi Eades, Lucy Galloway, Assunta Hendrie, the Ivory family, and Mary Ross.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

2.1 Adoption

The Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings. Proposer Robin Galloway, Seconder Max Carcas.

2.2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chairman's Report

Max unashamedly admitted to basing his Report on Pat Squire's Events Report, which had been circulated around the Club a few days earlier. (A paper version of Pat's Report will be archived, along with these Minutes.)

Max mentioned that he had carried out an analysis of participants at SOA Individual Championships over the past five years, and had noted a significant steady increase in numbers over the period.

He reminded the Meeting of the Club's status as joint Lead Club with MAROC for this year's 6-Days Event on Deeside. In addition to more general duties, the Club had responsibility for Marketing, Merchandising, and Entries. He noted that, at this stage, entry numbers were slightly down on the 2015 figure.

Other activities which had been well received included social events, which would be culminating this year in a BBQ at the 6-Days.

Other points of note were the variety of participants at Local Events, the girls team from Heriot's School which took part at the World Schools Championships in Sicily, and other Club members who had achieved success in representative international teams.

A highlight of the year was the triumph in the CompassSport Trophy in October at Tankersley in Yorkshire. Thanks were due to Rob Lee for coordinating all the teams for the various Relays during the year. Max noted that we had a good result in the Scottish Heat of the 2017 CompassSport Trophy, and it was hoped that a well-selected team would be able to take part in the Final in South Devon in October.

Finally, Max expressed his thanks to all the Committee, especially John, for all their efforts during the year.

4 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2017

Robin introduced the Accounts and accompanying Notes, and drew attention to some of the more salient points. He mentioned that the Accounts were still subject to Audit.

He mentioned the "Awards for All" grant of £3400 which Graeme Ackland had negotiated, which would be used for mapping and event costs for the SOA Relays.

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

Martin Hyman wondered if the Club would be able to subsidise members attending the CompassSport Trophy Final. This question would be considered by the Committee.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Graeme Ackland, and seconded by Pat Squire.

5 Membership Fees for 2018

John explained that the inclusion of this Item in the Agenda was for largely historical reasons. The Club affiliation fees had remained at £5 for a Senior, and £1 for a Junior, for many years. Even the abolition of the Family category of membership in 2014 had had no discernible effect on the level of income. Robin pointed out that the contribution of affiliation fees to the overall financial health of the Club was fairly insignificant, and consequently there was no need to contemplate any increase in these fees. The Meeting concurred.

Ann Haley asked about the issue of Gift Aid on SOA subscriptions. John explained that, several years ago, the SOA had become a Registered Charity, and therefore became qualified to claim Gift Aid on subscriptions. The intention would be to pass on to Clubs any refund from Gift Aid claims. John had circulated the Club at the time, asking members to complete claim forms, but the take-up had been quite low that he hadn't taken it any further. The issue had re-surfaced at the start of this year, when the SOA made available an on-line claim form, and invited members to submit claims. This was reinforced when a refund of £14 was sent to the Club, and it turned out that this represented claims on behalf of two members over a four-year period - the conclusion reached was that these two members were Ian and Jane McIntyre, since Ian was currently SOA Treasurer. In the light of this, John completed on-line claims on behalf of all members who had submitted claims back in 2013. At a recent Committee Meeting, it had been agreed that John would re-circulate the Club, inviting members to submit claims via the SOA on-line form.

6 Election of Office Bearers

The full list of Elections was as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
a) Hon. President	Carol McNeill	Ann Haley	Jane Carcas
b) Chairman	Max Carcas	Colin Eades	Pat Squire
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Ann Haley	Jane Carcas
d) Treasurer	Robin Galloway	Max Carcas	Jane Carcas
e) Social Secretary	Jane Carcas	Robin Galloway	Lorna Eades
f) Newsletter Editor	Graeme Ackland	Jane Carcas	Max Carcas
g) Club Captain	Rob Lee	Ann Haley	Colin Eades
h) Junior Member	Mairi Eades	Jane Carcas	Ann Haley
i) Ordinary Member	Colin Eades	Claire Ward	Pat Squire
j) Ordinary Member	Ken Daly	Colin Eades	Graham McIntyre
k) Area Representative	John Barrow		

John pointed out that, because he was current ESOA Chairman, he would be happy to continue to represent the Club on that Committee.

As was mentioned in the Minutes of last year's AGM, Pat Bartlett had indicated that he would be happy to stand down if a willing replacement were found. This duly happened, and Robin Galloway assumed the position in August 2016.

Max offered profuse thanks to Mary Ross, who was stepping down as Newsletter Editor, for continuing the fine tradition of attractive, informative Club Newsletters.

He also informed the Meeting that Lucy Galloway had offered to become the Club's Child Protection Officer (CCPO). In this connection, Martin Hyman suggested that, in the event of any issue requiring the involvement of the CCPO, it might be worth considering that the Policy be modified to allow for a CCPO of each sex to be appointed.

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.

7 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

John made the following remarks.

"My nominee for the Award of the Gullane Rock for 2017 came to Interløpers by way of JOK, a club formed at Jesus College, Oxford, in the 1980s. He made such an impact on arrival that he served two spells as Chairman of our Committee in the 1990s.

He quickly established himself as an expert Planner and Organiser, taking on countless local events, and many other events of higher status. He became qualified as a Grade 1 Controller, and consequently has since been in great demand. He has also served as the SOA Competitions Convenor.

He has competed at a very high level, and at one stage was able to claim that he was Britain's best orienteer, if alphabetical order of surname were taken into account. He continues to run up several classes, with some degree of success.

In the last few years, he has taken on the mantle of organising our Summer series of SprINTelope urban events, which have met with great acclaim. He also recently coordinated the Scottish Championships Weekend.

It can therefore be no surprise to you all that my nominee for this year's Award of the Gullane Rock is Graeme Ackland."

A photograph of the presentation ceremony was taken after the Meeting for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

8 Any Other Business

- It was noted that BOF had suffered a significant cut in funding from Sport England, and in particular needed additional support for sending a team to WOC in Estonia in July. The ESOA had proposed making a donation from the expected surplus on the SOA Championships weekend, and this did materialise. The sum of £544 (representing £1 per Senior and 50p per Junior taking part in the Championships) was passed to the WOC appeal coordinator, who in due course let us know that this donation had taken them over their target of £6000.
- Graeme Ackland expressed concern over the comparative lack of numbers of Club members in BOF teams, and wondered if there could be some means of supporting members financially. It was suggested that a policy to help potential internationals be developed.
- Ann Haley wondered if there were some way of recognising the contribution of Robin and Sheila Strain to Orienteering, perhaps by way of a BOF Award (such as the annual Silva Award). It was recognised, of course, that the initiative for such an award should ideally come from within ELO.
- There was some discussion over which day to hold the Club BBQ at the 6-Days.
- Ann also mentioned the lack of any course at the SOA Relays in recent years at a TD of anything other than 5. She felt that the Guidelines for the event ought to reflect Juniors' ability, and should offer a course of TD4, such as an Ad Hoc course. This issue really needed to be referred to the SOA Competitions Convenor (although this post was currently vacant).

Max thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 28 June 2017