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FORTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on-line via Zoom, at 8:30pm on Thursday 24 September 2020

1 Present

Graeme Ackland, Jane Ackland, John Barrow, Madara Brice, Paul Caban, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Colin Eades, Lorna Eades, Fiona Eades, Mairi Eades, Lucy Galloway, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, William Ivory, Rob Lee, Ali Masson, Graham McIntyre, Pat Squire (21).

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hyman.

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Presentation by Ali Masson

Ali gave a short talk on his Munro-bagging adventure in August, when he and Sacha Chepelin set out, with several friends, to try to beat the record of 30 Munros climbed in the space of 24 hours. Their start/finish point was the Linn of Dee, near Braemar, and their route traced an anti-clockwise loop starting out to the NW, continuing round via Ben Macdui, and back to the A93 just N of its summit, and making their way back via Lochnagar. They succeeded in their endeavour, climbing 32 Munros in 23h 15m.

After such an inspiring talk, there were several pertinent questions.

3 Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

3.1 Adoption

The Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were accepted as a fair record of the proceedings.

3.2 Matters Arising

John would provide a resumé of Carol McNeill at the start of the Election of Office Bearers.

4 Chairman's Report

Max gave his Report in the form of a Powerpoint presentation. There follows a summary.

He began by reviewing the events held during the Year. These included the JOK Chasing Sprint, 3 SprINTelopes, Local Events at Dechmont Law and Braidburn Valley Park, a Freshers Sprintelope for EUOC, and a very successful

SOL at Drummond Hill in September. The final non-virtual event of the Year was the Local Event at Craigmillar in March, notable for the success of the Chairman in winning the Green course.

Since the introduction of the lockdown in March to try to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a lot of work was undertaken, particularly by the Ivory family, in setting up many virtual orienteering courses using MapRun.

A highly constructive Strategy Day took place in December. After an address by Richard Oxlade, the SOA President, those present were split into several small groups, and asked to come up with brainstormed ideas for carrying the Club forwards. Themes for consideration were well summed up by Pat Squire, as follows:

- “What is the main objective of the Club?”
- Is it, at the most basic, simply a vehicle for orienteers to pursue their activity?
- Is it to contribute to the sport of orienteering by organising events and creating maps?
- Is it to develop talent?
- Is it a combination of some or all of these plus other objectives not mentioned?

The result was a large collection of Post-It notes. Max felt that two in particular stood out; one said “Win stuff”, and the other “Having fun”. He felt that there was ample material from which he could derive a set of recommendations for progress.

He then mentioned various social activities which took place during the Year. There had been the party on St. Andrews Day, a Club run, and several on-line quizzes.

He singled out Ken Daly for his efforts in coordinating the Local Events, particularly in West Lothian. As well, William Ivory was thanked for taking over as Events Coordinator, and for his initiative in producing the weekly “INTeresting” e-mails.

As for Marketing, Max felt that a new role should be considered, to coordinate all aspects of Publicity, including Facebook, Twitter, and the website.

He concluded by thanking the outgoing Committee for their efforts during the Year.

5 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2020

Robin introduced the Accounts for 2019/20, which had already been fully audited. He described some of the major aspects of both the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account, making reference to the accompanying Notes. The Accounts were felt to be in a satisfactory state.

Robin mentioned that, after the end of the FY, a significant sum was siphoned off the main account, and placed in an interest-bearing Investment Account.

6 Election of Office Bearers

As suggested at the last AGM, John had put together a short piece describing the influence that Carol McNeill had on the formation and early years of the Club. He said:

“At the start of the 1970s when suggestions had been made to establish an O-club in Edinburgh, separately from ESOC, and with the intention of maintaining a connection with EUOC, Carol was instrumental in setting up Interlopers (in conjunction with myself, Robin Sloan, Hew Fraser, Liz Mills, and others). At the time, she was a Lecturer at the Department of P.E. in Pleasance (the predecessor to the Centre for Sport and Exercise), along with Liz. She published the first Club Newsletter in 1972. She remained a strong force within the Club for 9 years, organising trips, encouraging Juniors, and helping to put on competitions. She was also a fine Elite competitor, with possibly her finest result being 7th in the World Champs in Finland in 1979. By then, she was working at what was Dunfermline College of P.E. at Cramond, which later became Moray House (subsequently subsumed within the U. of E.). She continued to be a stalwart of the Club until her departure from Edinburgh in 1981. She was elected to the position of Honorary Club President at the AGM in 1983. She now lives in Ulverston in the Lakes, and has written several books on orienteering.”

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	Ken Daly	Max Carcas
b) Chairman	Colin Eades	Jane Carcas	Max Carcas
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Colin Eades	Jane Carcas
d) Treasurer	Robin Galloway	Ken Daly	William Ivory
e) Social Secretary	Jane Carcas	William Ivory	Robin Galloway
f) Newsletter Editor	Katherine Ivory	Lorna Eades	Ken Daly
g) Club Captain	Rob Lee	Max Carcas	John Barrow
h) Junior Member	Angus Ivory	Max Carcas	Jane Carcas
i) Ordinary Member	William Ivory	Ken Daly	Robin Galloway
j) Ordinary Member	Ali Masson	Ken Daly	Robin Galloway
k) Area Representative	John Barrow	Jane Carcas	Max Carcas

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

One of the recommendations from SportScotland, via the SOA, to try to control the COVID-19 pandemic was that all Clubs should appoint a COVID-19 Officer. For the present, Katherine Ivory would fulfil this role.

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

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

John offered a short Vote of Thanks to Max, who was stepping down after five years, for his leadership of the Club.

7 Presentation of "Gullane Rock"

John made the following remarks.

"My nominee for this year's award first appeared in the Minutes of the 2010 AGM as an Apology for Absence. The main reason for his becoming involved in the Club seems to have been that his elder son showed great talent in the sport. This was quickly followed by the other offspring gaining great success. After the whole family became hooked, his rise to the top was meteoric and, after serving three years as Social Secretary, in 2015 he was elected Chairman of the Committee. During his time in office, he has shown much dynamism in fostering schools participation, as well as working with EUOC. He has also been keen on Club development, and organised last December's Strategy Meeting. Finally, and not least, he and Jane have always shown the Committee great hospitality in hosting Committee Meetings in their home. Thus my nominee for this year's Gullane Rock award is Max Carcas."

8 Any Other Business

- Lorna announced that a new batch of O-tops in Club colours had been ordered, and had now arrived. She would e-mail the Club with the details.
- Katherine reported that 70 people had signed up for the Mortonhall Local Event on 3 October.
- Paul mentioned that he would be taking part in the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday 4 October, and would welcome any Club member who would like to act as pacesetter, whether on foot or on a bike. His proposed route would take him from Buckstone to North Berwick.

Max thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 27 September 2020