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FORTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Balfour Suite at The Charwood Restaurant and Grill, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh,
at 7:00 pm on Thursday 21 June 2018

1 Present

John Barrow, Jane Carcas, Max Carcas, Ken Daly, Robin Galloway, Ann Haley, Katherine Ivory, Rob Lee, Graham McIntyre, Pat Squire (10).

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Ackland, James Ackland, Jane Ackland, Pat Bartlett, Paul Caban, Andrew Dalgleish, Karen Dobbie, the Eades Family, Martin Hyman, Rachel Kirkland (13).

Max welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 Minutes of 2017 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 Katherine Ivory, Seconder Max Carcas.

2.2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chairman's Report

Once again, Max based his Report on Pat Squire's Events Report, which had been previously circulated around the Club. (A paper version of Pat's Report will be archived, along with these Minutes.)

It had been a very busy year. In the Year since the 2017 AGM, the Club had put on 7 Local Events, 5 SprINTelopes, an INTrepid Weekend (a SOUL and a SOL), as well as having been joint Lead Club for the 2017 6-Days with MAROC. We also helped stage a happening on the Meadows for World Orienteering Day in May, and took part in a Sports evening at Firrhill H.S.. On a more local level, Ann had held two sessions for Cubs, and William and Katherine had helped out with both Scouts and Cubs. There had also been some training sessions at Heriot's School.

Club Teams participated in the Harvester Relay, the Big 5 O in South Africa (17 members), the Scottish Schools, Jukola/Venla (12 members, with 20000 other runners), and the usual big 3 UK Relays, the JK, British and Scottish. We also managed to win the CompassSport Trophy for the second year in a row, despite the Final taking place in deepest Devon.

Thanks to Katherine, we had secured a grant of £750 from Registers of Scotland, which would be used to further develop areas in West Lothian.

We have enhanced our social media presence, with an active Facebook page and a Twitter account, as well as a continuously updated website.

We have secured continued sponsorship from CompassPoint, despite a change in their management. This included a 10% discount on their stock for Club members.

Max himself attended an SOA Strategy meeting, which discussed various salient issues. These included the continuing load placed on volunteers, and the bid to stage the 2022 World Sprint-O Championships in Scotland, with possible ramifications including long-term embargos on popular locations around the city.

Finally, Max offered his grateful thanks to Pat for his sterling efforts in managing the Club's Events programme, to Ken for all his work on the Outreach programme in West Lothian, to Graeme for several splendid issues of the Newsletter, to John for his continuing work as Secretary, to Colin for planning the SOL and for his work on the 6-Days Committee, and to everyone else who had offered their services in a myriad of ways throughout the year.

His concluding remark was that all the activity that the Club engaged in should be fun.

4 Membership Fees for 2019

Even though, at last year's AGM, it was accepted that there was no need for any increase in membership fees in the current situation, it was felt that this item should remain on the Agenda. In the event that an increase might be contemplated in future years, this would need to be approved at an AGM.

However, it was agreed that there would be no necessity to increase the fees for next year.

5 Election of Office Bearers

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	Max Carcas	Ann Haley
b) Chairman	Max Carcas	Ken Daly	Rob Lee
c) Secretary	John Barrow	Jane Carcas	Graham McIntyre
d) Treasurer	Robin Galloway	Katherine Ivory	Max Carcas
e) Social Secretary	Jane Carcas	Ken Daly	Katherine Ivory
f) Newsletter Editor	Graeme Ackland	Rob Lee	Pat Squire
g) Club Captain	Rob Lee	Ann Haley	Jane Carcas
h) Junior Member	Mairi Eades	Jane Carcas	Ann Haley
i) Ordinary Member	Colin Eades	Rob Lee	Robin Galloway
j) Ordinary Member	Ken Daly	Pat Squire	Katherine Ivory
k) Area Representative	John Barrow		

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

Pat Squire had indicated that he would be happy to continue as Events Coordinator until the end of 2018. However, he would then prefer to stand down, and therefore the Club would then need to find a replacement. Since this was a co-opted post, there would be no need for election at an AGM.

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

Graham McIntyre was happy to stay as Webmaster.

6 Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 March 2018

(This Item was deferred from the usual place in the Agenda to allow Robin to arrive at the Meeting, and gather his thoughts.)

In introducing the Accounts for 2017/18, Robin mentioned that almost all activity was now handled digitally. All payments were made by direct bank transfer, and most pay-ins were received in the same way.

The new Auditor was Colin Baillie, a one-time Finance Director of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Robin observed that Colin was happy to work to the same Terms and Conditions, viz. a bottle of malt in return for his professional services.

An outstanding Action from last year was to arrange to write off any value associated with Club kit. He would be liaising with Lorna Eades to achieve this objective.

It was pointed out that Notes 6 and 7, referred to in the Income/Expenditure analysis, were actually missing from the paper accounts.

In response to a question, Robin explained that the Miscellaneous expenditure item consisted of leaflets, gripples, and SI replacements.

Regarding the Balance Sheet, an amount of £150 was still owed to the Heriot-Watt club (if it existed), as a legacy from an event held at Riccarton in 2016 (this would have been the Universities Sprint Championships, organised by Alison Campbell). It was suggested that an attempt be made to find out if the Heriot-Watt club did indeed exist.

There was also still a surplus of £560 on the Awards For All grant which Graeme Ackland had negotiated for the 2017 SOA Championships and the Sprintelope series. It was suggested that this surplus could continue to be used for current and future Sprintelopes.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Max Carcas, and seconded by Pat Squire. Robin was thanked for his presentation.

7 Presentation of “Gullane Rock”

John made the following remarks.

“My nominee for this years award of the “Gullane Rock” came to orienteering very early in her career. She clearly showed much promise, and was soon gaining representative places. This process reaped its reward in 1993, when she represented GB at the World Championships at West Point, USA. Six years later, she was part of the GB team which had great success in the WOC in Inverness. Rather unfortunately, her rise to the top was somewhat thwarted by the ever-present Yvette Baker, who won almost everything in sight over a period of a decade or so.

She continued to compete at the highest level, but also began to be involved in coaching, an area in which she is prominent to this day. She is a Level 2 Coach, and a Grade B Event Organiser. She has put on countless sessions for school children and Juniors, as well as for the “Lady” members of the Club.

In 1992, she married David (Colin?), and thus began the “dream team”, being responsible for much behind-the-scenes activity in supporting the sport.

Her success and enthusiasm has clearly helped to inspire their two daughters, Mairi and Fiona, who themselves are showing great promise, and are already on the verge of representative honours.

Thus I am sure it is no surprise to you that my nominee for the award of the Gullane Rock for 2018 is Lorna Eades.”

8 Any Other Business

- At a recent ESOA meeting, there had been some discussion over whether Club Coaches had extant First Aid qualifications, given that these needed to be renewed every three years. Janet Clark of ESOC had made some enquiries about the availability of refresher courses, and it was hoped that Club Members would be able to take advantage of any courses designed to renew their qualifications.
- Max issued an invitation to one and all to come to his 50th “birthday” party the following evening at 5 Strathearn Road, from 6pm onwards.

Max thanked all who attended for their contributions.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

John Barrow (Hon. Secretary) – 18 July 2018