

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Scottish Orienteering Association, held at Blair Atholl Village Hall, Sunday 23 September 2012 at 15:00.

Present: Roger Scrutton (ESOC), Ian and Jane McIntyre (INT), Andy Paterson (CLYDE), Colin Matheson (FVO), Hilary Quick (BASOC), Marion MacCormick (BASOC), Simon Firth (ESOC), Val and Ted Finch (FVO), Bill and Kath Melville (TAY), Phil Smithard (KFO), Anne and Rob Hickling (GRAMP), Paul Frost (ECKO), Ian and Eleanor Pyrah (ESOC), John Emeleus (KFO), Terry Johnson (ESOC).

Apologies received from Dave and Jane McQuillen; Kate Robertson; Donald and Oonagh Grassie, Lynne Walker, Mike Rodgers, Robin and Sheila Strain.

Proposal 1. Membership Fees and Levies for 2013

SOA President Roger Scrutton reminded attendees that current membership fees were £9 Senior, £3 Junior and £14 Family. Proposed fees were £7 Senior and £0 Junior as an incentive for Juniors to join (they still have to pay a BOF fee) and to ensure no increase in costs for families. The fees may have to change, especially if the new BOF model does not work. SOA might lose out marginally, the income dropping by up to £1,000, depending on how members rejoin or join for 2013. The first-free-year-of-membership scheme is discontinued.

In response to questions, we do not believe we have to meet any particular target for membership income, although we do have a target from sportscotland for membership numbers. Group Membership is unchanged, though it is not believed we have any Group members. The SOA can recognise groups even if BOF does not, but they would have no voting rights.

The vote (on show of hands) in favour of the motion was unanimous, as were 11 Proxy Votes received.

Proposal 2. Changes to Articles and Bye-Laws

The Articles were the new format adopted at the AGM. Changes were necessary because of the new membership categories (Senior and Junior). It had been pointed out that there was an Honorary Membership category with no voting rights. If this is to be changed it will be held over to the next AGM. Group Members are covered in the Bye-laws.

There was a unanimous vote for changing Articles (and Byelaws) and 11 Proxy Votes were all in favour.

Attendees enjoyed tea, coffee, jammy dodgers and lashings of ginger beer