

## **Minutes from SOA AGM held 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Thornhill Community Centre**

**Introduction** The Meeting was not quorate and will be reconvened at a later date before 30 June and with 21 days' notice. Previous minutes could not be approved or Elections carried out but it was decided the Meeting should progress for other business.

**Present** Roger Scrutton, Ian McIntyre, Colin Matheson (Minutes), Bill Melville, Katherine Melville, Rob Hickling, Anne Hickling, Marsela Macleod, Jess Tullie, James Tullie, Margaret Dalgleish, Les Dalgleish, Andy Paterson

**In Attendance** Malcolm Dingwall-Smith, **sportscotland**

**Apologies** Claire MacPherson, Andrew MacPherson, Mel Perry, Teresa Perry, Sally Lindsay, Hilary Quick, John Colls, Robin Strain, Sheila Strain, Dave McQuillen, Jane McQuillen, Terry O'Brien, Dave Kershaw, Lynne Walker, Paul Frost, Simon Firth, Mike Rodgers, Kate Robertson, Ali Robertson, Kirsteen Kershaw, Mary Williams, Phil Smithard, Donald Grassie, Oonagh Grassie, Ian Pyrah, Eleanor Pyrah.

### **Annual Reports**

**President's Report** Roger highlighted the input from previous President Donald Grassie and the work of the current Board and Professional Staff. Kate Robertson had stood down as Secretary and her work over the years was well appreciated. Terry O'Brien had agreed to stand again as Operations Director after 3 years. It was felt that BOF was getting its act together in recognising home nations. Special thanks to Malcolm Dingwall-Smith for all his help and support over the past few years.

The President's Medal was awarded to Anne Hickling.

### **Reports from Directors**

**Operations** In addition to published reports Rob Hickling described how there had been no Grade B Controllers Course but this will be held with the Tinto Twin weekend in October. A Grade C course will be held in conjunction with the Activities weekend. Fraser Purves was upgraded to Level B and Rob Hickling was now one of four IOF Event Advisors in Scotland. Scotland was well served by Controllers (nearly 100) but there are some concerns over the age profile.

In the Veteran Home Internationals a full team went to Northern Ireland but was 2<sup>nd</sup> to England. Claire Ward ran for us and easily beat the competition. The VHIs this year are in Sheringham (October) with team selection due soon.

**Development** Bill Melville is keeping a watching brief on development and various initiatives are ongoing. There is a concentration on effort for 2015.

**Performance** Credit to SEDS (especially the work of James and Jess Tullie) and ScotJos was made by Marsela Macleod.

**Partnership** The work done by Claire MacPherson, especially advice on our Charitable Status, was praised by Roger Scrutton.

**Marketing** Andy Paterson thanked Paul Frost for his help on the website and Doug Tullie for the work he had done on SCORE. Andy named the three Patrons for the SOA and gave a brief synopsis:

Cameron McNeish  
Karen Darke  
Jamie Stevenson

Brian Ward had agreed to look after social media.

**Professional Officer** This has been a busy year, including a successful JK (technically and financially) plus all the work going towards Moray 2013 and events in 2015.

**Treasurer** Ian McIntyre was able to report a profit rather than a loss, due to three main factors: A better than expected JK, RDOs taking up appointments later than planned and a shortfall in take up of development funds. There is expected to be around £20,000 available over the next two and a half years and it was suggested that club committees and others look at how this money could be spent.

**Scottish Orienteering Six Day Event Co Ltd Report** Anne Hickling described the work involved for 2015, and was looking for BOF to become more involved in the Partnership. She announced that the Scottish 6 Days Orienteering 2017 would be held in Royal Deeside, with MAROC and Interlopers the Central Organising clubs. Jon Musgrave has agreed to act as Event Coordinator.

**Election of the Board of Directors** These positions would be confirmed at the reconvened AGM. Proxy votes would be re-advertised.

Colin Matheson  
Professional Officer  
29 May 2013 (amended 11 June)