



## Minutes of SOA AGM 2014 held at Blair Atholl Village Hall, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Present: Anne Hickling, Rob Hickling, Ian McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, John Coon, Suse Coon, Ro Matheson, Roger Scrutton (Chair), Claire Macpherson, Andrew Macpherson, Colin Matheson, Sam Gomersall, Ian McLeod, Mike Rodgers, Denise Main, Andrew Campbell, Gill Berrow, Bill Melville, Kath Melville, Fiona Berrow, Ross McLennan, Pauline McAdam, Patricia McLaughlin, Alan Halliday, Jane Halliday, Kirsten Strain, Robin Strain, Sheila Strain, Marsela McLeod, Jess Tullie, Hilary Quick (minutes), Terry O'Brien, Megan Griffiths (observer)

Apologies: Lindsey Knox, Les & Margaret Dalglish, Dave and Jane McQuillen, Simon Firth, Paul Frost, Lynne Walker, Chris Fitzsimons

ITEM	TITLE AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
1.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from those named above.</p>
2.	<p><b>Approval of the Minutes of the 2013 AGM</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the non-quoted 2013 AGM and reconvened AGM were approved.</p>
3.	<p><b>Annual Reports of Association Activities and the Scottish 6-Days Co. 2013-2014</b></p> <p>Reports cover the period post 2013 AGM and the first part of 2014. Detailed reports are available in the AGM Booklet but Directors and others were asked to comment further :</p> <p><b>Roger Scrutton, President</b></p> <p>BOF GB Strategy Group will meet and include a representative from each Home Nation so that GB Strategy is not dominated by England.</p> <p>The President's Medal was awarded to James and Jess Tullie for the major impact they have had through SEDS on the talent and performance side of Scottish Orienteering.</p> <p><b>Terry O'Brien, Operations Director</b></p> <p>The President commented that Terry has been working hard to keep various events going e.g. today's Scottish Champs.</p> <p>Graeme Ackland (Competitions) and Paul Caban (Fixtures) want to step down and volunteers are sought to fill these positions. The rota of major fixtures urgently needs agreement beyond 2016.</p> <p><b>Bill Melville, Development Director</b></p> <p>Comprehensive report includes Hilary Quick, Mike Rodgers and Jess Tullie reports. Bill has concentrated on tertiary education sector, encouraging participation amongst universities. The Scottish Student Champs have been resurrected, and SOA support was given for seven Scottish universities to attend the British University Champs. Sam Gomersall expressed appreciation for this on behalf of AUOC.</p> <p><b>Marsela McLeod, Performance Director.</b></p> <p>Nothing to add to the Report. SEDS success supported by Scotjios. Six athletes in WOC team this year. Roger expressed his thanks having Marsela in post as Performance Director, with relevant experience very welcome.</p>

**Claire Macpherson, Partnership Director**

Nothing to add. Roger Scrutton noted that partnerships come up in all directions. Claire's profession as solicitor is very valuable.

**Colin Matheson, Professional Officer, Company Secretary, and CEO**

Update on LiDAR, coming soon and thanks to sportscotland for their support working with the Scottish Government.

The FCS Agreement was finally signed (after 3 years).

Currently, very busy with WOC and Scottish 6 Days.

Chris Fitzsimons had been appointed as Administrative Assistant.

**Ian McIntyre, Treasurer**

2013 Profit & Loss Account. In 2013 income from membership was close to 2012 amount although the number of members dropped. This is possibly because lots of first-free-year members were lost. Some movement on levies, largely because of change to way levy calculated for 6 Day event. There was no proposal to change membership fees or levies for next year.

Development expenditure. ScotJOS in 2013 got another £10k sponsorship from Apache thanks to Iain McLeod's efforts. ScotJOS funding in pretty good condition. SEDS fund raising and personal contributions helped their activities. The jigsaws again sold well at Moray 2013.

Expenditure. Administration expenditure generally held flat, with some creep between categories. SCORE costs flat; insurance increasing. Staff costs were up because in 2012 RDOs worked only part year compared to full year in 2013. We have offset some staff costs by recovering against WOC for Colin Matheson's time.

Overall. This is the third year in row income has exceeded expenditure. This is mixed news because it is difficult to make a case for external funding when our Reserves are increasing. The SOA Board has agreed a plan to reduce Reserves.

**Accounts approved unanimously.**

2014 and Forward Look. The budget for 2015 shows £44k overspend. This is because we will have a full complement of staff and there will more spending on development of performance teams: we will re-institute £5k to ScotJOS and £3k to SEDS, and £5k has been awarded to individual athletes who have the opportunity to take part in GB team for WOC2015.

The most critical point going forward is our heavy dependence on **sportscotland** funding. This funding is linked to membership growth. We are about to go into the next round of funding discussions and if we cannot show an increase in membership, funding will be jeopardised with consequences for some areas of activity. The RDO positions are funded until August 2016, but beyond that is uncertain.

Mike Rodgers asked if greater than average increases in membership in RDO areas will be noticed. Yes, evidence such as that is important. Andrew Campbell asserted that he was here only because of Mike's encouragement to get more people into the sport. Megan Griffiths commented that their investment is for SGBs to grow their sport, so need to see where we are now compared with before RDOs started - needs clubs to put effort in too - and keen to see evidence of growth of numbers in clubs. Sportscotland cannot support something that isn't growing.

**Anne Hickling, Chairman, Scottish 6 Days.**

Moray 2013 was enormously successful in so many respects - numbers, enjoyment, impact locally and nationally. Also financially - bigger surplus than normal allowed setting up of a mapping fund of £10k administered by SOA intended for clubs that haven't benefitted from new 6 Day maps. Also extra money into next year's event to help create amazing celebration of O. All taking shape for next

	<p>year, thanks to efforts of volunteers from all corners.</p>
4.	<p><b>Proposals</b></p> <p>Special resolution. The SOA Board would like to remove the required quorum of 20 members for the AGM. This would allow the AGM to go ahead with essential business with a smaller number of members if necessary. The SOA Articles require approval at an AGM for this change to take place.</p> <p>Rob Hickling asked whether other aspects of conduct of meeting e.g. publish motions in advance – would be changed. Claire Macpherson confirmed nothing else would change.</p> <p>Voting showed all present and all but one proxies in favour. Proposal accepted.</p> <p>Jane McIntyre pointed out that by attending AGM people become more aware of things that are being discussed by Board. SOA is conscious of the need to attract more people.</p>
5.	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p>Ross McLennan (FVO) and Pauline McAdam (RR) had been co-opted onto the Board during the year. They were unanimously elected as Directors.</p> <p>Ian McIntyre (INT) had been on the Board for 3 years but had agreed to stand for re-election. This was approved unanimously bar one proxy vote.</p> <p>Bill Melville(TAY) was standing down as Development Director. Ian Doig (KFO) was elected unanimously as the new Development Director to serve 2014-2017.</p> <p>With ESOC, INVOC, STAG and CLYDE members also present on the Board and a good balance of male and female members, the Board is in a healthy state.</p>
6.	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Roger Scrutton opened a discussion on introducing a Club + SOA membership option for those who did not wish to take the current (only) membership option of Club + SOA + BOF. This topic was debated at some length, and those present at the meeting were asked to vote for or against a proposal that the Club + SOA option is introduced.</p> <p>11 votes were cast in favour, 15 against and 6 abstained, so the proposal was rejected.</p> <p>Roger Scrutton closed the meeting, thanking all for attending and contributing to discussions.</p>