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## East Lothian Orienteers Annual General Meeting 2018 Minutes

East Lothian Outdoor Education Centre, Musselburgh  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Pete Younger, Michael Atkinson, Tim Harding, Mike Ling, Trina Rogerson, Robin Strain, Sheila Strain,

**1. Apologies:** Brian Porteous, Riley family, Jamie Wilson, Saartje Drijver, Martyn Pegg, Jen Atkinson, Duncan Leishman, Ian Rowland.

### 2. Minutes of 2017 AGM:

The minutes had been available on the website. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the meeting

Proposal to accept the minutes: TR. Seconded: TH.

### 3. Officials' Reports

#### a) Chair & Events Report

PY passed out copies of his report and a copy is attached as appendix A.

Comments made by Pete and others included

Congratulations to Sheila and Emily in particular for their achievements.

We need to get some new planners. Starting by planning a sprintelope.

Very few juniors at our sprintelopes. We will separate these from the park races.

Mapping: thanks to Godfrey for his work updating and extending maps and Sheila for the new maps of Longniddry and Ormiston.

Thanks to Michael for his work on the website. It would be good to make more use of Facebook and Twitter but we need to find someone with the necessary skill.

#### b) Treasurer's Report:

TR passed out copies of the accounts and a copy is attached as appendix B.

She highlighted the satisfactory surplus generated by almost every event. The expenses for the SoSOL included Toilet hire. We paid £850 for mapping Winton and £960 for Gosford and £400 for mapping software. The club donated £50 for use of Saltoun and £40 for the new toilets at Polson Park, Tranent.

ML asked if there was a club policy for the level of reserves that should be held, a comment that had also been raised by the Reviewer.

It was felt that £5k was a reasonable figure.

Already this year we have committed approx £3k to buying our own SI kit and it may be necessary to pay for the remapping of Duns.

The lack of claims for expenses by event officials was noted.

Proposal to accept the accounts: RS. Seconded: SS.

#### c) Membership Report

Sheila reported that the club had 41 adult and 32 junior members, a rise of 15 from 2017. There were 22 new members and 7 who did not renew.

The vast majority of new members had joined as SOA-ELO.

#### d) Junior Report

Tim reported that we see a lot of juniors at events and are sending out more emails.

A small number competed in the Junior inter-club competition, the Jamie Stevenson, performing well.

The junior training is good for those who have gone but despite several of the trainings being at ELO events there hasn't been an increased take-up.

We could offer to help to do more for the planners of the coaching exercises by eg putting out the extra controls.

#### 4. Election of Office Bearers, committee and/or working group.

		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chairperson	Pete Younger	TR	SS
Secretary	Robin Strain	MA	TH
Treasurer	Vacant appeal		
Reviewer	John Sparksman		

The committee is made up from the Club Officials as submitted to British Orienteering

Chair	Pete Younger
Secretary	Robin Strain
Membership Secretary	Sheila Strain
Treasurer	Pete Younger
Fixtures Secretaries	Robin Strain
	Trina Rogerson
	Pete Younger
Activities Fixtures Secretary	Robin Strain
	Trina Rogerson
	Pete Younger
Results Secretary	Robin Strain
	Tim Harding
Publicity Officers	Pete Younger
	Duncan Leishman
	Michael Atkinson
POC Manager	
Mapping Officer	Robin Strain
	Tim Harding
	Godfrey Beddard
Equipment Officer	Trina Rogerson
Webmaster	Michael Atkinson
	Pete Younger
	Robin Strain
SI Co-ordinator	Robin Strain
Incentives Scheme Reports	Sheila Strain
Welfare Officers	Martyn Pegg
Accreditation+Qualification list	Robin Strain
Also joining the committee	
	Mike Ling
	Ian Rowland

Note: After the meeting Neil McMillan agreed to be the Treasurer.

## 5. Chair

Pete resumed the chair for the rest of the meeting.

## 6. Subscriptions for 2019:

After discussion which included the decision to give a free T shirt to all Junior Members who have completed 5 events, the club membership fee was set at £2.00 for Seniors and for Juniors.

	2018		2019	
BOF	10	3.30	11	5
SOA	8	0	8	0
ELO	2	0.20	2	2
Total SOA&Club	10	0.20	10	2
Full BOF	20	3.50	21	7

(at the meeting we believed SOA was rising to £9)

## 7. AOCB:

### a) 2019 Events

2019 SoSOL will be at Duns and 2020 which will also be the ESOA Championships could be at Pressmennan.

4 Wednesdays were identified for Sprintelopes and events for Juniors will be held separately to try to meet the requirements of the Cubs, Scouts, Guides etc.

### b) T Shirts

As noted above, T shirts will be given to active junior members of the club. There was a preference for turquoise and the initial order will just be for junior sizes.

### c) Charges for events

The Junior entry charge for Sprintelopes will be raised to £1. Seniors kept at £2.

Our charging system for Saturday events may be fair but is complicated. A poster showing the prices for different groups might help. The committee will investigate what pattern is used at other club's events and try to set up a new policy for 2019.

### d) Club O Tops

Sheila will send out possible designs for discussion.

### e) Club event officials

The club could pay the BOF component of membership for any planners who are SOA-Club members. We may have to arrange an Event Safety course for new officials.

### f) Six Day 2019.

Trina has agreed to be the Assistant Controller for Day 5, Craig a Barns. Organisers are still need from ELO, TAY or INVOC.

With thanks to the Chair, the meeting closed at 9pm.

## Appendix A

### ELO AGM 2018

### Chair & Events report

#### Introduction

2018 has been a year of quiet progress for East Lothian Orienteers. There were few highlights to compare with 2017 when we held a Level B SOUL and had a big Scottish Relay turnout. But we have again delivered a very full programme of events, grown the club membership to an all-time high and seen some encouraging performances particularly from younger and older members.

#### Performance

Sheila Strain is our only current Scottish champion in traditional orienteering as she won her category at the Scottish Championships at Achagour on 27<sup>th</sup> May. A week earlier Emily Atkinson came very close to being a British Champion as she finished second in the British Championships at Balmoral. Emily also came third at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy at Braemar in June. Michael Atkinson won his category at Scottish Night Championships in March.

The 2018 Scottish Orienteering League and South of Scotland Orienteering League have yet to complete. In 2017 Sheila Strain did not win her SOL category despite having the fifth highest points total across all categories but this year she is leading with just one event remaining. Sheila is also currently leading her category in the Scottish Urban Orienteering League for 2018 and comfortably placed to retain the title she won in 2017.

In club competition we again did quite well at the Scottish heat of the CompassSport Trophy – repeating our sixth place out of thirteen eligible clubs. This year we achieved this with just eleven counting runners whereas in 2017 we managed to field a full team of thirteen.

On the British Orienteering ranking ladder we currently have 22 members with qualifying scores in the past year. However only nine of those have the full complement of six qualifying scores and none appear in the top thousand nationally with Ian Rowland our current highest at #1269.

#### Membership

We currently have our highest ever number of members at 72. This is partly due to the introduction of cheaper SOA-only membership. Challenges for 2019 will include retention of current members and continuing growth. In the longer term we need to convert SOA-only members into active members taking part in larger events and also coming forward to plan and organise events.

There is a continuing need to provide opportunities to raise the standard of performance by our members. Training and advice will be available before local events.

#### Events

2018 and 2017 events are shown on the next two pages with approx attendance figures.

The major change between years has been the much lower number of junior runners at Wednesday Sprintelopes – no cub / scout / brownie / guide packs attended.

Feedback from both experienced orienteers and newcomers events has been almost universally positive for all events.

**2018**

15 events projected ...

- 9 Saturday local events - one in each month except Jan (SoSOL instead), May (clash with British and Scottish Championships) and July
- 5 SprintELOpe Wednesday evening dual events – park for youngsters and urban for adults
- 1 SoSOL

Notes

- No first time planners this year
- Two guest planners – David Robertson (ESOC) and Graeme Ackland (INT)
- Participation continues to be high generally – similar to 2017
- Very low numbers of juniors on Wednesdays

**2018**

Date	Venue	Sat	Wed	SoSOL
28-Jan	Binning Wood			140
24-Feb	N Berwick Law	65		
31-Mar	Vogrie	80		
18-Apr	Longniddry		65	
28-Apr	Gosford	125		
02-May	Haddington		40	
16-May	North Berwick		45	
30-May	Musselburgh		50	
13-Jun	Ormiston		40	
30-Jun	Barns Ness	50		
25-Aug	Yellowcraig	120		
30-Sep	Butterdean	85		
28-Oct	Lochend, Dunbar			
25-Nov	Saltoun			
30-Dec	Levenhall			
<b>Average</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>140</b>

**2017**

16 events were completed ...

- 10 Saturday local events - one in each month except Feb (SoSOL instead) and July
- 4 SprintELOpe Wednesday evening dual events – park for youngsters and urban for adults
- 1 SoSOL
- 1 SOUL – first Level B event for several years

Notes

- 10 different members involved in planning courses – plus Andrea Davison (ESOC)
- 4 first time planners (including Andrea)
- Participation continues to be high – although slightly down on 2016 – but with SOUL
- July 2017 was the first month without an ELO event since March 2016
- An exceptional year due to Scottish Championships being held in East Lothian
- Despite best intentions we didn't produce a printed flyer – and we did stick to all the dates and venues

**2017**

Date	Venue	Sat	Wed	SoSOL	SOUL
28-Jan	Lochend	70			
26-Feb	John Muir CP			170	
25-Mar	Saltoun	100			
19-Apr	Lewisvale		40		
29-Apr	Vogrie	90			
03-May	NB Lodge		50		
19-May	Tranent				200
27-May	NB Law	60			
07-Jun	Dunbar North		60		
21-Jun	Haddington		50		
24-Jun	Barns Ness	60			
26-Aug	Seafield	60			
30-Sep	Levenhall	55			
28-Oct	Yellowcraig	35			
25-Nov	Butterdean	80			
30-Dec	John Muir CP	90			
<b>Average</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>200</b>

### Mapping

Our April event used a new area in Gosford Park and proved very popular.

Another new map has been created of Winton Estate and will be used for the first time in January 2019.

This year's Sprintelope programme included two newly mapped areas in Longniddry and Ormiston.

Godfrey Beddard has continued to update several of our maps – adding extra detail and reflecting changes in undergrowth over time.

It remains a high priority to secure a new terrain area capable of hosting a SoSOL event at Level C.

### Social

An evening meal at Longniddry Inn was well attended following the Festive Frolic on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Our regular summer BBQ was not held in 2018 due to restrictions at Yellowcraig in its usual June slot and to unavailability for the rescheduled August event.

### Publicity

Michael Atkinson has worked hard to continue improving the appearance and functionality of the club website at [www.elo.org.uk](http://www.elo.org.uk)

Sheila Strain has continued her regular emails to members and interested parties which contain a wealth of helpful information covering events at all levels as well as summaries of results for ELO members.

As both of these media are essentially one-directional it might be useful to develop a more interactive forum for members to exchange views or travel arrangements for example.

### Treasurer

Trina Rogerson is stepping down as club Treasurer after many years of sterling service for which we are very grateful. Trina will be concentrating on a role with Scottish Six Days Festival of Orienteering taking place in August 2019.

## APPENDIX B

EAST LOTHIAN ORIENTEERS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	<u>2018</u>	2017
Club Events 9(10)	1,978.05	2,405.00
summer 5(4)	356.50	251.00
Binning Wood (SoSOL)	1,048.90	1,096.85
Tranent (SOUL)	-	1,525.00
	<u>3,383.45</u>	<u>5,277.85</u>
SOA Gift Aid	-	31.50
SOC 2017	-	300.00
Scot 6 Days share	240.00	-
Subscriptions	98.00	74.20
ELC Outdoor Ed (mapping)	188.40	580.49
	<u>3,909.85</u>	<u>6,264.04</u>
Maps: Club events	597.55	683.86
summer 5	102.00	71.00
SoSOL	183.82	149.44
SOUL	-	171.46
Levies & Expenses: Club Events	752.82	741.50
summer 5	250.50	154.50
SoSOL	499.22	247.50
SOUL	-	417.01
	<u>2,385.91</u>	<u>2,636.27</u>
Entries - Relays etc	201.50	378.00
Coaching Foundation Course	60.00	-
Donations	90.00	-
OCAD 3 license upgrades	396.40	-
New Maps	1,810.00	
Powerpack	-	150.00
2 lost SI units	-	231.53
Tent guys	-	25.98
Subscription BOF	46.00	46.00
ELC Outdoor Ed Equip	177.57	
	<u>5,167.38</u>	<u>3,467.78</u>
<b>DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-1,257.53</b>	2,796.26
BANK BALANCE 31/07/2017	<u>15,386.30</u>	<u>12,590.04</u>
BANK BALANCE 31/07/2018	<u>14,128.77</u>	<u>15,386.30</u>

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf.

Treasurer

Inspected and found correct in accordance with the records exhibited

J A Sparksman, Accountant

Details of Income and Expenditure for Events (excluding mapping costs)									
2017/2018									
		income						maps	
		levy	organiser	other	total				
seafield		185.00	78.00		107.00	52.74	54.26		
levenhall		166.00	54.00		112.00	62.54	49.46		
yellowcraig		76.00	28.50		47.50	41.96	5.54		
butterdean		209.05	66.00		143.05	65.06	77.99		
john muir	ff	442.00	105.00	53.00	57.82	226.18	85.98	140.20	
nb law		163.00	55.50		107.50	49.80	57.70		
vogrie		223.50	76.50		147.00	67.08	79.92		
gosford		347.50	123.00		224.50	95.51	128.99		
barn's ness		166.00	55.50		110.50	76.88	33.62		
		1978.05	642.00	53.00	57.82	1225.23	597.55	627.68	
longniddry		99.00	67.50		31.50	22.00	9.50		
haddington		55.50	40.50		15.00	20.00	-5.00		
lodge grounds		64.00	49.50		14.50	20.00	-5.50		
musselburgh		71.00	49.50		21.50	20.00	1.50		
ormiston		67.00	43.50		23.50	20.00	3.50		
		356.50	250.50		106.00	102.00	4.00		
SoSQL		1048.90	175.50	10.00	313.72	549.68	183.82	365.86	
		3383.45	1068.00	63.00	371.54	1880.91	883.37	997.54	