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**East Lothian Orienteers  
Annual General Meeting 2019  
Minutes**

East Lothian Outdoor Education Centre, Musselburgh  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Pete Younger(PY), Godfrey Beddard(GB), Pete Brownsort(PB),  
Duncan Edmonson(DE), Simon Fairfull(SF), Tim Harding(TH), Duncan Leishman(DL),  
Terry O'Brien(TO), Trina Rogerson(TR), Ian Rowland(IR), Robin Strain(RS), Sheila Strain(SS)

**1. Apologies:** Brian Porteous, Michael and Jennifer Atkinson, Saartje Drijver

**2. Minutes of 2018 AGM:**

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda

Proposal to accept the minutes: TH seconded: SS

**3. Officials' Reports**

**a) Chair & Events Report**

PY presented his report on the year 2018/2019 and a copy is attached as appendix A.

PY presented his report on the events for 2018/2019 and a copy is attached as appendix B

**b) Treasurer's Report:**

Although there were no accounts presented to the meeting, it is believed that the Club's finances are in a healthy state. Approximately £3000 of the reserves were used to purchase *SPORTident* kit which made it easier to put on the smaller events and activities

Since the meeting, former treasurer TO has been working on the accounts and a copy is now included as appendix E.

**c) Membership Report**

SS's report is attached as appendix C.

#### d) Juniors Report

TH's report is attached as appendix D.

We should emphasise the sociability. Juniors enjoy it more once they are in a group or squad.

There has been a shortage of club-based training. Can we have a junior-organised event?

SS has made progress on Junior T shirts which will be given to junior members who have completed 5 events

Thanks to Tim for his report and his work with the Juniors

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

		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chairperson	Pete Younger	SS	TO
Secretary	Robin Strain	TH	PB
Treasurer	Ian Rowland	SS	DL
Reviewer	John Sparksman		

Rather than elect a formal committee, the affairs of the club will be run by the office bearers in consultation with the more experienced members of the club. Those present at the AGM in addition to Michael Atkinson agreed to be part of this steering group.

Club Officials as required by British Orienteering

Club Chair	PY
Club Secretaries	RS
Club Membership Secretaries	SS
Club Treasurers	IR, PY, SS
Club Fixtures Secretaries	RS, TR, PY
Club Activities Fixtures Secretary	RS, TR, PY
Club Results Secretary	RS, TH
Club Publicity Officers	PY, MA, DL
Club Mapping Officer	RS, GB, TH
Club Equipment Officer	TR
Club Webmaster	RS, PY, MA
Club SI Co-ordinator	RS
Club Welfare Officers	MP
Permanent Orienteering Course Manager	-

British Orienteering have explained the permissions which each role has

## 5. Subscriptions for 2020:

	2018		2019		2020	
BOF	10	3.30	11	5	15	5
SOA	8	0	8	0	10	0
ELO	2	0.2	2	2	2	2
Total (club/SOA)	10	0.2	10	2	12	2
Total (incl BOF)	20	3.5	21	7	27	7

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It was resolved that the Club subscriptions should remain at £2 for seniors and juniors

Fees of club events will also be unchanged at present.

## 6. AOCB

a) Members should be reminded that the Club will subsidise payment of BOF membership component for officials who were SOA only.

b) Mapping

GB is updating the Duns map for the SoSQL

We need new areas for SoSQLs as there are problems with Lothian Edge and Duns is possibly too far away.

MA has looked at Hopes reservoir. Balgone Estate, south of North Berwick is possible. GB is keen on Tynningham Estate and TR will investigate permissions

It may be possible to extend Vogrie to include the now-closed golf course.

ELO needs a mapping co-ordinator.

We need a system for keep track of the most up-to-date versions of the maps. Dropbox was suggested.

c) Events for 2020

PY circulated the possible dates and areas. There were some volunteers. We could put on a SOUL.

d) Kit.

PY is going to order some high vis signs

SS is progressing with T shirts and, more slowly, with club O tops

**Close**

With thanks to the chair, the meeting closed at 9:15

## Appendix A

### Chair Report

#### Introduction

2019 has been another year of quiet progress for East Lothian Orienteers. We have again delivered a full and varied programme of events, grown the club membership to an all-time high and seen some encouraging performances particularly at the lower and upper ends of the age range.

#### Performance

Three members won their Individual category the Scottish Championships on 27th May held at Dalbeattie. Peter Atkinson, Neil McMillan and Kathryn Neill all won on the shorter courses for their respective age categories. Sheila Strain came second in her Long category. There was momentary excitement when it seemed ELO had won the Small Club category of Scottish Inter Club Championships but in fact we were pipped by Roxburgh Reivers by a single point.

At British Champs Sheila Strain was our only medallist with a silver.

In September at Faskally Trina Rogerson became Scottish Score Champion in her age category.

In November 2018 both Robin and Sheila Strain each won their categories at the East of Scotland Championships held at Livingston. Later in the month they also won their classes in the Scottish Score Championships.

In the 2019 Scottish Orienteering League there were several consistent performers across the programme but Sheila Strain is our only category winner. Sheila is also leading her category in the Scottish Orienteering Urban League for 2019 with one event remaining (at time of writing).

In club competition we had a disappointing day at the Scottish heat of the 2019 CompassSport Trophy – finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place out of 13 eligible clubs. This decline from 6<sup>th</sup> place in the previous two years was due to the low turnout of just 7 scoring runners (whereas we managed to field a full complement of 13 scorers in 2017).

If the British Orienteering ranking ladder is a measure of success then there has been a modest improvement of the picture compared with a year ago. We still have 22 members with qualifying scores but now 14 of them have the full complement of qualifying scores (compared with 9 a year ago). Ian Rowland is our highest ranked and is our only entry in the top 1000.

In September ELO held our first club championship. It was held at the Pentlands SOL organised by ESOC as that event was close by and all ELO members would have a chance to run. There was a very strong turnout in the Adult Male category but fewer entries in the others. Our champions for the next year are ...

- Adult male – Ian Rowland
- Adult female – Sheila Strain
- Light Green course junior – Joel Atkinson
- Orange course junior – Emily Atkinson

- White course junior – Peter Atkinson

Two major events were held in East Lothian this year ...

- Scottish Night Championships were held at John Muir Country Park in February. Unfortunately no ELO runners were able to take much advantage of home familiarity
- Relay day of the Veterans' Home Internationals was held at Binning Wood in September. No ELO members were selected but Trina Rogerson was the day Organiser

At The Scottish 6 Days of Orienteering festival in August we were involved as one of the organising clubs on Day 5 with particular responsibility for a Start and for the String course.

### Membership

We currently have our highest ever number of members at 84. This is partly due to the new cheaper SOA-only membership. Challenges for 2020 include retention of our current members and continuing growth. In the longer term we need to convert SOA-only members into more 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. Advice is generally available before local events but training is less frequent.

There is an urgent need for more members to obtain coaching qualifications as the burden currently falls on Sheila Strain as our only coach above the Foundation level.

### Mapping

The new map of Winton Estate was used for the first time in January 2019.

Godfrey Beddard has continued to update several of our maps – particularly NB Law and Duns. He has been 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.

In recent years there have been two instances of events being planned with the a map version which is not the most recent available. We should devise a new process to manage our stock of maps and ensure the most recent is always used for event planning.

### Social

Our regular summer BBQ was held at Yellowcraig on 7<sup>th</sup> September with a good attendance and was well received.

At Scottish 6 Days festival Trina Rogerson successfully hosted her traditional mid week social evening.

Car sharing to events outside East Lothian has continued throughout the year. Apart from the logistical and environmental advantages it is a good way to share orienteering experiences and get more out of the sport.

### Publicity

Michael Atkinson has continued improving the appearance and functionality of the club website at [www.elo.org.uk](http://www.elo.org.uk) and in harnessing other social media outlets such as Twitter.

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.

Some events have clearly benefited from a push via social media on local pages eg North Berwick Facebook page before the recent NB Law event.

Sending out an event flyer attached to the email newsletter would enable those who wished to print and display it.

Pete Younger

## Appendix B

### Events

#### 2019

14 events projected ...

- 9 Saturday local events - one in each month except May (clash with Scottish Championships), July and Nov (SoSOL instead)
- 4 SprintELOpe Wednesday evening urban style events for adults
- 1 SoSOL

#### Notes

There were also 7 Activities for various groups of juniors (eg cubs) organised and staged by Sheila Strain. These activities were very well received by participants

These junior activities are part of the change in our Sprintelopes to fall in line with those staged by other clubs in being adult only

Saturday participation continues to be very high – 33% increase on 2018

Sprintelope participation is low – 40% decrease from 2018

Only one new planner this year – Jamie Wilson

Ian Rowland and Neil McMillan planned two events each

Event review system started the year usefully but has not been used latterly

Date	Venue	Sat	Wed	SoSOL
19-Jan	Winton estate	195		
23-Feb	John Muir CP	105		
30-Mar	Binning Wood	90		
24-Apr	Dunbar North		30	
27-Apr	Vogrie	90		
8-May	Ormiston		20	
29-May	Longniddry		40	
12-Jun	Haddington		25	
29-Jun	Barns Ness	85		
07-Sep	Yellowcraig	160		
28-Sep	Dunbar South	120		
26-Oct	NB Law	125		
<b>24-Nov</b>	<b>Duns</b>			
28-Dec	John Muir CP			
<b>Average</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>29</b>	

For comparison 2018 and 2017 are on the following pages

## 2018

15 events were completed ...

- 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

Participation continues to be very high generally – most Saturday events attract over 100  
Very low numbers of juniors on Wednesdays

Date	Venue	Sat	Wed	SoSOL
<b>28-Jan</b>	<b>Binning Wood</b>			<b>140</b>
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	50		
25-Nov	Saltoun	85		
30-Dec	Levenhall	145		
	<b>Average</b>	<b>90</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

Date	Venue	Sat	Wed	SoSOL	SOUL
28-Jan	Lochend	70			
<b>26-Feb</b>	<b>John Muir CP</b>			<b>170</b>	
25-Mar	Saltoun	100			
19-Apr	Lewisvale		40		
29-Apr	Vogrie	90			
03-May	NB Lodge		50		
<b>19-May</b>	<b>Tranent</b>				<b>200</b>
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>

## Appendix C

### Membership Report 2019

Membership of the club at the year end is 84, up from 74 at this time last year.

However, there is, as always, a considerable 'churn' with only 56 of those 74 having renewed for this year.

Of the 18 who did not renew, one individual and one family are the ones we should not have lost.

There have been 28 new members, which includes six who are additional members of an existing membership family, the others comprising nine family groups or individuals.

There are 34 full BOF members, and 50 SOA-ELO members.

There are 48 seniors and 36 juniors.

There are 53 males and 31 females.

## Appendix D

### Juniors

#### Participation

There were no ELO juniors in the selective squads this year.

More unusually, there was no ELO take-up at the Jamie Stevenson (Kingussie in June), and just one ELO family is taking part in the Junior Inter-Areas (Deeside in November). Both events were further away than usual, and one or two families had other commitments in June. Anecdotally, some juniors were also a little anxious about being away from home. Might it help to have a junior-focused, or junior-led, event early in the season to encourage “team building” among our juniors? Should we encourage families to come at the start of our events, for “Coaching Corner” but also for team-building?

We have had a good junior turn-out at local events, schools events, regional events, and the Six Days, with some good placings, and some good ranking points for our older runners.

Our Sprintelopes this year did not include specific courses for juniors, but this did not appear to deter participation: parents shadowed instead.

#### Development and Coaching

We have been forwarding the very good and regular ESOA Junior email updates from Katherine Ivory. Juniors have also received the first issue of “East of Scotland Junior Orienteering News” by post.

This was the first year of the new junior coaching system, with structured sessions for TD3+ but TD1-2 delivered via “Coaching Corners” as part of local events. The general impression is that there have been fewer sessions overall, and White/Yellow training has been a little patchy, but the system may need more time to bed down. Each club is expected to deliver one TD3+ session (with support if needed) but ELO was not able to do this, fundamentally because we have too few coaches. Also, unless we have enough helpers at an event, coaching, whether structured or “Coaching Corner” style, will be difficult for us to do while the event is running.

There was no ELO take-up for the new Scottish Orienteering Young Leaders scheme, but this is unsurprising, because our juniors are predominantly too young at the moment.

#### Other

Emily won the ESOA Summer Writing Competition!

## Appendix E

EAST LOTHIAN ORIENTEERS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Club Events 10 (9)	3,177.40	1,978
Summer Events 4 (5)	294.00	357
SoSOL	-	1,049
	<u>3,471.40</u>	<u>3,383</u>
Subscriptions	254.00	98
Less "Subscription" repaid to SOA, April '19	(90.00)	-
Development Fund receipt	735.00	-
Scot 6 Days share	-	240
ELC Outdoor Ed (mapping)	-	188
Maps to North Berwick Cubs	24.00	-
Private party (Adams)	200.00	-
	<u>4,594.40</u>	<u>3,910</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Maps: Club Events	756.84	598
Summer Events	39.00	102
SoSOL	-	184
SOUL	-	-
Levies & Expenses: Club Events	973.50	753
Summer Events	145.50	251
SoSOL	-	499
SOUL	-	-
	<u>1,914.84</u>	<u>2,386</u>
Entries - Relays etc.	292.00	202
British Orienteering Club Affiliation Fee	60.00	46
Coaching Foundation Course	-	60
First Aid course	60.00	-
Sport Ident Training set	3,863.31	-
OCAD 3 license upgrades	-	396
Powerpack battery	58.98	-
Mini Kites	96.70	-
New Maps	-	1,810
Photocopying Junior record cards	3.50	-
Cash withdrawal for Float	80.00	-
Donations	-	-
ELC Outdoor Ed Equipment	-	90
	<u>6,429.33</u>	<u>5,167</u>
<u>BANK BALANCE</u>		
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR YEAR	(1,834.93)	(1,258)
BANK BALANCE 01/08/2018	<u>14,128.77</u>	<u>15,386</u>
BANK BALANCE 31/07/2019	<u>12,293.84</u>	<u>14,129</u>

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf.

Treasurer

## EAST LOTHIAN ORIENTEERS

2018 - 2019

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	Net Receipts					
			Levy	Organiser	Other	.+ Organiser	maps	Surplus
						.+ Other		
Yellowcraig	314.00	105.00				209.00	71.98	137.02
Butterdean	212.50	70.50				142.00	76.88	65.12
Lochend, Dunbar	116.50	39.00				77.50	45.02	32.48
Saltoun	253.50	64.50	20.00	48.00		121.00	59.72	61.28
Levenhall (F F)	706.40	145.50				560.90	85.98	474.92
Winton	425.00	103.50				321.50	85.52	235.98
John Muir	257.00	66.00				191.00	80.02	110.98
Binning Wood	274.50	73.50				201.00	74.74	126.26
Vogrie	278.00	79.50				198.50	85.74	112.76
Barns Ness	264.00	82.50				181.50	91.24	90.26
								0.00
	<u>3,101.40</u>	<u>829.50</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>		<u>2,203.90</u>	<u>756.84</u>	<u>1,447.06</u>
Dunbar North	64.00	34.50				29.50		29.50
Ormiston	54.00	25.50				28.50	12.00	16.50
Longniddry	109.00	52.50				56.50	18.00	38.50
Haddington	67.00	33.00				34.00	9.00	25.00
	<u>294.00</u>	<u>145.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>148.50</u>	<u>39.00</u>	<u>109.50</u>
SoSOL	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>3,395.40</u>	<u>975.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>		<u>2,352.40</u>	<u>795.84</u>	<u>1,556.56</u>