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**East Lothian Orienteers  
Annual General Meeting 2024  
Minutes**

Held at Meadowmill Sports Centre 7 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

**Welcome and Present:**

Jamie Wilson (Chair), Michael Atkinson, Duncan Edmondson, Jonathan Ellis, Chris Gunstone, Tim Harding, Duncan Leishman, Ross Lyall, Martin Robertson, Trina Rogerson, Nigel Schofield, Ryan Scoular, Robin Strain, Sheila Strain, Pete Younger

**1. Apologies:**

Jennifer Atkinson, Peter Brownsort, Lee Curtlis, Jeff Hodgson, Rosemary & Mike Ling, Brian Porteus, Ian Roland

**2. Minutes of 2023 AGM: 13/09/2023**

The minutes were approved.

Duncan Edmondson was thanked for arranging the purchase of ELO club jackets.

There were no other matters arising which wouldn't be discussed in this meeting.

**3 Officials' Reports**

**a) Chair & Events Report – Jamie Wilson**

Good to see a decent turnout for the AGM, thanks to everyone that is attending.

A quick round up of recent events, thank you to everyone that has planned, organised and assisted at the events that we have put on over the year.

Great to see the new maps of Balgone and Whitekirk Hill being used, and updates to a number of others.

Thank you to everyone that helped during the WOC24 event, this was at risk of not happening, at various points during the year, but various clubs, including ELO agreed to underwrite some of the costs if necessary so that it could go ahead.

Great to see a variety of coaching activity going on, and a number of members working towards coaching qualifications. This is demonstrated by the increasing numbers of youngsters doing well in competitions and a special mention of Emily Atkinson.

Adult coaching and training has also been put in place and is proving to be popular.

One of the main things to discuss this evening is what the members of ELO want in terms of the way the Club develops.

**Events**

We held 11 monthly Saturday or Sunday events + 6 Wednesday evening sprintelopes. Pete was congratulated and thanked for all his work as Event Coordinator.

### **b) Treasurer's Report – Ian Rowland**

Ian was unable to be present, but had sent a copy of the accounts and the income and expenditure of events. These are added as appendices

There had been fewer large events so there was less income but much less expenditure and no major mapping projects during the year so that our funds had increased.

There was a discussion on how much reserves the club needed and it was agreed that we had more than necessary and should use the funds for the benefit of the club.

### **c) Membership Report – Sheila Strain**

	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non renewals</b>	<b>New members</b>		<b>BOF:SOA</b>	<b>J:S</b>	<b>M:F</b>
<b>23-24</b>	119	13*	24		35:84	53:66	74:45
<b>22-23</b>	108	25	23		35:73	42:66	70:38

\*Includes two who should have renewed.

There was discussion about cutting the “churn” and understanding why people do not renew. Do we have a vision for numbers in 5 years time?

### **d) Juniors Reports – Ross Lyall**

Through the past year there has continued to be a very strong turnout at local events of juniors from the club. Participation badges and course colour coded badges have continued to be awarded throughout the year. A huge congratulations to all who have earned a badge through this year. Also, particular congratulations to Emily Atkinson for selection to the British Talent Squad and ScotJOS, a huge achievement!

Through the year junior coaching has continued to be offered within the club for those at white and yellow level however there has been low interest in these sessions, where there has been interest bespoke training and coaching has been offered this has included the use of shadowing which has had benefits for those who have taken part.

The East of Scotland Orienteering Association has continued to offer coaching for Orange and above, again take up from ELO has been low, this was also the case when a session was organised to take place in East Lothian.

The focus for the year ahead will be to plan our junior coaching offering as a club with the others in the club with a coaching qualification and ensure a clarity of roles within the team. Coaching and training will continued to be offered along with the continuation of the badge incentive schemes.

Well done again to all the juniors this year!

### e) Coaching Report – Sheila Strain

Adult evening sessions very successful. Thanks to Nigel for initiating these and organising them. They included one outdoor training using maprun at Yellowcraig on a beautiful evening.

Juniors: we have not managed a regular programme, but there was a Grid course at Balgone manned by Rosemary and Mike Ling provided something for juniors and coaching on morning of Yellowcraig in conjunction with the East of Scotland session for TD3-5 Two people, Vik and Andrea, have done the course for Club Coach award and should be given opportunities to complete the award. Joel has completed Coaching Foundation. Not as many youth groups as some years: Dunbar Guides at a Sprintelope; North Berwick Cubs at the Lodge grounds.

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

<b>Positions required by BO</b>
Chairperson: Jamie Wilson
Secretary: Robin Strain
Treasurer: Ian Rowland
Safeguarding - Martyn Pegg
<b>Other positions</b>
Duncan Edmondson (Assistant Treasurer)
Michael Atkinson (Webmaster and Event Coordinator)
Sheila Strain Communications and Coaching)
Trina Rogerson (Equipment and Permissions)
Ross Lyall (Juniors)
Pete Younger (mapping)
Vacant: Sprintelope Coordinator

Appendix C lists the officials with extra access to data on the BO system

### 5 Subscriptions for 2025:

	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024			2025				
	S	J	S	J	S	J	S	J	S	J	S	J	S	YA	J	Fam	S	YA	J	Fam
BO	10	3.3	11	5	15	5	15	5			15	5	15	10	5	35	16	10	5	37
SOA	8	0	8	0	10	2	10	2			12	2	12	2	2	26	12	2	2	26
ELO	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2			2	2	2	2	2	5	2	1	0	3
Total (club/SOA)	10	0	10	2	12	4	12	4			14	4	14	4	4	31	14	3	2	29
Total (incl BO)	20	4	21	7	27	9	27	9			29	9	29	14	9	66	30	13	7	66

The Junior ELO subscription was set to zero and Young Adult and Family were reduced.

## 7: AOCB:

Following the formal AGM, there was much discussion on the development on ELO

### Topics included

- Eloquence –more collaboration to reduce Sheila's workload
- Access problems with the East Lothian Council coastal areas
- New areas for a SOL in October 2025 – Hartside Hill
- Making better use of Facebook and other forms of publicity
- Long discussion about permissions
- Pete happy to get into developing existing maps
- Possible purchase of new SI kit, tent, table&chairs

## Appendix A

EAST LOTHIAN ORIENTEERS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Club Events	4,068.51	3,365.16
Sprintelopes	756.19	956.34
SoSOL +SOUL	1,951.85	3,563.67
Miscellaneous	68.50	68.50
	<b><u>6,776.55</u></b>	<b><u>7,953.67</u></b>
T Shirts	18.00	36.00
O Tops	577.65	496.06
Equipment: Refund		48.00
CSC:Transport rebate + top up		66.86
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Maps: Club events + misc	932.83	639.74
Sprintelopes	188.60	
SoSOL + SOUL	231.38	471.50
Expenses: all events	511.00	677.00
Levies: Club Events	991.85	697.50
Sprintelopes	471.75	315.00
SoSOL	418.70	472.50
	<b><u>3,746.11</u></b>	<b><u>3,273.24</u></b>
Mapping fees:		2,160.00
Web hosting fee	53.50	
BOF membership upgrade		15.00
BOF Affiliation	80.00	70.00
SI	30.50	
Training Courses	469.00	50.00
6Day Co SIAC Hire		20.00
Equipment	258.48	70.93
-SOA Badges		23.75
Club Trophies	65.96	121.32
T Shirts + postage		153.01
Donations	100.00	435.00
CSC Fuel costs		66.86
O Tops - Cost	422.56	285.24
-Charges	115.58	79.07
	<b><u>5,341.69</u></b>	<b><u>6,823.42</u></b>
DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	2,457.51	1,987.67
BANK BALANCE: Previous year end	<u>15,641.25</u>	<u>13,653.58</u>
BANK BALANCE: Year end.	<b><u>18,098.76</u></b>	<b><u>15,641.25</u></b>

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf.



## Appendix C

### Accreditation+Qualification list (ELO)

Jamie Wilson	Club Chairs
Robin Strain	Club Secretaries
Sheila Strain	Club Membership Secretaries
Sheila Strain	Club Treasurers
Pete Younger	Club Treasurers
Ian Rowland	Club Treasurers
Robin Strain	Club Fixtures Secretaries
Trina Rogerson	Club Fixtures Secretaries
Pete Younger	Club Fixtures Secretaries
Michael Atkinson	Club Fixtures Secretaries
Robin Strain	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
Trina Rogerson	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
Pete Younger	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
Robin Strain	Club Results Secretary
Michael Atkinson	Club Results Secretary
Pete Younger	Club Publicity Officers
Michael Atkinson	Club Publicity Officers
Duncan Leishman	Club Publicity Officers
Michael Atkinson	Club POC Manager
Robin Strain	Club Mapping Officer
Godfrey Beddard	Club Mapping Officer
Tim Harding	Club Mapping Officer
Michael Atkinson	Club Mapping Officer
Peter Brownsort	Club Mapping Officer
Trina Rogerson	Club Equipment Officer
Robin Strain	Club Webmaster
Pete Younger	Club Webmaster
Michael Atkinson	Club Webmaster
Robin Strain	Club SI Co-ordinator
Robin Strain	Club Incentives Scheme Reports
Sheila Strain	Club Incentives Scheme Reports
Martyn Pegg	Club Welfare Officers
Sheila Strain	Club Coaching Coordinator