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**DRAFT UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**Edinburgh RC, AGM,**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**  
**Belford Room, Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor**

**PRESENT:** Ken Whitson, President  
Mark Finlay, Vice President  
Andrew Sinclair, Treasurer  
Jonny May, General Secretary

Also other committee and ordinary members:

Gary Bell, Mark Brooks, Andrew Brown, Simon Bullock, Gavin Collinson, Sheila Coventry, Alistair Crawford, Colin Crawford, Sonya Crawford, Fiona Donaldson, Ali Easton, Eric Easton, Gareth George, Martin Gore, Chris Harney, Rachel Henderson, Fiona Jackson, Graham Jones, Angela Kidd, Bruce Kidd, Neil Laing, Jennifer Lang, Jim Leach, Euan McGregor, Linda McLean, Stephen Meyer, Neil Muir, Ena Murdoch, Sandra Murdoch, Andrew Mylne, Peter Ness, Ted Radford, Penny Rother, Stephen Roy, Colin Russell, Ken Russell, Andreas Schaefer, David Sime, Louise Smith, Cameron Stewart, Cliff White.

**1.0 Chairman's Introduction**

Simon Bullock welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Kevin Tait.

**3.0 Minutes AGM November 2007**

These were accepted as a true record

**4.0 Matters Arising**

- o None

**5.0 Officers' Reports**

**5.1 President**

Ken Whitson reported on his task for the season - setting up a youth section. This was done with the help of coaches Gary Bell, Rachel Henderson, Paul Newnham & Greig Walker. There is now a pool of ~21 children regularly attending with numbers standing at ~dozen per meeting.

**5.2 Vice President's Report**

No questions were received from the floor concerning this report.

**5.3 Registrar's Report**

No questions were received from the floor concerning this report.



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Ali Easton thanked Phil Darby, Oliver Brookes & Stephen Roy for their hard work. An electronic copy of the club newsletter was due out on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. George Angus repeated his plea for content. Andy Brown questioned the need for a newsletter given the club web forums but Ali Easton pointed out that the news letter provided a space for longer, more crafted articles.

Ali Easton thanked Cliff White for the club handbook, Graham Jones for organizing the equipment database and Ken Russell for looking after the club website.

Gareth George asked where committee meetings were to be held without the support of the Hilton. Simon Bullock replied that meetings would be held at his house but that the club might need to pay for larger facilities in future.

#### 5.4 Coaching Convenor's Report

No questions were received from the floor concerning this report.

#### 5.5 Membership Services & Registrar

No questions were received from the floor concerning these reports.

Ali Easton reported that new clothing would be available in youth sizes. A new deal with Impsport would allow online ordering of more expensive but better quality clothing. In addition the club would still offer Reartu's value range.

#### 5.6 Road, Track & Time Trial Convenor's Report

No questions were received from the floor concerning this report.

#### 5.7 Off Road

No questions were received from the floor concerning this report.

#### 5.8 Triathlon & Duathlon

Peter Ness thanked Martin Gore for producing the multisport handicap table. Peter reported that the ERC tri squad were now all clad in Sugoi triathlon kit.

### **6.0 Three Year Plan – An Update**

Ken Whitson provided the meeting with a review of progress with the current three year plan.

The outline programme for 2008 – 2010 is attached as an appendix to this report.

### **7.0 Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

The full annual accounts, duly audited were distributed on the night.

Andrew Sinclair reported that it was the first time ever in recent memory that the club had spent more than it had taken in income. He noted a definite change in emphasis with regard to spending. Cliff White questioned whether increases in club fees would go direct to supporting squads. Cliff stated that he would like to see all members benefiting. Andrew Sinclair replied that the committee wanted to encourage everyone to submit bids



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& proposals. Mark Finlay confirmed that no funding would be ring fenced unless it was a specific condition of a particular sponsor.

Approval of accounts:

Carried by a large majority

## **8.0 Constitution Change**

After careful consideration the committee's proposal to amend section 7.2 of the club constitution was altered and agreed by a very sizable majority. Section 7.2 to now read:

- "All monies of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club. Payments in excess of £250 shall be payable on the signatures of two of the following:  
President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer.  
Payments of £250 or less, from an account with a liability not exceeding £1000, may be authorized by the Treasurer alone, but each payment must be notified to at least two of the following:  
President, Vice President, General Secretary."

## **9.0 Subscriptions 2008 / 2009**

The treasurer recommended a modest increase in subscription levels for the first time in eight years. The following charges were agreed by a large majority:-

Full member	-	£20 per year
5 Year Membership	-	£80 (5 for the price of 4)
Youth	-	Free
Junior	-	Free
Unwaged	-	£10 per year

Carried

## **10.0 Election of Officials**

President	Ken Whitson
Vice President	Mark Findlay
Chairman	Simon Bullock
General Secretary	Jonny May
Membership Services Coordinator	Graham Jones
Coaching Services Convenor	Colin Russell
Road/TT/Track Secretary	Kevin Tait
Off Road Coordinator	Fiona Donaldson
Triathlon Coordinator	Peter Ness
Treasurer	Jennifer Lang

All of the above were elected unopposed.

## **11.0 Appointment of Auditor**



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Rob Waller was appointed club auditor.

## 12.0 AOCB

### **Volunteering:**

Simon Bullock stated that the club contained 460 members but sometime struggled for volunteers. Possible solutions to this problem included:

- Asking in advance
- Nominal gifts (not payments)
- Race competitors to supply helpers
- Making it a condition of club membership e.g. having one event where club members cannot compete
- Refunds on membership per event assisted at
- Use the club website to list events & volunteers (possibly on a new forum)

Sonya Crawford requested volunteers for the London-Edinburgh-London audax in July 2009.

The meeting closed with Neil Muir proposing a vote of thanks to the committee.

Jonny May  
General Secretary  
23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008