



## Minutes of AGM – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 @ 13:00

*Lhanbryde Community Centre*

### **1. Present & Apologies**

- a. Present: Margaret Dearman, Douglas Murray, Mike Rodgers, Paul Coutts, Morag McLuckie, Peter McLuckie, Roo Hornby, Nikki & Isobel Howard, Steve Owen, Andrew, Liz, Daniel & Anna Campbell, Donald Grassie, Ian Addis, Pippa & Mairi Weir, Fiona Newcombe, Neil McLean, Eddie Harwood
- b. Apologies: Chris Spencer, Ali Wiseman, Fran Britain, Donna Brown, Suzanne Lynch-Mackay, Neil Lynch, Ian Welsh, Alan & Jane Halliday, Paul & Elizabeth Furness

### **2. Review of last year's minutes**

- a. The minutes of the 2015 AGM had been previously circulated to all members and were available for inspection. The minutes were approved by the meeting (Proposed by Roo Hornby, Seconded by Mike Rodgers)

### **3. Approval of New Constitution**

- a. The previous Constitution had been last changed in 2009. A new Constitution had been circulated to all members and was available for inspection at the AGM. It had been decided to update the constitution to:
  - i. confirm the name of the club as "Moravian Orienteers"
  - ii. tidy up membership classes
  - iii. respond to a change in committee structure
  - iv. standardise it with current orienteering club requirements
  - v. tidy up aspects of membership termination
  - vi. confirm the way we conduct our AGM
- b. Douglas Murray raised an open question concerning the rules for a meeting being quorate which led to a brief discussion.
- c. The new Constitution was approved by the meeting, and was signed by the Chairman and Roo Hornby (standing in for the Club Secretary).

### **4. Reports**

#### **a. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman first apologised for the slightly later date for the AGM, this was due partly to his holidays and the June Oakenhead Saturday Series event. It was a privilege to Chair Moravian Orienteers, which by all measures is one of the most successful in Scotland, and has shown great progress over the past year. He thanked the management team leads and wider committee of coordinators for their support, and all those who have made such a major contribution at events.

The Positives this year:

- Membership continues to rise – 194->233->266
- Event Participation increases substantially
- Following on from 6 Days and WOC, now have access to old areas
- Elite side – Kathryn, Andrew, Daniel and Mairi, Eddie and Jane all performing well
- Committee was restructured, and this seems to be working well – more members involved and contributing

- Financials – our balance had grown from £9,733.63 to £10,791.91 – so the club has a firm financial foundation
- Big event Participation at more distant events was growing rapidly, e.g.: Jamie Stevenson Trophy (28), Scottish Champs (16 teams + 57 runners), SOL Glen Affric (38)
- Development Plan is more about developing current members rather than increasing membership

b. Appointment of Honorary Life Members

The club currently has two Honorary Members – Paul Stitson, Peggie Gordon, and it was proposed and agreed to appoint two further Honorary members for their services to Moravian Orienteers and orienteering in general

- **Douglas Murray** joined the committee as secretary in 1997 (after retiring) and was Treasurer from 2006 until the 2015 AGM. He has housed the club kit in his shed (for about 20 years). For many years he has been a well recognised face of Moravian Orienteers, having received two Sport Moray awards, (in 2001 & 2013; Local Service to Sport), and has controlled many events across Scotland for clubs and the Scottish 6 Days.
- **Mike Rodgers** was appointed SOA Regional Development Officer in March 2012 and has remained very focused on what he wanted to do in that role. In addition to his paid employment as RDO, he has made an equivalent voluntary contribution in the build up to WOC 2015 and the 2013 (Moray) and 2015 (Highland) Scottish 6 Days events. When he started we had about 120 members, now we have 266 and rising. He is well-known for his publicity work, business and hub networking – Mike ensures that everyone knows about our club and our sport. He doesn't understand the word "can't", everything is possible. A big part of his success is that he has a real intimate knowledge of our membership. He has a very close working relationship with schools and Active School, and was instrumental in the Moray schools having access to Emit kit.

c. Finance Report

Nikki Howard presented the Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 which had been independently verified by Mhairi Donald. Nikki highlighted the fact that we were using the Project Account (which now contains £2,310.17) for replacing our Emit kit as it went past its sell-date. The club transfers £50 per month into this account from our Current account.

MORAVIAN ORIENTEERING CLUB

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2015 TO 31ST MARCH 2016

Balance Sheet 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

Current Account			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening balance	7,923.46	Map printing	815.26
Event Income	5,403.05	Mapping	200.00
Map Sales etc	565.05	Levies	800.80
Kit Sales	1,408.50	Equipment purchase	2,852.92
Coaching	113.00	Publicity	145.16
Miscellaneous	885.24	Event Expenses	445.02
	<b>16,298.30</b>	RDO	43.33
		Coaching Expenses	147.50
		Club Entries and relays	951.00
		CPD	487.50
		BOF	46.00
		Miscellaneous	555.34
		Closing Balance	8,442.99
			<b>15,932.82</b>
Project Account	£	Assets at 31st March 2015	
Opening balance	1,710.17	Current Account	8442.99
Transfers from Current A/C	600.00	Project Account	2,310.17
Interest	0.00	Cash	100.00
Grants received	0.00	less	
	2,310.17	creditors	-61.25
expend	0.00		<b>10791.91</b>
	<b>2,310.17</b>		

Prepared by Nicola Howard, Treasurer and verified by Mhairi Donald, Bookkeeper

The accounts were approved by the meeting and were Proposed (Douglas Murray) and Seconded (Margaret Dearman).

d. Development Report

Donald Grassie thanked the team – Mike Rodgers and Suzanne Lynch-Mackay (Publicity), Mike (Schools, Sport Moray & Hubs) and Denise Main (Sport Nairn). Through the year, the club had actively supported Active Schools in specific school sessions and in the annual autumn orienteering festival. Between Moray Sport Hubs, Sport Moray and Sport Nairn, there were eight organisations we were represented in. As Mike comes to the end of his RDO role, there are now many opportunities for members to represent the club locally – if you are interested let me know, Donald had been working with Sport Moray to try to establish a Corporate Decathlon – unfortunately this did not receive sufficient support from local businesses and so had not been pursued further. Club members had supported and run many impressive events to mark International Orienteering Day and Sport Relief. There is an ongoing project with Active Schools and Castle Gordon with potential funding from the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation, to provide orienteering coaching and map education in schools local to Fochabers. However, the committee believed that the focus should now be more on retaining and developing club members, rather than growing our membership.

e. Events Report

The increase in participation has been extraordinary over the last year, with most Level D events involving between 100 and 150 participants and Level C well over 200. This puts quite a strain on the volunteer effort, but plenty of people are offering and gaining confidence in a number of areas. Furthermore, some exceptional work has gone in to formally organising Club Equipment, for which Fiona Newcombe has done an amazing job; similarly, Ali Wiseman has done a fantastic job updating guidance for event organisers. In June we had a well-attended Event Safety Workshop and plan another for later in the year. Since the last AGM, WOC and Highland 2015 have passed with exceptional efforts from many MOR members; we have also hosted 3 very successful Level C events at Aldroughty/Quarrelwood, Darnaway and Roseisle.

As well as our normal event programme, for 2017 look out for MOR hosting/organising:

- Scottish Night and Sprint Champs – 18/19 Feb
- Day 5 of Scottish 6 Days in Deeside at Glen Feardar – Early Aug
- Scottish Score Champs – Nov

Club members are strongly encouraged to take on new volunteering challenges wherever they can, so that the load can be spread as widely as possible in what is the now largest Orienteering club in Scotland.

f. Club & Membership Report

Andrew Campbell reported on behalf of Alan Halliday. There had been another very successful year for Club Competitions with record participation – between 150 and 190 is the norm now. At the Scottish Championships in particular Moravian fielded a record number of Relay teams (16), and similarly we had an excellent turnout of juniors in the Jamie Stevenson trophy. Thanks to Eddie Harwood and Pippa Weir for coordinating these teams. We also saw growth in the number of members travelling to events outside Moray. Building on these successes is now a priority. Club jackets and new style club o-tops were introduced to encourage 'belonging' through visual presence. Further orders will be submitted shortly. Our membership has now risen to over 260.

## **5. Election of Management Committee**

Donald thanked all the committee members, particularly those standing down. Peggie Gordon had made a major contribution to Moravian Orienteers and to Scottish Orienteering as an official, competitor, and just as simply an enthusiastic orienteering volunteer and was especially thanked. Nominations had been requested from members for management committee positions and the resultant list had been circulated to all members. There were no further nominations raised at the meeting, and so the list circulated to members was approved.

- Honorary President – Douglas Murray will replace Peggie Gordon
- Chairman – Donald Grassie is re-elected, but intends to stand down by the next AGM
- Treasurer – Nikki Howard is re-elected
- Secretary – Alison Wiseman will replace Fran Britain
- Development – this position is on hold, as development is not viewed as such an important aspect at present
- Events – Roo Hornby re-elected
- Club & Membership – Alan Halliday re-elected
- Performance Coaching & Athlete Development – Paul Furness is standing down, it is expected to appoint a replacement shortly.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- a. Mike Rodgers highlighted some of the roles he undertook on behalf of the club, and sought members to take over some of the roles. Some members came forward, but there are always opportunities for more involvement. The roles included:
  - Saturday League Table Compiler
  - Schools League Table Co-ordinator
  - BOF Participation Returns
  - SOA Junior Badge Scheme
  - Web Site Stories
  - Moravian Weekly News (deputising for Margaret as required)
  - Social Media Co-ordinator

## **7. Close**

The meeting was closed at 14:30