



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19th August 2017 1pm, Roseisle

Minutes

1. Present:

Eddie Harwood, Liz, Andrew & Daniel Campbell, Pippa & Mairi Weir, Debbie & Lewis McWilliam, Ian Addis, Mike Rodgers, Neil McLean, Ade Chapman, Margaret Dearman, Hannah & Amanda Kingham, Paul & Elizabeth Furness, Rosie Pye, Colin Matheson, Roo (Acting Chair), Caroline & Christopher Hornby, Ken, Sara & Kirsty Anderson, Alan (Club) & Jane Halliday, Fiona Newcombe, Shona & Jennifer Spencer.

The following all had '& family' present: Ali (Secretary) & Stephen Wiseman, Nikki Howard (Treasurer), Cath & Steve Perry, , Phil & Lil Kenyon, Paul & Lesley Coutts, Karen Fraser & John Pullen, Mick & Karen Curran, Suzanne Lynch MacKay, Morag & Peter McLuckie.

Apologies: Phill Thompson, Liz Barr, Denise Main, Donald Grassie, Chris & David Spencer

Roo welcomed everyone.

2. The 2016 AGM minutes were approved by Margaret Dearman and seconded by Liz Campbell.

3. Reports

a. Chairman and Development Report (Roo Hornby)

At the last AGM, the previous chair Donald and I mentioned that we would be looking to take a back seat at the next AGM. When I accepted in Summer 16 that I would be an Organiser for Scottish 6 Days 17, I had promised myself a break afterwards.... Since then, having been co-ordinator for Culbin Weekend and late-notice co-ordinator for Sprint and Night (as well as planner for Sprint), taking over as Acting Chairman and Organising Day 5, as well as trying to keep our fixtures on track I will not deny that I am a little stretched without even starting to achieve my day-job!

However, the growth and the warmth of the club is something that constantly keeps me enthused and motivated. The recent 6-Days was such a great family atmosphere and so many people both juniors and adults made such great progress. We tend to focus on individual annual performance at the prize-giving in January, so I will not dwell on that; only to say that we continue to have some amazing performances and improvements from many of our juniors and adults. Our best seniors have been hampered somewhat by painful injuries, but there are many just below them snapping to get close to the Scottish VHI team.

It is our volunteers that I particularly want to praise, for painting the club in such a positive light. At Culbin in October and Darnaway and Lossiemouth in Feb, the club showed itself at its best, planning and organising exceptional events that people travelled from all over the country to enjoy. I barely heard a squeak of dissent and lots of enormous praise. Thank You everyone for helping. Those that mainly orienteer locally, possibly don't know how lucky we are to have such amazing venues, many of which are suitable year-round.

There has been a lot of focus on growth and new membership over the last 5 years, but I feel that we now need to focus on ensuring our current members grow in performance and experience. You are all capable of bringing in friends and family to keep us sustained by word-of-mouth, without the constant drum-beat of 'growth breeds funding' from external agencies. There is only so much a volunteer team can sustain. Our publicity team do such an amazing job as well and I know Mike is rightly standing down from much of his responsibilities, so please offer to help Suzanne on this wherever you can, especially with small reflections on away events. Thank you Mike for the staggering job you have done with publicity over the last 10 years; it has made the club what it is!

We have started offering far more performance and event management training via Wed evening activities recently which will continue. We would like to offer more structured coaching as well, which will happen, but many of our qualified coaches are currently needing a volunteering slow-down, so please be patient; there are more coming in the pipeline and don't be afraid to volunteer yourself to be a coach.

From a team point of view, it was great to see so many relay-teams down in N Berwick, with some good success, both junior and senior and the Jamie Stevenson trophy result was amazing with us coming 2nd!

The British Champs is being held near us for the first time in 10 years (it was in Culbin in 2008) next year in Deeside. It would be great if we could create some really competitive relay teams at both junior and senior level; Andrew Barr was first inspired by finishing second in the British Champs relay in 2008. We have the Scottish Relays in Roseisle the following weekend which gives us even more opportunity. I do want to thank Pippa for all the amazing work she has done with the juniors and JST, and whilst I would be delighted if she can remain as junior 'captain' it would be great if someone else could volunteer to be JST coordinator for the club.

I want to thank Caroline, my wife, for her patience and support when my time is diverted by Club matters.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who assist on the wider committee and the amazing job that Ali, Nikki and Alan do on keeping the club functioning on the straight and narrow.

b. Appointment of Honorary Life Members: None appointed this year

c. Finance Report- (Nikki Howard) attached separately

d. Events Report (Roo Hornby)

Since the last AGM we have had 1150 entries in Sat League events, 1200 at Culbin Weekend and Scottish Night/Sprint and 130 at Northern Night Cup. That is around **2500** entries at the 15 'Levy' paying events. With a wide number of activities as well, which must total up to at least 400, we are close to 3000. That is staggering and something to be incredibly proud of as a club. The Culbin SOL probably had the largest entry for many years that didn't include a World Ranking Event. We really are very lucky to have so many venues that many all over the UK like to travel to. We have also had special enquiries from Norwegians and Swedes just for our Sat League events. I want to say a huge thank you to all the officials and volunteers that have helped bring these events and activities together and would heartily encourage newcomers to get involved with Planning and Organising. Having 2 BIG weekends in 3.5 months was a bit of a stretch. All of this doesn't even mention the 3500 people we looked after of Day 5 of the Scottish 6 Days and once again, thank you to all that helped make that a great success.

Over the next year our programme is slightly less ambitious, but still offers plenty for visitors as well as our own and local clubs. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our next Level C that was due to be in Lossie Forest in early Sep; new date will be notified soon. We are hosting the Scottish Score in Quarrelwood on Sun 26 Nov and also, the Scottish Relays as part of the Scottish Championship weekend on Sun 26 May in Roseisle from Burghead. The individual event is being hosted by INVOC near Nairn. Also, note that the British Champs are taking place in Deeside the previous weekend with the Individual event at Balmoral and the Relay between Ballater and Aboyne near Cambus o May! We are also hosting a SOL in late Oct 18, which will probably be in Roseisle as well, but in the centre and west bit. I am sure we will look at something to put on the Saturday as well.

If I have one plea, don't be afraid to volunteer to be a planner or Organiser. Once you get in to it they are very rewarding and we have plenty of people to mentor you. If you haven't done one, you need to do an Event Safety Workshop and our next one is on the evening of Wed 6 Sep. It is a once only qualification. Mature juniors are very welcome as well.

Finally, please support Lil Kenyon in helping with the Schools events over the next few weeks, culminating with the Gordonstoun event on Thu 5 Oct.

e. Club & Membership Report (Alan Halliday)

This year we have focussed our attentions on consolidating our membership with quality local events, training/coaching and encouraging travel further afield. Evidence for how the club is progressing, is shown in the growth in attendance at events involving travelling: for example the Scottish Champs Relays with 2013 - 2015 having only 1 - 3 teams attending; 2016 at Balmoral had 17 and 2017, even though it was much further away in East Lothian, still had 14.

Membership (Andrew Campbell)

At the end of last year, Moravian Membership was 267 members (a Club record). This represented all those members who had nominated Moravian Orienteers as their primary club with British Orienteering and included two honorary members (nominated last year). Since last year, 175 members have renewed (about two thirds of the membership of last

year) and 29 new members have joined. The Moravian Orienteers Club membership thus currently stands at 204, making it one of the largest orienteering clubs in Scotland. In addition, Moravian has a further two honorary members and five members who have nominated Moravian Orienteers as their secondary club.

Junior Captain's Report (Pippa Weir)

The year has seen a massive rise in junior participation beyond Moray. We now have some talented individuals and ever-increasing strength in depth. Highlights have been:

- Inter-area weekend, Culbin in October – 20 juniors were part of the North Area team for individual and relay races.
- Compass-Sport Cup, Tentsmuir, Fife – 12 older juniors joined the adults to help the club come 2nd.
- Scottish Championships, East Lothian – this year we had 5 junior teams in the relay.
- Jamie Stevenson Trophy – after 6th in 2011, 7th in 2012, 4th in 2013, 6th in 2014 and 4th in both 2015 and 2016, our juniors excelled to come 2nd this year!

Looking forward:

North Area: The formation of the North Area Junior Group will provide some training and social opportunities for Juniors not currently in ScotJOS. The highlight will be the Inter-area weekend (Stirling?) and we hope to help all juniors wishing to go get there.

British Championships: To be held on Deeside in May, we will be aiming for a British Champion or two within in club and many relay teams.

Scottish Championships: On our doorstep the weekend following the British, so surely more medal opportunities and another chance to get newer members enjoying the big-event buzz.

Equipment and SI bid

Fiona Newcombe said thank you to everyone who makes an effort to replace equipment in the shed neatly, it makes a very big difference to the other users and the condition of equipment. There is now a shed annex which stores some less often used equipment. Fiona is also working towards securing funding to enable us to replace our EMIT timing system with SI, which will hopefully be possible sometime next year (but due to funding schedules, not in time for the Scottish Champs relays at Roseisle in May 2018).

f. Secretary's Report

Summary of 2017 Member Questionnaire

Thank you to the 41 members who took part, during February 2017, covering most households who are actively involved in the club. This is a general summary of members' responses and action by the club; more details have been given to relevant committee members and if anyone wishes to know more please ask Ali: couttsie29@gmail.com. Also, feedback and suggestions are welcomed at any time.

Q1: Please give the club two stars and a wish : Most common stars: friendliness, event organisation and communications. Most common wish: more coaching.

Q2&3: Coaching Members make good use of the coaching available using MAD courses, Steve's Wednesday training, Thursday hills training and help before events, as well as some ad-hoc training and training outwith the club. Limitations include childcare, availability of coaches. Weekends or weekday evenings generally favoured.

Coaching and training opportunities have increased since the survey, including an indoor session, more MAD courses, physical training, pre 6 day coaching and links with SOA coaching. We plan to continue a programme of regular Wednesday evening activities (suggestions welcome) and provide coaching at all levels. We are seeking a coaching coordinator to help with this.

Some coaching before, during or after our Saturday events, or using these as training events, would be welcomed by some, and others offered to help e.g. shadowing. We try to make sure new people are introduced fully to the sport at our events, and we aim to improve opportunities for people to talk to experienced members after their run. If you feel you could either benefit from this or provide some help please speak to a committee member.

Q4 Social Events: Basically, we love them and would like more! All the given options were quite popular, with a summer BBQ/picnic being the most popular.

Suggestions: All Club trip to European O competitions, quiz/games night, annual awards more of an event, make sure we meet and greet new members, coordinating campsites when away, annual fundraiser, kids climbing and pizza, non 'O' activities, more club trips, more social activities around events eg picnics, mazes, string courses, more carpooling, healthy after race snacks. Many of these have already happened since.

Our social organiser is Debbie McWilliam and welcome any suggestions and offers of help. Facebook is the easiest way to organise ad-hoc things, such as the recent bag packing fundraiser, anything planned in advance will be in the newsletter. If you are planning anything and would like some MOR pals along too, just let us know. Wednesday evening activities can (should!) include social events.

Q5 Club annual leagues and awards: Most members are happy with the club leagues and awards, generally seen as most valuable to juniors. Awards for non competitive achievements/contributions (adults and juniors) are valued very much.

Q6 Electronic Timing Kit: The vast majority of respondents who had an opinion would support a club move to SI. Following this and other considerations, the club is applying for funding to make this possible.

Q7 Communications: Seen by many as a key strength of the club, with Tues news, then website and Facebook being the most useful forms. Suggestions include a junior newsletter, members' event reports (already happening) and a website update, a project in hand.

Q8 Events: Generally very good. Some would like more variety of levels at our Saturday events (eg TD5(green), wherever possible and TD1(white), where practical). Through the year our events programme provides a variety of levels and terrains: since the survey we have had provided both white and green courses, and urban sections, and have had a longer start windows. With growing numbers at our events we will try our best to provide what members want, within restrictions of available volunteers, logistics and terrain.

Q9 Would you like to get more involved in the club in any way? Thank you for all the responses to this. We're still looking specifically for a coaching coordinator, a publicity officer and someone to

help update our website. Also if anyone has suggestions and/or offers to organise or lead a Wednesday evening activity (it needn't be orienteering) we'd be most grateful.

The Reports were accepted by Debbie McWilliam and seconded by Eddie Harwood.

4. Election of Management Committee

The following were all elected (or re-elected) unopposed:

Honorary President: Douglas Murray

Chairperson: Roo Hornby

Treasurer: Nikki Howard

Secretary: Ali Wiseman

Events: Denise Main

Club: Alan Halliday

Coaching Coordinator: no nominations

The Management Committee was proposed by Ade Chapman and seconded by Suzanne Lynch-Mackay.

5. Any other business

Roo mentioned the programme of Wednesday 'club nights'. We welcome any suggestions for what you'd like to do and also any offers of leading a session, which could include coaching/training indoors or out, social events, workshops etc. Dates coming up are:

30th August: Training, Culbin

6th September: Event Safety workshop, Forres

13th September: Training, Culbin

20th September: Planning workshop, Forres

Jon Hollingdale's training kites are still out in Culbin and will be moved around in about a month. He'll post the map on facebook/website.

Paul and Elizabeth's Culbin kites will be taken in next week.

Thank you for these training opportunities which are well used by the club.

The main committee is supported by a wider committee (the structure of which can be found on the website). Thank you to the following people who have accepted jobs on this wider committee recently: Lil Kenyon- Schools and youth organisations link and Schools League; Karen Curran- co- social organiser; Ian Addis- Organiser Standards. There will be a meeting of the wider committee in the autumn.

Roo thanked everyone for staying on for the AGM, and Alan for a great Club Championships.