



Annual General Meeting Saturday 17th August 2018 1pm, Roseisle Forest

Minutes

Welcome

Roo welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM. He also thanked Rosie, Ian, Karen, Ali, Nikki, and Alan for all their hard work in making today's competition so much fun.

1. Attendance & Apologies for Absence

Apologies received: Douglas Murray, Ali Wiseman and family, the Barr family, Liz and Daniel Campbell, Karen Curran & family, Margaret Dearman, Liz & Paul Furness, Colin Hall, Caroline Hornby, Amanda & Hannah Kingham, Denise Main, Suzanne Lynch-Mckay, & family, Derek McNeill.

Present: Roo Hornby (Chair), Carole Chapman (Secretary), Karen Fraser (Treasurer) & family, Nikki Howard (Events), Alan Halliday (Club), Ian Addis, Kenneth & Sara Anderson, Fran Britain & family, Andrew Campbell, Paul, Lesley Coutts & family, Eddie Harwood, Lil Kenyon & family, Colin Matheson, Morag, Peter McLuckie & family, Kaisa & Ida Oikkonen, Stephen Catherine & Shauna Perry, John Pullen, Rosie Pye, Dave Ritchie, Heidi Ross, Katherine Taylor & family, Ian Welsh.

2. Minutes of the AGM 18 August 2018 1pm, at Lossiemouth

The 2018 minutes were approved by Nikki and seconded by Cathy.

3. Chair's Report - Roo Hornby

Roo highlighted that Margaret, who is a much loved and respected member of the club, is still very poorly and that it's going to be a slow road to get back to full fitness. We all wish Margaret the very best for a good recovery. **Post Meeting – Margaret is home and making good progress**

Roo highlighted how well the club members had performed over the year; our youngsters were on particularly good form at the Scottish Championships and British Championships. This year the club had been awarded the SOA Bronze Award, and we will now work towards our Silver Award. A special thank you to all those who were involved in pulling the information together.

Often volunteers get little recognition and it is only with hard work that we manage to put on such really great club events, so a special thank you for all your efforts, they are truly appreciated. The camaraderie, fun and great atmosphere made the Scottish 6 Days (S6D) a great holiday. In 2023 it will be the 25th S6D and it will be held in Moray (where the first one was), therefore we will be the organising club. In 2021 the event will be held in the Lochaber.

We are looking for volunteers for a variety of roles, these include planning courses and mentoring, and organising events. In particular Nikki could do with some help with the club event co-ordination. Suzanne is standing down on the publicity front, so we are looking for volunteers to help with the newsletter. The coaching post is also vacant as Ali is standing down (**Post Meeting – now filled by Elizabeth Furness for 12 months**). We are very lucky to have such a broad bunch of people who are keen to help with a variety of tasks, however these roles need particular support, so please let the Committee know if you would like to be involved.

Shortly the children will be returning to school and we have had several requests to help. Ian is helping with the coaching and Nikki with the Schools Festival. Active Schools activities are now held outside the school day.

4. Finance Report (Annex A) - Karen Fraser

No significant purchases of equipment were made this year. Currently money was being put aside to maintain the new SI kit. Money will also be spent on mapping, in particular Blairs Wood and to access lidar data to improve maps. Not all events made a profit, and therefore we increased entry fees earlier this year to ensure future events were likely to break even. Attendance at some events is lower due to the different the Active Schools dynamic. We are also mindful that an indoor assembly, particularly out of summer, is a better way to encourage newcomers in case of bad weather; however, this does make running costs more costly. Equipment was discussed and a new tent proposed; Dave Richie also offered support in obtaining two new banners.

5. Events Report – Nikki Howard

Although many club members have already undertaken an Event Safety Workshop, if anyone else is interested please highlight this. Events coming up include Findhorn, Lossiemouth and Roseisle North. We are not planning a Sat League in December, however there will be a 'snooker O' on the 2 January in Grant Park.

The Northern Night Cup night cup will be running again in December and January with MOR events in Culbin and Forres Golf Club. INVOC and BASOC will also be running events.

If you would like to plan, or organise an event please speak to Nikki. We have a demanding year ahead with a Moray Mix planned. The use of some forests have been curtailed due to parking. David highlighted that Blairs Wood would provide plenty of parking once it is mapped.

6. Club & Membership Reports

a. Senior Captain – Eddie Harwood (Alan Halliday)

Steve would again be offering some Wednesday evening activities. A fun quiz event is planned for later in the year. Alan reminded everyone that the colour badge scheme is open to both juniors and seniors, and that there are 16 badges available to collect.

There is an abundance of orienteering events coming up throughout the UK. British Championships were being held in Surrey next year and the JK will be held in North Yorkshire. The Scottish Championships are to be held in Fife. Many people may have heard of the Harvester overnight relay event, and next summer it is going to be held in Scotland and supported by the Forth Valley club.

b. Junior Captain - Pippa Weir

Junior Inter-Area Competition Weekend - This was held at the end of October 2018 on home soil. This meant we had a record 28 participants representing the North team. Unfortunately, no one wanted to stay at the youth hostel, which is a shame as this is a good opportunity for the children to make new friends. After Saturday's cold and wet relays in Grant Park, and Sunday's individual at Roseisle it was announced that the North had been won by a single point over West.

Jamie Stevenson trophy (JST) – June's JST was held in Kingussie. Again, it provided to be an enjoyable day with heaps of team spirit shown by our 22 youngsters. For the third consecutive year we came 2nd to Maroc, this time by just two points.

Development: Currently 4 juniors are in ScotJOS and are benefiting the coaching. For others there have been a couple of North Area coaching days, a coaching session, and a couple of days with the Lagganlia tour group. The junior cohort that attends coaching, and travels outwith Moray to compete, seems fairly static. It would be good to recruit some newcomers, especially if we could boost numbers in the young age groups in which we are now struggling with in the JST.

c. Membership - Andrew Campbell

At the end of last year, Moravian Membership was 191 members. This represented all those members who had nominated Moravian Orienteers as their primary club with both British Orienteering and Scottish Orienteering and included two honorary members. This year to date, 165 members have either renewed or joined Moravian through British Orienteering or Scottish Orienteering. The Committee was particularly pleased that membership through British Orienteering remained high at 146 members (88% of club membership), given its role in promoting orienteering across the country.

