



Moravian Orienteers



Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity: SC043563

12:30 Saturday 20th August 2022, at Findhorn

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies Received: Liz Barr, Paul Furness, Rosie Pye and Douglas Murray

Present: Andrew Campbell (Chair), Morag McLuckie (Secretary), Karen Fraser (Finance), Rob Parkinson (Club & Membership), Elizabeth Furness (Coaching), Fran, Scarlett & Joshua Britain; Olivia McGhee, Liz Campbell, Penelope & Steve Smirthwaite; Paul & Ben Coutts; Neil & Farran McLean; Nikki, Sophie & Anna Howard; Donald & Oonagh Grassie; Ida Oikkonen, Eoin Smith, Peter & Finlay McLuckie; Ian Welsh, Emma Tunnard & family; Eddie Harwood, Margaret Dearman, Alan Halliday, Michael Bishenden, Patrick Fraser, Ken, Sara & Kirsty Anderson; Roo Hornby, Ian Addis, David Esson.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 18th September 2021, at Roseisle

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved by Penelope Smirthwaite and seconded by Paul Coutts.

4. Annual Reports

a. Chair's – Andrew Campbell

Andrew commented that the Club had continued to have a successful year following the relaxation of COVID regulations. He noted that the Club had staged a successful Moray Mix and a number of local events in the last 12 months, as well as supporting Active Schools, the Hopeman Gala and the Moray Badge Platinum Jubilee scheme. He thanked everyone involved for making that happen - the Committee, Club members, volunteers and event officials. He commented that the Club remained financially sound and healthy. He noted that the Committee had finalised and published a new Club Development plan (2022-2027) and had completed the criteria to apply for the SOA's silver award, which it would apply by the end of the year. He noted that club membership had declined in 2022, in line with a national trend, and that the Club would continue to focus on attracting new members, particular juniors, going forward. He reported that the Committee was in discussion with Forestry Land Scotland to re-invigorate the Permanent Orienteering Course at Quarry Wood and that more newcomer information would be added to the Club website.

Andrew reflected on some of the Club's successes and achievements over the last 12 months. He reported that the Club had finished in a fantastic fourth place at the Compass Sport Trophy Final and had qualified for the 2022 final in Scotland. He noted that the Club's juniors had continued to shine at all levels. Isobel had represented GB at the Junior World Championships and European Youth Championships, whilst Michael, Finlay, Kate, Scarlett, Isobel, Faith and Hannah had been selected for the Scottish Junior Squad, with Finlay, Kate, Sophie and Isobel selected for subsequent national regional tours. He noted that there had also been successes at British and Scottish Championship events, with podium places for Eddie, Morag, Finlay, Kate, Isobel, Sophie, Nikki and Andrew, together with success at the recent Lakes 5 days, with Eddie, Kate, Finlay and Sophie gaining podium places. He also noted that the Club juniors had finished in an excellent third place at the recent Jamie Stevenson Trophy.

He also reported that the Club had supported the British Mountain Biking Orienteering Championships and thanked Steve for his tremendous efforts in mapping the areas and supporting the events. He thanked Paul for all his efforts in developing and maturing the Club website and in managing the Club's SI kit and entries, whilst he thanked Rob, Margaret and Kathryn, with support from Fran and Roo, for their hard work in keeping the membership informed via the weekly newsletter and social media. He also thanked Ian and Rosie for their dedication and commitment in providing download and computing support at every event, and Elizabeth in her role as event coordinator for the next Scottish 6 Days (Moray 2023). He invited club members to contact her to volunteer to help either on the day or leading up to the event.

On the coaching side, the Club had supported Scottish junior tours, as well as national regional tours and Welsh and West Midlands regional squads, by providing courses for these visiting groups. He thanked Elizabeth and all the other Club volunteers and helpers for making that happen. He also highlighted the excellent and fundamental work of David and the Club mappers in managing the Club's existing maps and in mapping new areas.

Finally, Andrew thanked the Committee for their tireless work and support. He acknowledged the tremendous contribution of Elizabeth who was standing down as lead coach and of Pippa who was standing down as Junior Club Captain after 12 years. He thanked Morag for agreeing to become the Club's new lead coach and Emma Tunnard for agreeing to join the Committee as Events Permissions lead. He made a plea for new volunteers to join the Committee with the Club Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Junior Club Captain roles currently vacant. He acknowledged and thanked the current Committee for covering those vacant roles in the interim and noted that this was not sustainable over the longer term. He asked for volunteers to contact anyone on the Committee if they were interested.

b. Finance Report (Annex A) – Karen Fraser

Karen reported that though Moravian continues to be financially stable, there had been a loss during the past year. This was due to several capital expenditure items: lightweight club

tent, poles for club banner, Battery pack for computer download. It was also noted that the Junior fund currently has £343.00; £243 of this from hat sales and £100 from map sales of Steve Smirthwaite's MTBO map of Darnaway/Sluie/Altyre. A successful 'Come and Try It' event during the Hopeman Gala had raised £32 in July. The Club continued to put £50 into the project account each month, mainly for replacing the batteries in the SI units and for possible mapping costs. Karen reminded members that officials at club events (e.g. Planners, Controllers and Organisers) should make any appropriate claims via the club's expenses form.

c. Events Report – Andrew Campbell

Andrew reported that the Club had hosted and supported 11 regional and local events since the last AGM, including two Northern Night cup events over the winter and two British Mountain Bike Orienteering events. He thanks everyone involved for making those events possible – organisers, planners, volunteers and event officials. He commented that the Club was always looking for organisers and planners to support events and that the November Saturday event was still in need of an organiser. He advised that following the successful event safety workshop held in February, run by Donald, the Club was looking to arrange another event safety workshop later in the year. He recommended that Club Members consider completing the course so that they can become eligible to organise and plan. He re-assured members that all new organisers and planners would be provided with a mentor to help them through the process.

He advised that the next year's fixtures programme was taking shape, with plans to visit some new areas and to re-visit areas not used for some time. This was due in part to some of our major areas being embargoed for Moray 2023. Finally, he made a plea for Club Members to join the Committee as Fixtures Secretary.

d. Club & Membership Report – Rob Parkinson

Rob reported that membership has declined since 2021, undoubtedly affected by the Covid hangover. This was a situation faced by clubs across the country. Our membership for 2021 was 155 members, and to date we have only 115 members this year, a fall of 40. The Club still offered BOF and SOA memberships, with the Club's BOF membership falling by 24, while the SOA membership decreased by 16 this year. This situation has been discussed at Committee meetings, as our goal is to return membership to 2021 levels by continuing to offer well organised and enjoyable events and by promoting orienteering as much as the Club was able.

With regards to Social Media and Publicity, Rob thanked Paul Furness for maintaining and regularly updating the website, Margaret Dearman for the weekly newsletter, Kathryn Barr for developing a Moravian Instagram presence and a number of different members for postings on Facebook. Rob also asked members to each take a few of the new club leaflets and hand them to friends!

Rob noted that the **Compass Sport Cup Final** is on 16th October at Devilla, near Kincardine this year. Moravian qualified at Callander earlier in the year in the Regional heat. Let's see if we can improve on last year's 4th place in the final (2nd Scottish team)!

In terms of Club equipment, Rob highlighted the new purchase of a lightweight event shelter which has been used at a couple of events.

e. Coaching Report – Elizabeth Furness

Elizabeth commented that club coaching sessions had been held earlier in the year. She thanked Morag taking on the role of Lead Coach within the Club.

5. Election of Management Committee

The following executive committee was elected with all posts unopposed:

Honorary President: Douglas Murray

Chair: Andrew Campbell

Treasurer: Karen Fraser

Secretary: Eian Smith

Fixtures Secretary: Vacant (Andrew Campbell covering)

Events Permissions: Emma Tunnard

Club & Membership: Rob Parkinson

Coaching Coordinator: Morag McLuckie

6. Any Other Discussion Points

- Morag highlighted the need for volunteers at the Club's SOUL event in Elgin on 24th September. Liz C circulated the sign-up sheet and a number of volunteers have been highlighted.
- Roo asked whether members felt a Club Condes Licence should be purchased for 30 or for 50 members. The current Club licence was due to expire in September 2022 and would need to be renewed (for next period of 3 years). After discussion, it was agreed that a Licence for 30 users would again be purchased initially. Roo agreed to renew and to contact Condes during the next 3-year period should the Club need to increase the number of licences held.
- Elizabeth Furness highlighted the importance of members volunteering to help with the Moray 2023 Scottish 6 Day to be held in August next year. She highlighted a number of roles which could be filled by Club members. She encouraged members to contact her if they would like more information or felt they could take on one of the remaining roles available.
- Nikki highlighted the fact that she and Fran both work for the SOA and if members had any questions regarding event organisation, etc., then they could both be approached for help.
- Eddie commented that Moravian currently have a lack of publicity in the local press for orienteering events and members successes. He agreed that he would take on the role of writing articles for the local newspapers. Scarlett Britain has also kindly offered her support with this publicising of club events and successes.
- Michael Bishenden offered his services as Junior Club Captain and Eian Smith to be Secretary. These offers were much appreciated and gratefully received.
- Penelope thanked all members of the committee for their hard work over the past year.

End of Meeting

Annex A

Balance Sheet August 2021-August 2022

Current Account

Income	£
Event Income	6,082.66
Map Sales etc	115.00
Kit Sales	525.00
Coaching	0.00
Grants	0.00
Miscellaneous	250.40
	<u>6,973.06</u>
Opening balance as at 04 Aug 2021	11,656.09
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-996.81
Closing Balance as at 19 August 2022	<u>10,659.28</u>

Expenditure

	£
Map printing	1,222.10
Mapping	800.00
Levies	1,746.30
Equipment & Kit purchase	904.60
Event Expenses	1,488.41
Publicity	50.00
RDO	0.00
Coaching Expenses	0.00
Relay entries and JST	658.50
CPD	50.00
BOF payments	95.00
Miscellaneous	304.96
Inter A/C transfer	650.00
	<u>7,969.87</u>

Project Account

	£
Opening balance as at 04 Aug 2021	5,810.17
Transfers from Current A/C	650.00
Interest	0.00
Grants received	0.00
	6,460.17
Expenditure	0.00
Closing balance as at 19 August 2022	<u>6,460.17</u>

Assets at 19 August 2022

	£
Current Account	10,659.28
Project Account	6,460.17
Cash	100.00
	<u>17,219.45</u>