



Moravian Orienteers



Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity: SC043563

1:00pm Saturday 19th August 2023, at Altyre

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies Received: Peter & Kate McLuckie, Paul & Elizabeth Furness, Roo & Caroline Hornby, Alan & Jane Halliday, Steve & Penelope Smirthwaite, Emma Tunnard, Nikki, Isobel & Anna Howard, Margaret Dearman, Eddie Harwood, Douglas Murray, Derek McNeill, Will Hall

Present: Andrew Campbell (Chair and Acting Fixtures), Rob Parkinson (Club & Membership, Acting Secretary), Karen Fraser (Finance), Morag McLuckie (Coaching) and 14 members

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 20th August 2021, at Findhorn

The meeting approved of the minutes of the 2022 AGM. Proposed by Karen Fraser, seconded by Paul Coutts.

4. Annual Reports

a. Chair – Andrew Campbell

Andrew commented that the Club had continued to have another successful year. He noted that since the last AGM, the Club had staged a successful Scottish Orienteering Urban League event, a regional event and 11 other local events, as well as supporting Active Schools and being the central organising club for Moray 2023. He thanked everyone involved for making that happen - the main and wider Committee, Club members, volunteers, coaches, mappers and event officials. He commented that the Club remained financially sound and healthy and thanked Karen for her continued hard work as treasurer. He noted that the Club had been successful in recruiting a new Club Development Officer, Will Hall, who, together with club members, had held some fantastic local events that had raised the profile of orienteering to a new audience. As a result, he commented that Club membership had remained on a par with last year, arresting the trend of a falling membership in recent years. He also commented that the Club had not been successful in its bid for the SOA's Silver Award, but that it would be re-submitting the application before the end of the year.

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 third place at the Compass Sport Trophy Final and had qualified for the 2023 final in the Forest of Dean. He noted that the Club's juniors had continued to shine at all levels. Isobel had represented GB at the Junior World Championships and would be competing at the Junior European Cup at the end of August. He commented that Michael, Finlay, Kate, Scarlett, Sophie and Isobel had been selected for the Scottish Junior Squad, with Finlay, Michael, 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, Rob, Finlay, Kate, Isobel, Liz, Michael, Morag, Colin and Andrew. He also commented that there was with success at Moray 2023 with Finlay and Isobel winning their classes and Doug and

Joshua gaining podium places. He also noted that the Club juniors had finished in an excellent fourth place at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy.

He also reported that the Club had mapped new areas this year, whilst the Club's main areas had been embargoed for Moray 2023, and thanked David, Steve and Donald for their work in managing the Club's existing maps and in mapping new areas. He thanked Paul for his continued work in developing the Club website and in managing the Club's SI kit, whilst he thanked Rob, Margaret, Will, Eddie, Scarlett and Kathryn for their work in keeping the membership informed via the weekly newsletter, local press and social media. He also thanked Michael for being the Club's Junior Captain and Ian and Rosie for their dedication and commitment in providing download and computing support at every event, and Ian in managing our online entries. He thanked Elizabeth for her tireless and significant work in delivering a fantastic Scottish 6 Days, together with her wider team.

On the coaching side, the Club had undertaken some fantastic coaching sessions ahead of local events. He thanked Morag and all the other Club volunteers and helpers for making that happen.

Finally, Andrew thanked the Committee for their tireless work and support. He thanked Kathryn who was standing down as the Club's Instagram focal point and wished her much success in her new job in Canada. He made a plea for new volunteers to join the Committee with the Club Secretary and Fixtures Secretary 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 – Karen Fraser

Karen reported that though Moravian continues to be financially stable, as shown by the summary accounts for the year (see Annex A, presented as two balance sheets, Apr 22-Mar 23 and Apr 23-Jul 23). Karen noted that due to mapping costs incurred during 2022 the current account for that year showed a deficit of £7318. However, this deficit was largely covered by a Berryburn grant (£5275), which was received after March 23 and hence included in the Apr 23-Jul 23 accounts. Additional grant income has been received from the Orienteering Foundation and the SOA as a contribution to the cost of our Club Development Officer post. Further income from the Orienteering Foundation will be received over the coming months, totalling £3150. The combined current and project account balance at July 23 stands at £15,496.

c. Events Report – Andrew Campbell

Andrew reported that the Club had hosted and supported 13 regional and local events since the last AGM, including two Northern Night cup events, one Scottish Urban League event and two Summer Series urban events. He thanked everyone involved for making those events possible – organisers, planners, volunteers and event officials. He also thanked Emma for liaising with landowners to secure event permissions. He commented that the Club was always looking for organisers and planners to support events and that the November Saturday event in Culbin was still in need of an organiser.

Andrew advised that discussions on next year's fixtures programme would begin soon. Finally, he made a plea for Club Members to join the Committee as Fixtures Secretary.

d. Club & Membership Report – Rob Parkinson

Membership has remained stable since 2022. Our membership for 2023 now stands at 117 members, up 2 on 2022. Total BOF membership -15, SOA +17. Total Senior membership +4, Juniors -2. Our membership numbers continue to be discussed at committee meetings, as our goal is to

return membership to 2021 levels by continuing to offer regular, well organised and enjoyable local events

Social media and publicity - thanks to: Paul for maintaining and regularly updating the website; Margaret for the weekly newsletter, and for postings on Facebook; Kathryn for maintaining our Instagram presence. She passes that responsibility on this autumn as she is moving to Canada. Thank you Kathryn.

Club Development Officer - we were successful in a bid for Orienteering Foundation and SOA funding to support the appointment of Will Hall as Club Development Officer, on a 12 month (14 hours per week, 40 weeks) contract. Will has been in post since April and has been posting regularly in FB and Instagram, developing posters to circulate more widely to relevant audiences in Moray. He is leading developments with Active Schools and local Youth groups to raise the profile of orienteering.

Scottish Six Days - Moray 23 was a tremendous success, thanks to the huge input from Moravians, which we as a club can be tremendously proud of. We have acknowledged the contribution of so many club members in the success of the event, and demonstrated that we continue to provide opportunities for quality orienteering in Moray. Our challenge is to build on that success and attract more local people in to the sport.

Compass Sport Cup - in last Autumn's final at Devilla we came 3rd in the Trophy competition! This Spring we qualified from the Regional heat at Pitlochry in March to progress to the Final in November. Eddie is co-ordinating a team to travel to the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. Eddie has expressions of interest from club members - please contact him if you would like to represent the club at this national competition.

Equipment - investigating an alternative location for the club equipment. Rafford Village Hall is a potential location, two miles south of Forres, shed in the grounds to the side of the hall. Larger space than Doug Murray's shed, and needs some work - levelling floor, installation of shelves. This has been agreed in principle with Rafford Village Hall Committee.

e. Coaching Report – Morag McLuckie

The main objective for this year's Moravian coaching programme was to introduce Basic Techniques for Orienteering to beginner and/or younger junior orienteers. Carol McNeil's Technical Difficulty Summary formed the basis of all sessions. This was implemented with six pre-event coaching sessions for complete beginners & younger juniors offered before the Saturday League events from November 2022 – May 2023 (see Annex B for details). These were led by three of the Club's Level 1 coaches; Karen Fraser, Nikki Howard & Morag McLuckie, with assistance from Iain Addis & Peter McLuckie and support from Elizabeth Furness (Level 3 coach). We were also very lucky to have had lots of assistance from a number of our older Juniors; Scarlett Britain, Michael Bishenden, Anna Howard, Sophie Howard, Finlay & Kate McLuckie, most of whom have completed either an SOA Young Leader or Coaching Foundation course in the past year. A big thank you to David Ritchie for providing printing for the coaching sessions. These six coaching sessions attracted an average of 15 participants, with a good mix of younger juniors and beginner/returning adults.

In June a coaching session for all levels of orienteer was led by Hilary Quick of BASOC, the day after the Saturday event at Oakenhead, using a different part of the map. 18 people took part in this session, with another 8 people coaching and helping out.

All sessions this year have proved popular and we hope to run another coaching session with Hilary in the Autumn, as well as continuing with our pre-event coaching sessions which will start again at

the end of the year. Anyone interested in helping out with coaching or doing an introductory SOA “Coaching Foundation” course, please let Morag know.

5. Election of Management Committee

The following executive committee was elected with all posts unopposed. It was noted that two of the posts are vacant, and are currently being covered by other committee members. No offers to fill these posts were received.

Honorary President: Douglas Murray

Chair: Andrew Campbell

Treasurer: Karen Fraser

Secretary: Vacant (Rob Parkinson covering)

Fixtures Secretary: Vacant (Andrew Campbell covering)

Events Permissions: Emma Tunnard

Club & Membership: Rob Parkinson

Coaching Coordinator: Morag McLuckie

Senior captain: Eddie Harwood

Junior captain: Michael Bishenden

6. Any Other Discussion Points

- Morag highlighted the need for volunteers at the Club’s Regional event
- Following discussion, Sophie suggested that the club could organise a Junior training weekend next June to include the Jamie Stephenson Event.

Meeting closed at 2.05 pm

Annex A

Balance sheet April 22 - March 23

Balance Sheet April 2022-March 2023

Current Account		Expenditure	
Income	£		£
Event Income	3,903.70	Map printing	815.66
Map Sales etc	0.00	Mapping	5,275.00
Kit Sales	404.00	Levies	810.00
Coaching	0.00	Equipment & Kit purchase	1,665.82
Grants	1,500.00	Publicity	50.00
Miscellaneous	36.00	Event Expenses	545.73
	<u>5,843.70</u>	RDO	0.00
		Coaching Expenses	0.00
Opening balance as at 1st April 2022	11,326.62	Relay entries and JST	1,139.00
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-7,317.68	CPD	458.00
Closing Balance as at 31st March 2023	<u>4,008.94</u>	BOF payments	104.00
		Miscellaneous	198.17
		Inter A/C transfer	2,100.00
			<u>13,161.38</u>

Project Account	
	£
Opening balance 1 April 2022	6,210.17
Transfers from Current A/C	2,100.00
Interest	0.00
Grants received	0.00
	<u>8,310.17</u>
Expenditure	0.00
Closing balance 31st March 2023	<u>8,310.17</u>

Assets at 31st March 2023	
	£
Current Account	4,008.94
Project Account	8,310.17
Cash	100.00
	<u>12,419.11</u>

Balance sheet April 23 - July 23

Balance Sheet April 2023-July 2023

Current Account		Expenditure	
Income	£		£
Event Income	1,374.84	Map printing	299.40
Map Sales etc	0.00	Mapping	1,600.00
Kit Sales	0.00	Levies	330.00
Coaching	40.50	Equipment & Kit purchase	609.75
Grants	5,275.00	Publicity	0.00
Miscellaneous	148.10	Event Expenses	81.50
	<u>6,838.44</u>	RDO	20.80
		Coaching Expenses	60.00
Opening balance as at 1st April 2023	4,008.94	Relay entries and JST	271.38
Surplus/Deficit for the year	3,247.85	CPD	0.00
Closing Balance as at 5th July 2023	<u>7,256.79</u>	BOF payments	0.00
		Miscellaneous	117.76
		Inter A/C transfer	200.00
			<u>3,590.59</u>

Project Account	
	£
Opening balance 1 April 2023	8,310.17
Transfers from Current A/C	200.00
Interest	0.00
Grants received	788.00
	<u>9,308.17</u>
Expenditure	1,158.24
Closing balance 5th July 2023	<u>8,139.93</u>

Assets at 5th July 2023	
	£
Current Account	7,256.79
Project Account	8,139.93
Cash	100.00
	<u>15,496.72</u>

Annex B

Details of the coaching sessions:

Date	Key concepts (<i>Italics for higher level outcomes</i>)	Location
19 th November 2022 7 participants	Map symbols and colours Setting and folding the map Following Line features to controls L1 Coach = Morag McLuckie & Karen Fraser L3 Coach = Elizabeth Furness Helper = Anna Howard	Carsehill, Alves
14 th January 2023 15 participants	Review map symbols Map walk with map set <i>Distance judgement – map scales</i> L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie, Nikki Howard & Karen Fraser Yls = Scarlett Britain, Sophie Howard & Finlay McLuckie Helpers = Anna Howard, Peter McLuckie	Quarry Wood, Elgin
5 th February 2023 18 participants	Sprint map compared to forest map symbols Line exercise - recognising control features Orientating map with Maze <i>Basic use of compass</i> L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie, Ian Addis, Nikki Howard & Karen Fraser L3 Coach = Elizabeth Furness Yls = Scarlett Britain, Sophie Howard, Kate McLuckie & Finlay McLuckie Helpers = Anna Howard, Peter McLuckie	Gordonstoun, Duffus
11 th March 2023 11 participants	Star Exercise <i>Control descriptions</i> Musical Cones – organised by young leaders L1 Coach = Morag McLuckie, Karen Fraser, Nikki Howard L3 Coach = Elizabeth Furness Yls = Scarlett Britain, Sophie Howard, Kate McLuckie & Finlay McLuckie Helpers = Anna Howard, Peter McLuckie	Altyre South
15 th April 2023 14 participants	Contours, contour features Maze L1 Coach = Karen Fraser, Morag McLuckie Yls = Michael Bishenden, Kate McLuckie & Finlay McLuckie	Dufftown
20 th May 2023 19 participants	Contours review Control pick course (planned by Michael B) L1 Coach = Morag McLuckie, Karen Fraser & Nikki Howard Yls = Michael Bishenden, Sophie Howard, Ellie Darlow (RR), Kate McLuckie & Finlay McLuckie Helpers = Anna Howard, Peter McLuckie	Findhorn
25 th June 2023 18 participants	Moravian Club Coaching Session for all BASICS coaching for TD2 Relocation course, No Paths course and “Drop & Run” activities for TD3-TD5 L3 Coach = Hilary Quick, BASOC L1 Coach = Morag McLuckie, Karen Fraser & Nikki Howard Yls = Michael Bishenden, Kate McLuckie & Finlay McLuckie Helpers = Rob Parkinson	Oakenhead, Lossiemouth