



Moravian Orienteers



Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity: SC043563

12:00 Saturday 18th September 2021, at Roseisle

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies Received: Alan & Jane Halliday, Colin Hall, Ian Addis, Margaret Dearman, Eddie Harwood, Rob Parkinson, Karen Fraser, John Pullan, Helen Wallach & family

Present: Andrew Campbell (Chair), Morag McLuckie (Secretary), Nikki Howard (Events), Elizabeth Furness (Coaching), Liz Campbell; Scott, Nele & Lili Sharman; David Ritchie, Penelope & Steve Smirthwaite; Paul, Lesley, Ben & Alana Coutts; Douglas Murray, Neil McLean; Isobel, Sophie & Anna Howard; Ida & Kaisa Oikkonen; Peter & Finlay McLuckie; Ian Welsh, Paul Furness.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 22nd August 2020, by Zoom due to Covid-19

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved by Steve Smirthwaite and seconded by Nikki Howard.

4. Annual Reports

a. Chair's – Andrew Campbell

In his first AGM as chair, Andrew commended the Club for its strong membership and camaraderie during a year which has seen it need to adapt much due to the COVID pandemic. He reported that the Club's main focus during the last 12 months had been to stage events within the bounds of emerging and changing COVID regulations and new procedures. He thanked everyone involved for making that happen, including our COVID officers and all our event officials. He commented that the Club remained financially sound and healthy and that the Committee were now focusing on finalising the Club's Development Plan, applying for the SOA's silver award and wanting to seek the views of members on what it does well/not so well in a survey later in the year.

Andrew acknowledged and commented on some of the Club's great successes and achievements during the last 12 months. He noted that the Club's juniors had continued to shine at all levels, with Isobel and Hannah being selected for the GB talent squad; Isobel being selected to represent GB at the European Youth Orienteering Champs and as a reserve for the Junior World Champs; Michael, Isobel, Faith, Kate and Hannah being selected for SCOTJOS; and Michael, Isobel, Faith, Finlay, Kate and Scarlett being selected to represent Scotland at the JIRCS, JHIs or both. There was also success with top 3 places for

Moravians at the British Middle, Northern Champs and Junior Cup events and at the Scottish Six Days where Isobel, Finlay, Kate and Eddie were overall class winners. He also highlighted that the Club had supported Active Schools with particular special thanks to Ian, Karen, Nikki, Michael, Faith, Isobel and Liz. He commented that the Club had organised and successfully run Day 3 at the Scottish Six Days and thanked all the event officials and everyone who had volunteered to make the event a huge success. He reported that the next Six Days (the 24th) would be coming home to Moray (Moray held the first one) in 2023 and the Club had already offered to support key roles in the Central Organising Team. Elizabeth had volunteered to act as overall coordinator, Donald as mapping coordinator, Paul as SI & computing lead and himself in a role. He advised that they would be looking for other volunteers nearer the time, and encouraged members to lend their support.

He also highlighted the Club's successful hills session run each Thursday morning in Forres at Grant Park by Steve and Penelope. He commented that it offered a great activity for some exercise and opportunity for a coffee, chat and even cake (on occasion) afterwards. Steve had also introduced and expanded the Club's event offerings by organising a number of mountain bike orienteering events, including staging the British Middle and Sprint Champs in Anagach and Sanquhar Woods with a number of Moravians becoming British Mountain Bike Champions. He thanked Steve for his considerable efforts and enthusiasm in taking that forward.

He also reported that Moravian had successfully transitioned to a new website and thanked Paul for all his efforts and hard work to make that happen. On the coaching front, he reported that the Club had staged coaching events, put on a number of MAD courses when it couldn't physically stage events due to COVID restrictions, had supported GB regional squad training and remained in a notable position for the strength and quality of its coaching staff. He expressed sincere thanks to Elizabeth, the Club's coaches and volunteers for their work. He also highlighted the excellent and fundamental work of Steve, Dave and Jon in mapping new areas and in keeping our existing mapped areas up to date, and to Margaret, Fran and Roo for their work in publicising anything Moravian via Facebook and the Newsletter.

Finally, Andrew thanked the Committee for their tireless work and support. He acknowledged the contribution of Alan who was standing down from the Club and Membership role after a number of years and welcomed Rob Parkinson for kindly agreeing to take on the role after the AGM.

b. Finance Report (Annex A) – Karen Fraser

Andrew shared the Club Accounts (Annex A) on Karen's behalf. Moravian continued to be financially stable, with a slight profit being made during the past year, which given the circumstances was probably more than we could have expected. The accounts had been independently verified with no issues.

The Club continued to put £50 into the project account each month, mainly for replacing the batteries in the SI units. Steve Smirthwaite's MTB weekend was successful, with both very happy competitors and a fairly healthy profit. £100 of this profit was donated to the Forres

Community Woodlands Trust. Steve donated £100 from the sale of Altyre/Darnaway maps to the Junior fund.

Karen also reported that the Club had recently received just over £200 from the Scottish 6 Day Event Company for the use of the SI kit during the event. Due to the timing, she advised that this money had not been included in the Accounts Summary as presented at the AGM.

Finally, it was also noted that event officials tended not to claim expenses in arranging events. Members were reminded that they should make any appropriate claims and could do so by contacting Karen.

c. Events Report – Nikki Howard

Nikki thanked everyone who had helped in planning and/or organising an event during the past year. She then went on to discuss future events with a plea to all to consider volunteering to plan or organise one of the events in the Calendar for the coming year. Nikki reminded members that the only requirement for being a Planner or Organiser of an event was for their completion of attendance at an Event Safety Workshop. If there was enough interest, the Club could arrange for this Workshop to be held for potential new planners or organisers. Nikki also asked for any ideas for future events or new areas to map to be shared with her. She advised that Culbin continued to be tricky to use due to parking restrictions. Potential “Come and Try It Events” during the next year were mentioned, with a first event in November being a possibility.

d. Club & Membership Report – Alan Halliday

In Alan's absence, Andrew reported that the Club's membership was in a healthy position currently, having grown from 133 members as at the 2020 AGM to 151 members for 2021 (to date). He noted that this represented an increase in year-on-year membership for the first time since 2015. He commented that the Club still offered BOF and SOA memberships and that the Club's BOF membership had remained stable with 116 members this year compared to 117 members last year, with the Club's SOA membership increasing from 16 last year to 35 this year. He advised that the Club's vision for the next 5 years (2022-2027) was to sustain membership at (or around) 2021 levels by continuing to offer well organised and enjoyable events and by promoting orienteering as much as the Club was able.

On the Club side, Andrew highlighted that the Compass Sport Cup Final was being held on 17 October 2021 in Tankersley, Sheffield, and Moravian had qualified for the first time in a number of years. He advised that Alan had received eleven members who would be interested in competing but that the Club was still two members short for a full team. He asked for all members to consider whether they could compete and to let either Andrew, Rob Parkinson or Nikki know before 28 September, when Club returns had to be finalised.

He also informed the Club that Alan was standing down from the Club and Membership role at this AGM. He thanked Alan for all of his hard work and support after a number of years, and welcomed Rob Parkinson who had kindly volunteered for the role from this AGM.

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: Morag McLuckie

Events Coordinator: Nikki Howard

Club & Membership: Rob Parkinson

Coaching Coordinator: Elizabeth Furness

Proposed by Neil McLean and seconded by Penelope Smirthwaite.

6. Any Other Discussion Points

Neil McLean asked about the possibility of paying to be a member of Moravian as a “second orienteering club”. Andrew and Nikki advised that as the Club did not charge a Club Membership fee, then Neil did not need to pay an additional membership fee. It was noted, that Moravian membership required members to join through BOF or SOA and Neil had joined through BOF. It was also noted that the Club appreciated the benefits of ‘second club members’ competing in and supporting Moravian events.

Penelope thanked all members of the committee for their hard work over the past year.

End of Meeting

