

Annual General Meeting of Moravian Orienteers
Saturday 16 May, Roseisle Village Hall

This year the AGM was carried out as part of a Club Information afternoon, following on from a Saturday League event in the morning, with people bringing a picnic and refreshments provided. Donald introduced the committee members and highlighted the key areas the committee were focused on – Events, Development, Coaching, Publicity. He also presented a Quaich to Douglas Murray in appreciation for the 17 years he had spent on the committee including 8 years as Treasurer, and for his shed, which continues to house all our kit!. There were then short presentations and discussions led by: Mike Rodgers and Liz Barr (about the Scottish Six Days); Roo and Denise (Events); Elizabeth Furness (Coaching); and Andrew and Kathryn Barr (what it was like to be part of the GB Youth Squad and their path to this). The formal AGM followed.

Present (Committee): Donald Grassie (Chairman), Fran Britain (Secretary), Nikki Howard (Treasurer), Andrew Campbell (Membership), Roo Hornby (Events), Denise Main (Events & Saturday League), Eddie Harwood, Margaret Dearman (Newsletter), Colin Mathieson (Mapping), Ian Welsh (IT), Elizabeth Furness (Lead Coach), Mike Rodgers (Regional Development Officer) + approximately 40 members of the club.

Agenda:

- 1 – Last Years Minutes
- 2 – Chairman's Report
- 3 – Treasurer's Report
- 4 – Membership Report
- 5 – Any other Business
- 6 – Election of Committee

1. Roo Hornby proposed last years minutes, Douglas Murray seconded them.
2. Donald commended the club for it's strong membership, excellent event membership and that we are well positioned with coaches and planners. Also, that we are financially stable and that we have a strong presence throughout Moray. He recognised the hard work that Mike puts into publicity and charity events to support the club. Other thanks were given to the number of helpers that aid the events team. It was acknowledged that coaching has really taken off this year under 'Team Furness'. Traditionally we are a local club but it was noted that our membership is starting to venture further afield and representing Scotland and GB. The achievements of Andrew and Kathryn Barr were acknowledged.
3. Nikki gave a speedy synopsis of the state of the finances of the club. The bank balance remains similar to last year. A request was put out to all to ensure they claim expenses (in line with club guidelines) when involved with the planning and organising of an event. It was observed that all our events make money – small events c. £150, larger events c. £1800 – we need to include a large event each year to ensure this continues. This year we have purchased a new tent as well as new computers.
4. Andrew spoke regarding the ever-increasing numbers of our club membership. In the two days preceding the AGM we had 5 new members. Looking back over the last year, in July 2014 we had 194 members, as of May 2015 we have 233 – a significant and impressive increase. The increased number of junior joining (due to Mikes' efforts) has seen an increase in adult members as their parents join. That gives us a 20% increase on last year, well ahead of SOA guidelines, and other clubs in Scotland.
5. The only change to this year's committee was the stepping down of Elizabeth Furness as Head Coach. She was thanked for her work in this role. The role is currently vacant, and the committee will appoint a replacement in the coming months. All other committee members wished to remain elected for another year.