

Moravian Annual General Meeting

Sunday 6th July 2014

Adults Present:

Liz & Kathryn Barr; Douglas Murray; Peggie Gordon; John Hollingdale; Elizabeth & Paul Furness; Pippa, Dave and Mairi Weir; Roo Hornby; Donald & Oonagh Grassie; Ian Welsh; Mike Rodgers; Beryl Blackhead; Fran Britain; Martin Cannard; Elliot Harbottle; Andrew Campbell; George Patterson; Scott Hamilton; Denise Main; Paul and Lesley Coutts; Debbie & Lewis McWilliam; Margaret Dearman; Eddie Harwood; Jon Hollingdale; Shona, Jennifer and David Spencer.

Apologies:

Steve Smirthwaite; Nikki Howard; Ian Addis; Alan and Jane Halliday; Chris Spencer; Nick and Andrew Barr.

1. Minutes of last AGM – 26 June 2011	
The minutes of the last meeting were available to view and briefly outlined by Liz Barr. Accepted as accurate.	Proposer: Douglas Murray Seconder: Roo Hornby
2. Committee Report - Chariman's Report (Liz) It has been another busy year. The club is now well known in the area and regularly attracts new people to try our events. The almost weekly press reports have contributed enormously to this and I would like to thank Mike Rodgers for his dedication in that alongside his RDO duties. The publicity has been enhanced by our website which, maintained by Margaret and Ian, is constantly updated with news and events. The speed that our results are uploaded following an event is one of the things that sets our club apart from many others. Our Saturday League events remain very popular and it has been great to see some newer members trying their hand at planning and organising these. Our major fixture for 2014 was the Moray Mix weekend which was a great success and attracted praise from around the orienteering community.	

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make all our events such a success. Particular thanks to Roo who works tirelessly to ensure we have a varied programme and that the workload is shared as much as possible.

We again sent a team to the Jamie Stevenson Trophy some great results. Everyone who went had a fantastic time and special thanks to Pippa for organising it again.

We have seen small teams travelling around the country to all the major events including the JK in South Wales, the British Championships in Northumberland and the Scottish Champs in Dalnamein. It has been great to enter relay teams in to most of these competitions.

The club is benefiting considerably now by having a good pool of willing coaches who have given up significant amounts of time to try to improve the rest of our skills. We are benefiting from Jane Halliday and Donald Grassie having achieved their Level 2 award this year and I would like to thank Elizabeth for coordinating the varied programme of coaching.

Looking towards the year ahead we are already gearing up for the World Championships and Scottish 6 Days. This is an amazing "once in a lifetime" opportunity for us all to watch the top orienteers in the world racing on our doorstep and many people from the club are already involved in different roles. After much negotiation Moravian has been allocated Day 3 in Darnaway to run in the 6 Days and this will sit alongside the WOC relay event. I have agreed to be the Day Organiser and I will be looking to the club membership to help and ensure that the day runs smoothly.

- Treasurer's Report (Douglas Murray)

Douglas presented the balance sheet for all to view. The club is in a healthy financial position with total assets of £9,004.36.

Event income is up by over £2,000 due to the fact that it was a 6-Day year with the host club receiving a larger percentage of the profits of the event.

Map sales are also greatly up because the 6 Days paid us copyright fees for using our two areas.

Proposed: Donald Grassie

Seconded: Roo Hornby

Miscellaneous income was inflated by money coming into the Current Account which should have gone directly to the Project Account. This latter account was used to gather and then spend the money for the 5 sets of Emit equipment for the various local schools groups involved in the Schools Project.

Douglas advised that money is available to use and suggested that it may be appropriate to use some to support the coaching programme. Elizabeth will liaise on this.

- **Fixtures (Roo Hornby)**

There have continued to be regular monthly Saturday League events although we usually miss one month around May / June due to the concentration of other orienteering events on the calendar around that time of year.

The next big event is our Level C event on 2nd November in Quarrelwood. Alan Halliday is the planner with Lynne Walker (BASOC) as controller. Roo is looking for a volunteer to be the organiser. Liz has agreed but would be keen to mentor a newer member of the club if anyone is keen.

It is planned to hold our Level C event at the beginning of 2015 in Lossiemouth Forest, Eastern end, possibly with entry from Kingston.

Planners have been identified for all the Saturday League events for the rest of the year until December.

Members are also encouraged to consider attending other events outwith are own club – both those planned by neighbouring clubs and also big events further afield.

- **Membership Report (Donald Grassie)**

Overall stats

No. of members	194	(includes
2xHon, 3x2nd club)	162 members in 2013 (included 8	
Active Schools)		

162 members in 2013 (included 8 Active Schools),
2014 includes 5 Hon + 2nd club members

No. of diff families	97
No. of Seniors	98
No. of Juniors	96

No. male	106	
No. female	88	
Split of members by location		
West	47	
Nairn	26	
Dyke/Kint'k	19	
Mid		114
Forres	46	
Elgin	44	
East	19	
South	11	
Out of Area	3	
Membership increases at ~6 new members / month – consistent since February		
Issues going forward		
• Priority to retain new members in 2015 (we need the right offering) • Turn occasional Saturday members into "Sunday" members who compete at other clubs' events, higher TD • Encourage participation from Junior members' parents • Encourage new members to assist event organisers • Growing membership in West, is this an area we should focus on for events		
- Coaching update (Elizabeth Furness)		
The coaching programme continues to attract club members and also encourages other people to join the club as coaching is one of the benefits of membership. The average number of participants per session is 12. Within the programme there are sessions specifically for juniors and there has been at least one specifically for more technically advanced members. Donald's series of sessions aimed at beginner adults has been a popular addition, especially as it is offered in "bite-sized" chunks at the beginning of some of the Saturday League events. Moravian Orienteers is one of the most "coach-rich" clubs in Scotland with 6 UKCC Level 1 coaches and 4 UKCC Level 2 coaches. Elizabeth is aiming to complete her L3 qualification		

in 2015. This breadth and depth of coaching experience and enthusiasm gives MOR an enviable coaching programme and special thanks go to Donald, Jane, Paul, Mike, Roo and Pippa for their input. - Regional Development Officer (Mike) Mike has 2 specific club roles in addition to his RDO job with SOA. Publicity: He thanked everyone for the contributions they had made to his regular press articles and requested that anyone travelling to events further afield could email him sound-bites and pictures for him to include in his submissions. Junior Development: This is a smaller role now that we have an active coaching programme. However, he continues to organise the Moray and Highland Junior Championships and the Inter-Club Junior competition and also runs the Junior Badge Scheme which continues to encourage the junior members to attend events. RDO overview: Mike reminded everyone that the effectiveness of the role is measured by an increase in both membership and participation. He has a particular remit to work on specific projects with the club and his major work is therefore the Schools Project. All of the secondary school areas other than Forres are part of the programme and are starting to use their Emit equipment more regularly. Particular thanks to Rosie Pye for all her help to Mike in supporting this project. Mike has also provided Purple Pen training for some of the club members and would be happy to do this again in the future. He also gave an overview of the other activities that he does on behalf of the club and orienteering in general, including his significant links with other agencies through his membership of various committees.	
4. Election of Officers After 3 years as Chair I have decided that the time is right for me to step down and let the club benefit from the experience of others. I am particularly grateful to all the	No disagreement from members present – unanimous agreement.

committee members who have supported me and guided me over this time. I could not have done it without them all, particularly during the run up to the 6 Days last year. I am quite sure that they are all looking forward to more relaxed committee meetings without me cracking the whip to try to finish promptly! After many years in the role Douglas Murray has decided that the time is right to step down as Treasurer. He has guided the club financially and has assured that we remain solvent but also that we have used our funds for the benefit of the members. I am delighted that a number of newer club members have volunteered to take on committee roles for the forthcoming year. We did not have multiple nominations for any of the jobs and therefore I would propose that we vote on the new committee as a whole: Chair – Donald Grassie Secretary - Fran Brittain Coaching - Elizabeth Furness Membership Secretary - Andrew Campbell Treasurer – Nikki Howard Fixtures Coordinator - Roo Hornby Mapping Coordinator – Colin Matheson IT - Ian Welsh Website - Margaret Dearman Club Captain and Main League - Eddie Harwood Publicity & Junior Coordinator - Mike Rodgers Schools League - Denise Main	
6. AOCB - Nil	