



Moravian Orienteers



Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity: SC043563

1.00pm, Saturday 25th August 2024, at Brodie Castle

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies: Paul & Elizabeth Furness, Alan & Jane Halliday, Steve & Penelope Smirthwaite, Present: Andrew Campbell (Chair and Acting Fixtures), Rob Parkinson (Club & Membership, Acting Secretary), Karen Fraser (Finance), Morag McLuckie (Coaching) and 19 members

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 19th August 2023, at Altyre

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved. Proposed by Karen Fraser, seconded by David Ritchie.

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 Relay Championships and 12 other local events, as well as putting on Mountain Bike orienteering and supporting the World Orienteering Championships in Edinburgh. He thanked everyone involved for making that happen - the main and wider Committee, Club members, volunteers, coaches and mappers. He commented that the Club remained financially sound and healthy. He noted that the Club Development Officer, Will Hall, together with club members, had held some fantastic activities, mainly with local schools, which had introduced orienteering to a new audience. As a result, he commented that Club membership had grown from last year, arresting the trend of a falling membership in recent years. He also commented that the Club had been awarded the SOA's silver award, only the fourth club to do so, and that it had re-established permanent orienteering courses at Quarry Wood with the support of Forestry and Land Scotland and set up a new one at Brodie Castle with the support of the National Trust.

Andrew reflected on some of the Club's successes and achievements over the last 12 months. He reported that the Club's juniors had finished in a fantastic third place at the JST and that the Club had finished in a creditable fifth place at the Compass Sport Trophy qualifier. He noted that the Club's juniors had continued to shine at all levels. Isobel and Finlay had represented GB at the Junior World Championships and European Youth Orienteering Championships respectively. He commented that Michael, Finlay, Kate, Scarlett, Sophie and Anna had been selected for the Scottish Junior Squad, with Finlay, Michael, Kate, Sophie and Anna selected for subsequent national regional tours. He noted that there had also been successes at British and Scottish Championship individual and relay events, with podium places for Kate, Isobel, Finlay, Colin, Michael, Sophie, Anna, Julia, Morag, Nikki and Rachel. He also commented that there were successes at the JK and Croeso 2024 events with Finlay and Andrew winning their age classes respectively.

He also reported that the Club had mapped new areas this year 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 managing the Club's website and SI kit, whilst he thanked Rob, Margaret, Will, Eddie, Scarlett and Kate 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 and Paul in managing online entries.

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 and all those members standing down from Committee positions. He also reflected that it had been an honour to have been Moravian's chair over the last four years and wished Rob the very best as the new Moravian Chair going forward.

b. Finance Report – Karen Fraser

Karen reported that Moravian Orienteers continue to be financially stable, as shown by the summary accounts for the year Apr 23-Mar 24 (see Annex A). Karen noted that due to mapping costs incurred during 2022 the current account for that year showed a deficit of £7318.

For the financial year to date Apr - Aug 24, at start of year the current account stood at £6511.91. Income from events was £7443.08, other income (kit, cakes, coaching) £126.70, giving a total of £7569.78. Expenditure to date has been £4051.23, giving a profit of £3518.55. The balance as at 12th Aug 2024 is £10030.46. For the Project account, at start of year (Apr 24) £9612.68, income (transfer): £250, expenditure of £2036.20, giving a bank balance of £7826.48. Current assets for the club as of 12th Aug stand at £17856.94.

c. Events Report – Andrew Campbell

Andrew reported that the Club had hosted 13 national, regional and local events since the last AGM, including the Scottish Orienteering Relay Championships, two Northern Night cup events and two Summer Series urban events. He advised that the Club aimed to put on at least one event each month. He thanked everyone involved for making those events possible – organisers, planners, mentors and volunteers. He commented that the Club was always looking for organisers, planners and mentors to support events and that the October Saturday event in Darnaway and the November event in Altyre were still in need of mentors.

He advised that discussions on next year's fixtures programme would begin soon.

d. Club & Membership Report – Rob Parkinson & Will Hall

Will Hall, our Club Development Officer, updated members on his activities in recent months. In Spring 2023 we were successful in a bid for Orienteering Foundation and SOA funding to support the appointment of Will Hall as Club Development Officer, initially on a 12-month (14 hours per week, 40 weeks) contract. This contract has been extended by re-programming activities, until late Autumn 2024. Will has been posting regularly in FB and Instagram, and 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. To date, Will has engaged with 10 primary schools, and around 450 primary students; organised two CATI events, catering to more than 200 local people and families, two scouts groups as well as other local sports clubs. Using paid advertising on social media we have been able to raise the profile of events, and are looking to establish semi

permanent courses at primary schools (e.g. Llanbryde, Fochabers). In the future the aim is to establish “hubs” at Brodie Castle, Gordon Castle, Logie Steading and Cooper Park. It is also hoped to organize some ‘Run try it events’ at Buckie, Cullen and Aberlour.

Rob summarised recent changes in club membership. The efforts of Will Hall and many club members at CATI and other events has led to membership increasing during the year, so that we now have 137 members, up 20 on 2023. In summary, BOF +4, SOA +16. Seniors +8, Juniors +12. This very positive development is due in no small part to the efforts of Will Hall, our Club Development officer, and many club members. For example the Brodie CATI last spring was a great success, with nearly 200 participants. Participation at club events has increased, such that we typically now get 60-90 runners at local events. This again is very positive, and depends on everyone volunteering to take key roles and support at 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; Kate for maintaining our Instagram presence; Will for social media and Facebook publicity efforts.

We now have two Permanent Orienteering Courses (POCs) open - Quarry Wood and Brodie Castle. These are great opportunities to introduce people to the sport. Thanks to David, Andrew & Will for helping set these up. These courses require on-going maintenance; so if you would like to help maintain either course by walking or running round occasionally and cutting back vegetation, please let me know. NTS staff at Brodie tell us the courses are very popular, as they need to reprint the maps held at the Welcome Centre regularly. BOF are now able to provide us with information on the numbers of Quarry Wood maps downloaded from the Go Orienteering webpages. This will help us to assess usage.

The Spring Scottish qualifying heat of the CompassSport Cup at Birnam Hill clashed with Junior activity down south, so we were not able to field our strongest team. We came 5th, close behind ESOC and MAROC, so did not qualify for the final in October.

We continue to make small additions and updates to equipment, and thank Douglas Murray for allowing us to continue storing kit in the shed in his garden. Plans to move the kit to Rafford Hall have been put on hold, as the Rafford Hall committee are considering redevelopment of the car park which would mean knocking down the pavilion, part of which we were planning to use as a club store.

e. Coaching Report – Morag McLuckie

This year, the main objective for the Moravian coaching programme was to continue to develop the Basic Techniques for Orienteering to beginner and/or younger junior orienteers. Carol McNeil’s Technical Difficulty Summary again formed the basis of all sessions. This continued to be implemented with pre-event coaching sessions for beginners & younger junior orienteers, offered before 5 of the Saturday League events from January to May 2024. These were led by two of the Club’s Level 1 coaches; Karen Fraser & Morag McLuckie, with assistance from Nikki Howard & Peter McLuckie. We were also lucky to continue to have had 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 coaching sessions attracted an average of 10 participants and were predominantly attended by our younger Junior members and their parents. In June a coaching session for all levels of orienteer was again led by Hilary Quick of BASOC, the day after the Saturday event at Culbin, using a

different part of the forest. 12 people took part in this session, with another 6 members coaching and helping out. Details of coaching sessions are given in Annex B. Though these sessions have continued to prove popular, they have not been quite as well as attended as similar sessions last year. However, as we do have a shortage of coaches able to assist, we would struggle to cope with much larger numbers of attendees.

Eight of our older Juniors (TD level 3 and above) took part in a North Area Junior coaching session organised by INVOC, the day before the JST event in June. This included an overnight stay in Grandtully Village Hall in Perthshire and everyone seemed to have really enjoyed this experience. Julia Ross also attended a Coaching session with Gramp and MAROC Juniors in May. Michael successfully passed his Level 1 Coaching Qualification in early summer. Morag is working towards her Level 2 Coaching Qualification that she started in February 2024. Finally, we are currently very short of active coaches in Moravian, so if anyone is interested in helping out with coaching or doing an introductory SOA "Coaching Foundation" course, please let Morag know.

5. Proposed amendments to the Constitution

The following minor amendments to the club constitution were proposed:

2f Conducting the rules of orienteering, including safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults in orienteering.

4f part 'Child Welfare and Protection Policy'

4g Members shall be enrolled on one of the following categories:

- i) Senior Member (M/W26 and over)
- ii) Young Adult Member (M/W21-25)
- iii) Junior Member (M/W20 and under)
- iv) Honorary Life Membership (awarded at Club AGMs)

7b (part) 'The Club shall also have the power to set regional and national competition fees outside of the Annual General Meeting, as proposed by the Club Treasurer and agreed by the Management Committee.'

Proposed: Ali Wiseman, Seconded: Morag McLuckie. Approved *nem con*.

6. Fees for local events

Due to recent increases in event levies, it is proposed that the following fees will apply for local events from 1st January 2025:

Senior (21 and older) BOF members £5.00

Senior SOA only members £6.00

Senior non-members £7.00

Junior BOF and/or SOA members (20 and younger) £3.50

Junior non-members £4.50

Discount if using own dibber £1.00

Fees for any Regional and National level events organized by the club will be set by the main committee, taking into account costs associated with each event.

Proposed: Eddie Harwood, Seconded: David Ritchie. Approved *nem con*.

7. Election of committee members

The following management committee members were elected with all posts unopposed. New members of the committee were thanked for putting their names forward to support the club. Andrew Campbell was thanked for his substantial contribution to the club during his four year

tenure as Chair. Emma Tunnard was thanked for serving as Permissions Secretary for the past two years.

Management committee

Honorary President: Douglas Murray
Chair: Rob Parkinson
Treasurer: Karen Fraser
Secretary: Fran Britain
Fixtures: Andrew Campbell
Permissions: David Ritchie
Club & Membership: Peter McLuckie
Coaching Coordinator: Morag McLuckie

New committee members were elected *en bloc*. Proposed: Liz Campbell, Seconded: Steve Smirthwaite. Approved *nem con*.

Wider committee - new members

Junior captain: Kate McLuckie
SI equipment: Steve Smirthwaite
Junior badge co-ordinator: Imke Henderson

Paul Furness was thanked for his role in managing the SI equipment so capably in recent years. A full listing of club members with supporting roles can be found at www.mor.scot/node/58

8. Any Other Discussion Points

i. SOA courses for those wishing to develop Planning skills - Peter McLuckie drew everyone's attention to the on-going programme of courses put on by SOA for Planners - members were encouraged to contact him for further information.

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm

Annex A

Balance Sheet April 2023-March 2024

Current Account Income	£	Expenditure	£
Event Income	5,288.83	SI Entries Charges	559.76
Map Sales etc	0.00	Map printing	911.23
Kit Sales	711.50	Mapping	1,600.00
Coaching	145.50	Levies	1,134.65
Grants	5,275.00	Equipment & Kit purchase	1,530.11
Junior Funds	676.10	Publicity	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,586.50	Event Expenses	795.45
	<u>14,683.43</u>	RDO	30.80
		Coaching Expenses	90.14
Opening balance as at 1st April 2023	4,008.94	Relay entries and JST	1,379.38
Surplus/Deficit for the year	2,502.97	Junior Grants	900.00
Closing Balance as at 31st March 2024	<u>6,511.91</u>	CPD	125.00
		BOF payments	107.00
		Miscellaneous	723.94
		Inter A/C transfer	<u>2,293.00</u>
			12,180.46

Project Account	£	Assets at 31st March 2024	£
Opening balance 1 April 2023	8,310.17	Current Account	6,511.91
Transfers from Current A/C	2,293.00	Project Account	9,612.68
Grants received	3,150.00	Cash	100.00
	<u>5,443.00</u>		<u>16,224.59</u>

CDO	3,975.74
Expenditure	<u>164.75</u>
	4,140.49
Surplus/Deficit for the year	1,302.51
Closing balance as at 31st March 2024	<u>9,612.68</u>

Annex B

Summary of the coaching sessions 2024

Date	Session	Location
Saturday 13 th January 2024 Participants: 10	Coaching to review basic techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map symbols recognition – in particular in the Urban part of the map, Control description symbol recognition, Basic compass work – setting the map Introduce taking a bearing Possibility to introduce “aiming off” Star Relay – organised and led by <i>Peter & Kate</i> L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie & Karen Fraser YCA's = Finlay McLuckie Assistant coaches = Peter McLuckie, Kate McLuckie Helper = Louisa Ross	Lossiemouth, Oakenhead
Sunday 25 th February 2024 Participants: 6	Pre-event coaching session: <i>Planned by Karen.</i> Compass techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cones exercise – using compass to set map , Taking a bearing to a point - “Cardinal Compass Cones” exercise . Using a rough compass bearing to cut corners. L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie & Karen Fraser YCA's = Finlay McLuckie Assistant coach = Kate McLuckie	Lossie Forest
Saturday 9 th March 2024 Participants: 14	Pre-event coaching session: <i>Morag to lead.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the two Compass Cones exercises from Lossie Forest, SI timed Maze. L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie, Nikki Howard & Karen Fraser YCA's = Finlay McLuckie Assistant coaches = Peter McLuckie, Kate McLuckie	Aberlour
Sunday 28 th April 2024 Participants: 16	Pre-event coaching session: <i>Morag to lead.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map symbol matching cards relay, Compass Cones exercise, Musical cones exercise, SI timed Maze. L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie & Nikki Howard YCA's = Finlay McLuckie Assistant coaches = Peter McLuckie, Kate McLuckie, Michael Bishenden	Gordon Castle
Saturday 11 th May 2024 Participants: 6	Pre-event coaching discussion to prepare for the Scottish Relays Champs L1 Coaches = Morag McLuckie YCA's = Finlay McLuckie Assistant coaches = Peter McLuckie, Kate McLuckie	Burgie Arboretum
Sunday 23 rd June 2024 Participants: 12 Helpers: 3	Moravian Coaching Day: Planned and Lead by <i>Hilary Quick, BASOC</i> with assistance from Moravian Coaches; Karen Fraser, Morag McLuckie, Nikki Howard	Culbin