

# Moravian Orienteers Wider Committee Meeting Notes

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.00pm

Spynie Village Hall

## Attendees:

Andrew Campbell - Chair, Rob Parkinson - Secretary, Morag McLuckie - Coach

Liz Campbell, David Ritchie, Ian Welsh, Steve Smirthwaite, Margaret Dearman

**Apologies:** Finlay & Kate McLuckie, Karen Fraser, Will Hall, Emma Tunnard, Ian Addis, Rosie Pye, Michael Bishenden, Eddie Harwood, Paul Furness

### 1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed the wider committee members to the meeting.

### 2. Committee Vacancies and Succession Planning (Andrew)

Andrew highlighted the vacancies that were coming up on the Committee, including Chair, Permissions, Junior Club Captain, Si lead and Junior Badge co-ordinator. It was noted in discussion that volunteers had come forward for several of these posts, and an action identified to call for further nominations for the AGM.

*Action Rob/Andrew*

### 3. AGM - Proposed minor amendments to the Constitution and Event Fees (Rob, Andrew & Karen)

Andrew highlighted minor amendments to the Club Constitution. These included changes in membership categories to include 'Young Adult', a statement for Child Welfare and Protection, and a statement on local event fees, with fees for Regional and National events approved by the Committee. It was noted that changes to BOF levies had necessitated a separate event fee rate for SOA-only members. The Committee discussed and agreed that these proposals should be presented at the Club AGM later in August. *Action*

*Rob*

### 4. Fixtures update (Andrew)

The fixtures update for the year to August 2024 was presented by Andrew (see Annex A). A full programme of events had been held this year, including a very successful Scottish Relay championships. The Committee thanked Andrew and Eddie for their hard work in making this event such a success, and noted that many club members had contributed beforehand and on the day. Once again, it was highlighted that the Club would need volunteer planners, organisers and mentors for forthcoming local events.

### 5. Club Development Officer update (Rob)

Rob reported the Will Hall had continued to be active with engagement focused on Schools and CATI events, such as the very successful event at Brodie Castle earlier in the summer, which was attended by nearly 200 people. It was agreed that this format event could be run every year, using the new permanent courses at Brodie. Will had also recently delivered sessions to 10 primary schools and ~450 students. Other sessions had been delivered to Scout groups and sports clubs e.g. Elgin Ladies Rugby Club. In addition, paid advertising had been made on Facebook, which had yielded some interest for relatively small investment. Will would be investigating the establishment of semi-permanent courses at primary schools such as Llanbryde and Fochabers. Future plans included investigating the establishment of "hubs" at Brodie Castle, Gordon Castle and Logie Steading, and also some 'Run try it' events at Buckie/Cullen/Aberlour. Rob and Karen were investigating further funding sources, as Will's contracted funding would only continue until December 2024. The Main Committee had approved a contribution to further funding, with plans to seek matched funding for up to 12 months, to cover all of 2025. *Action*

*Rob/Karen*

### 6. Membership update (Rob)

Rob reported positive membership numbers, up from 117 in July 2023 to 137 to date in 2024. SOA only membership has increased from 36 to 55, while BOF membership has gone up from 81 to 85. It was noted that new family rates, and options to renew during the year at reduced rates, had led to continuing new memberships. It was noted that these increases reflected in particular the efforts of Will Hall, our CDO, as well as many members of the Club supporting CATI and schools' events.

### 7. Coaching update (Morag)

Morag summarised coaching activities that had taken place during the past few months. The regular pre-local event coaching sessions continued to be popular, and Morag thanked those who had helped at these

events. The committee agreed that specific coaching for adults, as well as Juniors, should be provided where possible. The coaching day at Culbin in June facilitated by Hilary Quick (BASOC) was successful, and enjoyed by those that attended.

#### **8. Financial update**

In Karen's absence, Rob reported on the current financial position (see Annex B). The Club continued to be in a healthy financial position, as shown by the combined account assets at the end of March in excess of £16k. For the current financial year (Apr 24-Mar 25), Karen reported a current account total income of £7569 and expenditure of £4051 to date. It was noted that levies for the Relays had not yet been paid, and that these were very time consuming to determine. In future event, entry forms should ask for BOF or SOA only status to be declared. Current assets as of 12th August totalled £17857. Karen was thanked for presenting the accounts summary. *Action Rob to update the entry forms.*

#### **9. Any other business**

##### **a. MTBO events and the World Masters 2026**

Steve Smirthwaite outlined proposals for the World Masters MTBO which would be held in Moray in 2026. Timings were still under discussion, but the most likely date is September 2026. Members of the Club, who run in areas to be used, will be able to compete, but on a non-competitive basis. Steve noted that the likely numbers for the week would be 250-300. The Club would not be formally involved, but it is hoped that some Club members, particularly those who have been enjoying the informal MTBO events this summer, would be able to volunteer at the World Masters.

##### **b. Grant Park 100**

Rob outlined the Club's involvement with this community event at Grant Park, Forres, on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> August. He advised that the Club would be offering a maze and two short courses around Cluny Hill, using a map prepared by David Ritchie. The event would be advertised in the newsletter, with potential volunteers encouraged to contact Rob. Karen would set up the Club mobile to download maze splits. *Action Karen, Rob*

##### **c. SI mini-reader and Bluetooth printer purchase**

Steve Smirthwaite proposed that the Club purchase an SI Mini Reader and Bluetooth printer. Following discussion, this purchase was approved, with Steve asked to purchase and to forward the invoice to Karen. It was noted that Steve had been able to re-sell the Club's old EMIT equipment and obtain a £100 contribution to the new SI equipment. *Action Steve.*

##### **d. Permanent Courses update**

Rob reported that the Club now had two permanent courses on offer: at Quarry Wood and Brodie Castle. The support of FLS and NTS was acknowledged in setting these courses up. Access to maps for both courses were available on the Go Orienteering web pages; BOF can supply user statistics which would be useful for assessing use of both courses. It was also noted that NTS keep a record of the number of maps they print to hand out - for example more than 100 maps had been used at Brodie over July and August to date. The Club logo and web details were on both maps to raise awareness of the Club and orienteering to newcomers.

## Annex A – Fixtures Programme and Permissions 2024

Event	Location	Planner	Organiser	Mentor/ Controller	Permissions	Requested	Granted	BOF
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<del>Lossiemouth</del> <del>Oakenhead</del>				<del>Moray Council</del> <del>Pitgaveny Estate</del> <del>(Oakenhead)</del>	<del>Y</del> <del>Y</del>		
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> January	NNC # 5 - Carsehill	Anna Howard	Nikki Howard	Rob Parkinson	Ardgye – Mrs McInnes Knock of Alves – Mr Petrie Carsehill – Moray Estates	Y Y Y	Y Y Y	Y
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> February	NNC # 2 – Burgie Arboretum	Michael Bishenden	Andrew Campbell	Rob Parkinson	Hamish	Y	Y	Y
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lossie Forest East + Binn Hill	Peter McLuckie	Liz Campbell	Andrew Campbell	FLS Mr Ed Tenant - Parking	Y Y	Y Y	Y
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Aberlour	Donald Grassie	Ken Anderson	Rob Parkinson	Moray Council	Y	Y	Y
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Gordon Castle	Donald Grassie	Dougie Condy	Andrew Campbell	Gordon Castle Estate	Y	Y	Y
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Burgie Arboretum	Bill Young	Elizabeth Furness	Steve Smirthwaite	Hamish	Y	Y	Y
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Scottish Relay Championships - Roseisle	Eddie Harwood	Andrew Campbell	Colin Eades	FLS	Y	Y	Y
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Culbin	Nikki Howard	Karen Fraser	David Ritchie	FLS	Y	Y	Y
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Urban League – Forres Centre	Michael Bishenden	Andrew Campbell	Peter McLuckie	Moray Council	Y	Y	Y
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Urban League –Elgin Centre	Andrew Campbell	Laurie Parmenter	Andrew Campbell	Moray Council	Y	Y	Y
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Brodie Castle and AGM	Scarlett Britain	Fran Britain	Andrew Campbell	Brodie Castle Estate	Y	Y	Y
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	SOUL 7 - Burghead	Finlay and Kate McLuckie	Peter McLuckie	Eddie Harwood	Moray Council	Y		Y
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Darnaway North	Rob Parkinson			Moray Estates			
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Altyre – Fairy Wood	Karen Fraser	Ben Holmes Elizabeth Holmes		Altyre Estates			

## Annex B – Balance Sheet 2023-24

### Balance Sheet April 2023-March 2024

<b>Current Account Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
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
		Relay entries and JST	1,379.38
Opening balance as at 1st April 2023	4,008.94	Junior Grants	900.00
Surplus/Deficit for the year	2,502.97	CPD	125.00
<b>Closing Balance as at 31st March 2024</b>	<b><u>6,511.91</u></b>	BOF payments	107.00
		Miscellaneous	723.94
		Inter A/C transfer	<u>2,293.00</u>
			<u>12,180.46</u>

<b>Project Account</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Assets at 31st March 2024</b>	<b>£</b>
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><u>16,224.59</u></u>

CDO	3,975.74
Expenditure	<u>164.75</u>
	4,140.49
Surplus/Deficit for the year	1,302.51
<b>Closing balance as at 7th March 2024</b>	<b><u>9,612.68</u></b>