



Moravian Orienteers



Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity: SC043563

1.00pm, Saturday 23rd August 2025, at Findhorn

1. Welcome

Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies: Paul & Elizabeth Furness, Douglas Murray, Karen Fraser, Fran Britain
Present: Rob (Chair), Andrew Campbell (Fixtures), Donald Grassie (Finance), David Ritchie (Permissions), Morag McLuckie (Coaching) and 25 members.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 25th August 2024, at Brodie

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved. Proposed by David Ritchie, seconded by Steve Smirthwaite. Approved *nem con*.

4. Annual Reports

a. Chair – Rob Parkinson

Rob reported that the Club had another successful and very busy year. Since the last AGM, the Club had staged a successful Scottish Orienteering League event (Lady Culbin), lead the planning, organisation and delivery of Day 1 of the Scottish Six Days at Glen Feardar on Deeside, put on two Scottish Orienteering Urban League Events (Dufftown and Burghead) and 13 other local events. We played a major role in the successful delivery of Day 1 of the Scottish Six Days at Glen Feardar – a personal thank you to everyone from the club who volunteered on the day – we couldn't have done it without you! We put on the innovative Indoor event in the Simulator building at Kinloss, planned and organised by Steve Smirthwaite, which attracted 100 competitors. We continue to be heavily involved in the organisation, promotion and delivery of two very successful local leagues – the Northern Night Cup and the Northern Urban League. Further details of these events will be given by Andrew shortly. We continue to develop our MTBO offering, led by Steve Smirthwaite, with several local events, which have led to the "Highland Weekend of three events at the end of August. Rob thanked everyone involved for making all those activities happen - the main and wider Committee, Club members, volunteers, coaches, mappers and event officials. He commented that the Club remained financially sound and healthy and thanked Karen for her commitment and hard work as treasurer over the last eight years. Karen has decided to step down as treasurer, and we are pleased to welcome Donald Grassie to the role.

The Club's juniors had continued to shine at all levels. Isobel had represented Scotland and GB at various European events; Finlay - Scotland and GB Junior World Champs and selected for Junior European Cup Michael – representing Scotland at the forthcoming Senior Home Internationals and GB at the Junor European Cup. Kate, Scarlett, Sophie, Anna and Michael have been selected for the Junior Regional Orienteering Squads. Many of these squad events are running currently, so they cannot join us today! Great to see club members enjoying European Orienteering this year. Andrew

has flown the flag for the club at Senior level, with the crowning glory winning the MSV category in the EuroCity Competition 2024. There were had also been successes at British and Scottish Championship events, with podium places for Eddie, Rob, Finlay, Kate, Isobel, Liz, Michael, Morag, Colin and Andrew.

Scottish Champs were held at Barry Buddon, Dundee in May, with a strong club turnout and results: M18E Finlay 2nd M40L Neil 2nd, M40L Alistair 3rd, M65L Rob 4th, M70L Eddie 1st, M80 Neil 3rd, W10A Harriet 2nd, W20E Isobel 1st, W40L Louisa 3rd W50L Morag 1st. There were more successes at the JK - Finlay Overall champion in M18 Elite Isobel Overall Champion in W20 Elite Michael Silver in M20 Elite, Andrew Second in the M55 sprint – he also won the MSV class at the Scottish Sprints earlier in April. The club were 5th in the Scottish round of the CompassSport Cup Trophy (for smaller clubs) at Kinnoull Hill, Perth in February. Great to see so many members of the club joining us for that event, where we can run 'as a club' Rob also commented that there was with success at Royal Deeside 2025 with Finlay and Harriet winning their classes and Eddie, Anna and Neil C gaining podium places. He also noted that the Club juniors had finished in an excellent third place at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy in June.

Rob thanked Margaret, Will, Eddie, Scarlett and Kathryn for their work in keeping the membership informed via the weekly newsletter, local press and social media. Eddie and Finlay have worked behind the scenes to update the club leagues at regular intervals. Thanks to Kate 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 in managing our online entries. On the coaching side, the Club had undertaken some fantastic coaching sessions ahead of local events. Morag and all the other Club volunteers and helpers were thanked for making that happen.

Finally, Rob thanked the Committee for their tireless work and support. He acknowledged the work of Liz as Child Protection officer, with developments introduced during the year including the need for key committee members, coaches and first aiders to be PVG qualified. This involves considerable extra time but ensures we are compliant with national guidelines on child protection. Liz has been doing this job for many years now and asked that if anyone is interested in taking over the role, please have a chat with Liz, who can tell you what the role involves.

All in all, another busy year. We are a successful club, and look forward to 2025/26, including the Scottish Score Championships at Culbin in October 2026. And over the next few weeks we have a CATI at Cluny Hill (Sat 30th), a local event at Darnaway on Sat 6th Sept being planned by Karen, organised by Fran and a weekend of Mountain Bike O (three events) being organised by Steve Smirthwaite (29th, 30th, 31st Aug). Full details are available on the club website.

b. Finance Report – Donald Grassie/Karen Fraser

Donald reported that Moravian Orienteers continue to be financially stable, as shown by the summary accounts for the year Apr 24-Mar 25 (see Annex A). He answered several questions from members and noted that the current assets for the club stand at a healthy £16,328. A summary of the event income and expenditure for the successful Lady Culbin SOL was presented to indicate to members how important larger events are to our finances. That event made a surplus of over £2100. The club had invested in a number of items of equipment during the year, including an air shelter, battery power pack, laptop upgrades and SI unit battery replacements. Maps of Kinloss Barracks, Oakenhead, Binn Hill and various schools in Moray have been completed or upgraded.

c. Events Report – Andrew Campbell

Andrew reported that the Club had hosted an impressive 18 events since the last AGM. He commented on the variety, which included one Scottish Orienteering League event; two Scottish Orienteering Urban League events; three mountain biking orienteering events; one indoor event; one night sprint event and two other night events and 10 local forest events. He reflected that newly mapped areas had been used (Burghead, Binn Hill, Kinloss Barracks and Knockomie in Forres) and that the Club had worked closely with INVOC and BASOC to put on the Northern Night Cup and the Northern Urban League. He also commented that the Club had been a key contributor to the Scottish 6 Days, leading Day 1 at Glen Feardar. He thanked everyone involved for making those events possible – mappers, organisers, planners, mentors and volunteers. For the remainder of the year, he commented that the Club was still looking for an organiser, planner and mentor for both the October local event in Roseisle and the Northern Night Cup event in December at Burgie Arboretum.

Andrew advised that next year's fixtures programme was taking shape with a mixture of forest and urban events planned, and with an aim to put on at least one event each month. He commented that next year's AGM event may be a special three parks event in Elgin, whilst the Club would host the 2026 Scottish Score Championships (hopefully at Culbin) in October and a Scottish Orienteering Urban League event (at Fochabers) during the same weekend. He also commented that Moravian areas would be used to host the 2026 World Master's Mountain Biking Orienteering competition in September. Finally, he extended sincere thanks to David Ritchie for his significant support and work for the Club with permissions, the fixtures programme and the maps.

d. Club & Membership Report – Peter McLuckie & Rob Parkinson

Peter summarised recent changes in club membership. In summary, there are currently 131 club members, 82 BOF and 49 SOA. This represents a small reduction on 2024 membership, due in part to Juniors moving on to University. The efforts of Will Hall and many club members at CATI and other events to continue recruiting new members during the year.

Rob updated members on our CDO activities in recent months. Rob acknowledged the further support of the Orienteering Foundation, who have made a grant of £2100 for Phase II of the CDO contract. In addition, we have received a grant of £400 from Moray Council for the development of the Cluny Hill POC. We now have Permanent Orienteering Courses (POCs) at Cluny Hill, Quarry Wood and Brodie Castle. We are looking at Cooper Park for the site of a fourth POC but need to wait until development activities in the park have been completed in 2026. These POCs are great opportunities to introduce people to the sport. Thanks to Will and David Ritchie for helping set these up. These courses require on-going maintenance; if members would like to help maintain either course by walking or running round occasionally and cutting back vegetation, please let Rob know.

e. Coaching Report – Morag McLuckie

This year, Morag has continued to organise pre-event coaching sessions before most of our local events (see Annex B). She has been ably assisted by Karen Fraser & Nikki Howard (Level 1 coaches), Peter & Kate McLuckie (both of whom are working towards the SOA Club Coach qualification), Anna Howard and Finlay McLuckie. A big thank you once again to David Ritchie for providing printing for the coaching sessions. These coaching sessions have continued to attract around 12 participants each time and were mainly attended by our younger Junior members, their parents and a few new adult members. Morag is continuing to work towards by Lead Coach Qualification. We continue to

be very short of active coaches in Moravian, so if anyone is interested in helping with coaching or doing an introductory SOA “Coaching Foundation” course, please let Morag know.

Morag reported on Special Junior Events: Participation in the Junior Inter-areas, as part of the North Team in October 2024 – with 11 Moravian Juniors taking part in both the relay event at Keppernach and the Individual event at Alvie. Participation in the Jamie Stevenson Trophy at the Hill of Alyth in June 2025 – with eight Moravian Juniors taking part and winning the “Most Supportive Team” prize, as well as placing an impressive 3rd overall!

5. 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 £6.00

Senior SOA only members £7.00

Senior non-members £8.00

Junior BOF and/or SOA members (20 and younger) £4.00

Junior non-members £5.00

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: David Ritchie, Seconded: Steve Smirthwaite. Approved *nem con*.

6. Election of committee members

The following management committee members were elected with all posts unopposed.

Main committee

Honorary President: Douglas Murray

Chair: Rob Parkinson

Treasurer: Donald Grassie

Secretary: Fran Britain

Fixtures: Andrew Campbell

Permissions: David Ritchie

Club & Membership: Peter McLuckie

Coaching Coordinator: Morag McLuckie

A full listing of club members with supporting roles can be found at www.mor.scot/node/58

7. Any Other Discussion Points

i. Morag thanked Anne Parkinson for baking so many cakes during the year, which have resulted in a significant contribution to Junior funds. Lynne Walker was thanked for donating her controller’s expenses from the Land Culbin SOL to Junior funds. Amongst other things, these funds help to support Juniors attending training camps during the summer months.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm

Annex A

Balance Sheet April 2024-MARCH 2025

Current Account			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Event Income	18,228.36	SI Entries Charges	1292.60
Map Sales etc	162.00	Map printing	1,876.01
Kit Sales	450.00	Mapping	1,960.00
Coaching	89.50	Levies	2,375.70
Inter Areas 2024	3,820.74	Equipment & Kit purchase	1,457.19
Junior Funds	491.85	Publicity	75.00
Miscellaneous	469.95	Event Expenses	2,006.59
	23,712.40	NUL/NNC payments	485.74
		Coaching Expenses	234.88
		Relay entries, JST and inter areas	4,727.00
Opening balance as at 1st April 2024	6,511.91	Junior Grants	350.00
Surplus/Deficit for the year	4,919.56	CPD	567.50
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2025	11,431.47	BOF payments	118.00
		Miscellaneous	666.63
		Inter A/C transfer	600.00
			18,792.84
Project Account	£	Assets at 31st March 2025	£
Opening balance 1 April 2024	9,612.68	Current Account	11,431.47
Transfers from Current A/C	600.00	Project Account	4,797.48
Grants received	0.00	Cash float	100.00
	600.00		
			16,328.95
CDO	4,599.00		
Mapping	750.00		
Maps	66.20		
	5,415.20		
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-4,815.20		

Annex B

Summary of the coaching sessions 2024-25

Session number & date	Location	Skill development for session	Number of participants and coaches/helpers
1. 19 th October 2024	Darnaway	Introduction to Contours	10 participants 4 coaches/helpers
2. 24th November 2024	Sanquhar Wood, Forres	Introduction to compass skills - basic compass skills (TD2), aiming off and Cutting Corners (TD3)	14 participants 4 coaches/helpers
3. 11th January 2025	Oakenhead, Lossiemouth	Introduction to Aiming off (TD3/4) and Route Choice & Attack Points (TD2)	12 participants 3 coaches 4 helpers
4. 16th February 2025	Lossie Forest near Binn Hill event	Introduction to Cutting Corners (TD2) and compass bearings (TD3/4).	10 participants 3 coaches 3 helpers
5. 26th April 2025	Quarry Wood, Elgin	Working on Contours (TD2-TD4)	13 participants 2 coaches 1 helper