

FORTH VALLEY ORIENTEERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 29th January 2005 at the Westerton Arms, Bridge of Allan

Present: Maureen Brown, Gareth Bryan-Jones, Jan Bryan-Jones, Hugh Buchanan, Brian Bullen, David Cooke, Tricia Cooke, Jon Cross, Hazel Dean, Mark Grant, Sandy Grant, Susan Hensman, Will Hensman, Abi Longhurst, Louise Longhurst, Victoria Longhurst, Rona Molloy, David Nicol, Beccy Osborn, Fraser Purves, Elizabeth Sinclair, Sandy Sinclair, Caroline Smillie, Cathy Tillbrook

Apologies: Hilda Astbury, Steve Barrett, John Brown, Lisa Brown, Dave Coustick, Sue Harvey, Janine Hensman, Jason Inman, Donald Macleod, Lucille Macleod, Gary Longhurst, Jonathan Molloy

Hugh Buchanan took the chair in the absence of both Dave Coustick and Gary Longhurst,

1. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes were approved. Proposed by Susan Hensman, seconded by Louise Longhurst

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Presidents Report

Hugh first that in the absence of both Dave and Garry, it fell to him to give the President's report – which was compiled in part from Dave's email report. He first noted Dave's apologies, and Dave's thanks to all the committee for their help during the year, and to those others in the club who had carried out various jobs, including Susan as membership secretary, Will for the newsletter and web-site, Beccy for looking after the Wednesday Evening Events and Jon as club captain. Hugh further noted the many club successes (with apologies to any left out) over the last year which have contributed to FVO being one of the most successful orienteering clubs in Scotland.

- Martin Dean British Night Champion (in his class)
- team Compass Sport Trophy (in distant Linconshire)
- team Sutton Park Trophy at the Harvester
- Men's Relay British Champs
- Club Stirling Sports Council, Team of the Year
- Abi Longhurst Stirling Sports Council Young Sports Person of the Year
- Louise Longhurst Winner in class, Glasgow Parks Race
- Hazel Dean Silver Medal, World Masters, Italy
- Nick Barrable 3rd in one of Park World Tour races
- Abi Longhurst Winner in class at JK
- Juniors Second (by a short margin) Jamie Stevenson Trophy
- Kyle Heron First Scot in M18 at Scottish Champs
- Abi and Kyla members of Junior Start Squad
- 4 juniors members of SCOTJOS – Scottish Junior Orienteering Squad

The club has also held a successful SOL at Touch in March, the SOSOL in Birnam in November, and helped out the West Area for the Scottish Champs at Errochty. The WEE series continued in the summer, together with John Cross "Extravaganza".

FVO also continues to function strongly as a social club, with one of the highlights of the year being Will and Susan's wedding.

Hugh was sure that 2005 would be just as busy, with the club running the SOL on 6th March in the Trossachs. Hugh reminded members to put the date in their diary, and to offer their support to Elizabeth if they hadn't already done so. This being an odd numbered year, the club would also have a major responsibility at the Six Day in the summer.

Hugh closed with part of Dave's email report: "Finally, as I am not standing for re-election can I ask that you continue to give my successor the same level of support for the coming year."

4. Treasurers Report

Elizabeth thanked everyone in FVO for their contribution to running events. After a point two years ago where the club had a very poor balance, it was now very healthy and we were looking to spend money. Elizabeth looked for suggestions. The cash balance at the end of the year was approximately £7344. Elizabeth also thanked Beccy for valuing the maps stocks which were gradually reducing in value as old printed maps were used up. Estimating their value was difficult, but the club had obtained good value out of the old Birnam map stock which contributed to the profits from the event in November.

5. Matters Arising from Treasurers Report

Jon Cross asked what the worth of the club was at the end of the year. Taking account of the various sums of money due to the club, and owed by the club, together the estimate of the clubs cash value. Jon also suggested that in presenting the accounts, it could be worthwhile to recast them to split off monies into "reserves", such as a mapping reserve. This might aid in grant applications. There was also some debate about doing the accounts on an accrual basis – ie to show the value of the club at the end of the financial year, rather than on basis of the cash in the bank.

Maureen asked members to ensure that all the new equipment that had been bought (eg tables and chairs) should make its way to the club store at their house.

There was also a suggestion that the club might invest in a large tunnel tent (such as the JOK one). Committee to investigate.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Hugh first noted the people willing to restand. This left two posts potentially unfilled. There was some debate about the right size for the committee. While Mark suggested that a smaller committee might be effective, Hugh felt that seven people felt about right. Gareth noted that the positions were currently mandated by the constitution, and that the correct process was to attempt to fill these – and allow the committee to co-opt additional members as necessary. Formal elections then took place. There were no contested places:

Position	Person Elected	Proposer	Secunder
President	Gary Longhurst	Cathy Tilbrook	Beccy Osborn
Vice President	Vacant		
Secretary	David Nicol	Hazel Dean	Jon Cross
Treasurer	Elizabeth Sinclair	Rona Molloy	Gareth BJ
Gen Member	Hazel Dean	Elizabeth Sinclair	Hugh Buchanan
Gen Member	Steve Barrett	Tricia Cooke	Beccy Osborn
Gen Member	Vacant		

Additional, non-committee posts were filled as follows. Team Captain – Jon Cross (by acclaim!), Wednesday Evening Co-ordinator –Neil Kitching, Newsletter & Web Site – Mark Thomson and Will Hensman, Membership Secretary – Susan Sinclair.

7. Award of Trophies

Trophies were awarded as follows:

Jim Hearman Trophy – Maureen Brown.

For cumulative service over many year, particularly as club and Scottish Junior coach. Additionally through her general service to Scottish Orienteering, she had brought great credit to the club.

Most Improved Junior Performance – Abigail Longhurst

For the performances noted above (President's report), including her team contributions.

8. Membership Fees for 2006

The committee proposed, and it was agreed by the meeting that these should be:

Individual	£10
Junior	£2
Family	£20
Group	£20

being only a small increase for Individual members over 2005, and left the price of a family as the same price as two individuals – which avoided certain confusions over BOF fees.

9. AOB

Rona noted that Falkirk Sports Council currently had additional grants available for “Club Development” which could be awarded provided they could be shown to fit in with a club’s development plan.

There was some discussion about the possible role of a Junior Development Officer. For example, when Fran Loots worked with the club there was lots of useful activity – eg working with schools. It was noted that the role of Neil Maclean in Grampian included the clubs juniors, as well as outside development.

Becky thanked the committee for their work over the year.