



Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

FORTH VALLEY ORIENTEERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 25th January 2015 at McLaren Leisure Centre

Present: Fiona Berrow, Brian Bullen, Ross McLennan, Roger Goddard, Rupert Parkinson, Gareth Bryan-Jones, Gary Longhurst, Louise Longhurst, Fraser Purves, Jason Inman, Dawn Goddard, Will Hensman, Jon Cross, Brad Connor, Jonathan Molloy, Hazel Dean, Tina Wood, Gordon Smyth, Mark Johnston, Paul Hammond, Marie Claire Shankland, Steve Feltbower, Jen Leonard, Josie Stansfield, Cathy Tillbrook

Apologies: Trevor Hoey, Jan Bryan Jones, Martin Dean, Susan Hensman, Peggy Purves, Beccy Osborn, Doug Flint, Donald McLeod, Lucile McLeod

1. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The minutes were approved. They were proposed by Ross McLennan and seconded by Will Hensman

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

3. President's Report

Roger presented his President's Report. He reported that 2014 had been a successful and enjoyable year of orienteering for FVO and presented our highlights under the following five headings:

1) Encouraging good club representation and winning positions at competitions

FVO won the Compass sport trophy (for the 8th year running).

There were successes for FVO in the main orienteering races of the season.

Five of our junior members have been selected for the Scottish national squad – Peter, Lizzie, Grace, Claire and Daniel.

Graham Gristwood's outstanding performances at WOC and winner of the British Long Championships resulting in him being awarded FVO's Athlete of the Year in 2014.

Congratulations and thank you to everybody for contributing to the club's success.

2) Organising quality events, with great maps, planning and organisation which are really good value for money

We held the Compass Sport Cup Scottish qualifier round in South Achray and the high profile Race the Castles in Stirling. The courses planned by Ross McLennan were highly rated and were voted 2nd

best course in 2014 in a World of O web site survey.

I would like to thank all the organisers, key event officials and helpers.

3) Ensuring there are regular training and local events for club members

We continued to provide multiple local events, including the Wednesday Evening and night series. Thank you to Peggy and Martin.

We had a very successful 'Come and Train' Series which was well attended and which has helped to bring new members into the club. I would like to thank Jen and the coaching team for all their efforts on putting on some great events.

The FVO Dinner Dance at the Victoria Halls was another superb evening, with thanks to Louise and Jan.

4) Looking for opportunities to promote the club and attract new members

'Race the castles' helped to promote Orienteering in the area.

Our local events have proved very successful at attracting new members. In 2014 we had 29 new members join the club.

I would like to welcome our new members:

Sue Burnes, Davidsons, Fanni Gurko, Hammonds, Mark Johnston/Tracey Brindley, Nicola Melville/Andrew Twigg, Helen Randfield, Shearers, Smiths, Gordon Smyth / Tina Wood

Overall we have 135 members, up from 129 in 2013. We are still classed as a small club in the Compass Sport club competition which counts M/W12 and above. In October we had 105 members at October 2014 verses 125 threshold. We will however be making the step up to big clubs competition next year.

Having new faces in the club is very welcome and this really helps ensure the future of the club.

5) Investing any income back into the Club for long term success and benefit of members

The Treasurer's report outlines that the finances are in a solid shape, with a strong cash book balance. We have received a number of grants this year which have been used to map new areas and update some existing maps and to purchase new SI units

The club subsidised the Compass Sport Trophy qualifier & final and relay events and provided athlete support.

In summary

Great performances throughout the year: staging a World Ranking Event at Stirling castle; active at recruiting new members; and successful at winning grants, which we have invested in mapping and buying new equipment.

Looking forward into 2015, there is lots of activity planned for the year, with FVO hosting the SOL weekend in June along with Tay. This event covers a sprint on the Friday and two Scottish Orienteering League events on the Saturday and Sunday. We will also be running the WEE series, and Scottish 6 days, as well as making a bid to becoming big club champions – "FVO needs you!"

Finally, I would like to personally thank the committee for their hard work, and our members for their continued input and energy throughout the year. Thank you to Rupert for his valuable contribution to the committee over the last three years (especially doing the minutes!)

Note, The President's report is published in full on the FVO web

4. Treasurer's Report

Gareth presented the club accounts.

He reported that we have a cash book balance of £7,127 which is safely above our stated target contingency of £5,000. We have reduced funds due to lower income from event due to the increase in Event Levy Fees. We did however receive grants worth £2,150 with a further £3,500 due next year.

We have been active in mapping with new areas - Braco, major updates of Stirling Town (cost covered by Race the Castles), Beecraigs update, Bannockburn and Fallin. We have a rolling programme in place for updating maps.

We have bought 20 new SI units, a Condes licence and a new printer during the year.

The club also subsidised the Compass Sport Trophy qualifier, finals and relay events and athlete support worth £2,113

5. Matters Arising from Treasurer's Report

An explanation was sought for the increase in levy payments. Gareth explained that, as we organise a lot of small events, the new structure is unfavourable to us.

There was a question from the floor regarding updating the South Achray map which, it was agreed, is rather out of date. It was agreed that the map would need updated before being used for any significant event.

There was a discussion about SI Equipment and it was established that we now have sufficient units for our current needs

Dawn Goddard was thanked for checking the accounts and declaring that they were a correct representation.

6. Election of Committee

The election of office bearers proceeded as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
President	Roger Goddard	Cathy Tillbrook	Dawn Goddard
Vice President	Trevor Hoey	Jonathan Molloy	Hazel Dean
Secretary	Louise Longhurst	Will Hensman	Gary Longhurst
Treasurer	Gareth Bryan-Jones	Hazel Dean	Cathy Tillbrook
Gen Member	Hazel Dean	Brad Connor	Rupert Parkinson
Gen Member	Ross McLennan	Fiona Berrow	Jon Cross
Gen Member	Jason Inman	Jon Cross	MC Shankland

Roger thanked Rupert for his valuable contribution to the committee over the last three years (especially doing the minutes!)
Jason Inman was welcomed as a new General Member.

7. Non-committee roles

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person Confirmed</u>
Team Captain	Jon Cross
Wednesday Evening Co-ordinator	Peggy Purves
Night Events Co-ordinator	Martin Dean
Safeguarding Officer	Hazel Dean
Communications	Ross McLennan
Web Master / Archivist	David Nicol
Membership Secretary	Jen Leonard
Head Coach	Nicola Melville
Electronic Equipment Holder	Will Hensman
Mapping	Jason Inman
Permissions	Hazel Dean
Equipment	Ben Stansfield

8. Membership Fees for 2016 and General Charges for 2015

The committee proposed, and it was agreed by the meeting that membership fees should remain unchanged:

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

General Charges need amended to show that non-members are charged £5 entry for the Wednesday Evening Events and the Night Orienteering Series

9. AOB

Jen Leonard was presented with the Jim Heardman Trophy, for services to the Club. Jen has developed our programme of 'come and train' events and coaching and has been instrumental in helping to grow the Club, a key strategy for SOA.

A request was made for the Club to have new jackets. The committee are looking in to this and, once designed, will offer for sale to members

The Club Captain advised the meeting that, this year, the Club would be contesting the Compass Sport Cup (for large clubs) despite being classified as a small club. Members were asked to run in the Scottish qualifying round in March and, if we qualify, the final in October.