



Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

FORTH VALLEY ORIENTEERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 31st January 2016 at McLaren Leisure Centre

Present: Roger Goddard, Rupert Parkinson, Gary Longhurst, Louise Longhurst, Jason Inman, Dawn Goddard, Will Hensman, Jon Cross, Brad Connor, Jonathan Molloy, Hazel Dean, Tina Wood, Gordon Smyth, Paul Hammond, Jenny Hammond, Marie Claire Shankland, Jen Leonard, Josie Stansfield, Cathy Tillbrook, Trevor Hoey Susan Hensman, Graham Gristwood, Ben Stansfield, Geoffrey Hensman, Lindsay Hensman, Fanni Gyurko, Nicola Melville,

Apologies: Jan Bryan Jones, Gareth Bryan-Jones, Martin Dean, Beccy Osborn, Doug Flint, Donald McLeod, Lucile McLeod, Fiona Berrow, Ross McLennan, Fraser Purves, Rona Molloy, Janine Inman, Catherine Isherwood

1. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Jon Cross proposed that the minutes of the 2015 AGM were a true representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Hazel Dean

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2015 AGM.

3. President's Report

Roger presented his President's Report.

He reported that FVO have had another successful and enjoyable year of orienteering.

Note, The President's report is appended to these minutes

4. Treasurer's Report

Gareth was absent from the meeting. The Treasurer's Report had previously been circulated to the Membership, and a summary was presented to the meeting by Roger.

The Treasurer's report outlines that the finances are in very solid shape, with cash book balance of £13,491 which is well above our stated target contingency of £5,000.

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The 2015 Accounts and supporting documentation have been examined by Dawn Goddard, Chartered Accountant.

5. Matters Arising from Treasurer's Report

An explanation was sought regarding the sources of the various mapping grants. In answering, reference was made to a document, previously circulated by the Treasurer, which lists the various funding bodies and the related mapping project. The grants have facilitate the mapping of new areas and a rolling programme of map updates.

There was a question from the floor regarding the need for the mapping of a new area, suitable for a SOL or equivalent. This is something that the committee are aware of and confirmed that a search had already commenced.

The meeting were reminded to complete a Gift Aid form to enable the club to continue to make a claim to HMRC for SOA Membership costs.

6. Election of Committee

Roger Goddard proposed Trevor Hoey to be President. This was seconded by Louise Longhurst

Roger thanked the committee for their hard work, and the members for their continued input and energy throughout the year. He also thanked Gareth as he steps down from his role as Treasurer.

Trevor assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked Roger as he stepped down as President.

The election of office bearers proceeded as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Vice President	Ross McLennan	Jon Cross	Hazel Dean
Secretary	Louise Longhurst	Brad Connor	Will Hensman
Treasurer	Dawn Goddard	Roger Goddard	Cathy Tillbrook
Gen Member	Hazel Dean	Cathy Tillbrook	Jon Cross
Gen Member	Jason Inman	Susan Hensman	Jen Leonard
Gen Member	Vacant		

Dawn Goddard was welcomed as a new member of the committee

Post Meeting note: Ben Stansfield was proposed by Jon Cross to be a General Member of the committee. This was seconded by Brad Connor. Ben has accepted his place on the committee

7. Non-committee roles

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person Confirmed</u>
Team Captain	Jon Cross
Wednesday Evening Co-ordinator	Vacant
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

It was suggested that there should be a role of Social Secretary. This will be discussed by committee

8. Membership Fees for 2017 and General Charges for 2016

The committee proposed that, given the Club's healthy financial position and the projection that this position would continue, then membership fees should remain unchanged. The meeting were in support and Hazel Dean proposed that this be accepted and Brad Connor seconded.

Membership fees for 2017:

Individual	£10
Junior/ Full-time Student	£2
Family	£20
Group	£20

For the sake of clarity "Full-time Student" has been added

The General Charges for 2016 were agreed by consent with the understanding that the committee will discuss and make appropriate changes to the following areas:

- The junior/Student rate for WEE and Night Series remains unchanged at £2 but the organiser's information requires to be updated
- For clarity the Senior non-members rate will have "BOF" added
- The Royalties to be charged on maps will be reviewed and the charge will reflect the age of the map
- Full-time students will receive the same relay discount as juniors
- The cost of engraving Trophies awarded by the club, will be met by the club

9. AOB

The club have been given fifty A-frame trestles on long term loan from SOA

The committee have taken an action to look at a policy for the club's equipment including insurance, a booking system and on-going upgrade

Trevor intimated that the club will be looking at its volunteer structure and developing a pathway for club members to get involved in volunteering.

Will Hensman was presented with the Jim Heardman Trophy, for services to the Club. Will has provided consistent support for a number of years, and has been at the heart of the club week in week out. He proactively helps on all SI matters, putting on evening events and looks after all our local events results. In 2015 he planned day 2 of the Schiehallion weekend.

Appendix

President's Annual Report

This report details another successful and enjoyable year (2015) of orienteering for FVO.

1) Encouraging good club representation and winning positions at competitions

For the first time in FVO's history the club won the big clubs competition at the Compass Sport Cup, national competition. The club was highly visible on the day sporting our new club training tops, giving us a great presence at the event, with 80 members making the trip. There were some great performances on the day including 5 class victories, with everyone helping us take victory.

Our Captain Jon Cross was hugely successful in signing up all our runner to travel down to Kendal. Transport and entries were paid for by the club, to help maximise numbers. Jon Cross was awarded lifetime membership of the club to recognise his efforts as club captain.

There was success for FVO in the other main orienteering races of the season with highlights which include:

- the senior women won the UK orienteering league retaining their title from last year winning the JK relay;
- the senior men came second in the UK orienteering league with victory in the Harvester trophy, 3rd at the JK and 2nd at the British Relays
- there was total domination for the veteran men winning the JK and British relays, particularly impressive 1,2,3 at the JK.
- the juniors were also strong with 3rd at the JK and Scottish. We had 6 of our juniors represent Scotland at home internationals and regional champs with the country taking victory

We had 4 members of the club representing their respective countries in the World Orienteering Championships in Scotland, well done to Graham, Fanni & Marcus.

Most outstanding individual performance through the year was recognised at the dinner dance with Grace Malloy awarded athlete of the year for her outstanding performances at the world orienteering school's championships and winning the Scottish 6 days with very stiff competition this year.

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

2) Organising quality events, with great maps, planning and organisation

2016 was a big year for the club along with BASOC putting on day 5 of the 6 days. This proved to be a very challenging day with difficulties with parking. All club members pulled together to ensure it was a successful day. I would particularly like to say thank you to Gareth and David for all their efforts to ensure the event went ahead. Without their intervention the day would not have happened. I would also like to thank all our members who gave up on running to help on the day.

The next day, club members Steve Nicholson and Brian Bullen planned a highly praised Classic distance for the World Orienteering Championships on Glen Affric winning "World of Orienteering" course of the year.

We also hosted a weekend of orienteering in June branded the Schiehallion weekend, with a sprint race on the Friday and Middle distance on the Saturday. We also coordinated with Tay to hold a Classic race on the Sunday. The first two days were WRE and that helped to attract a number of international top athletic and help the GB squad prepare for WOC.

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 for her efforts on promotion and organisation of the WEE series, and also to Martin for organising another great night series.

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.

Graham ran a series on coaching sessions in the autumn which were very well attended. This has shown that there is a strong appetite for middle of the week training and regular events held throughout the year, and the committee is keen that we expand the programme into 2016.

The FVO Dinner Dance at the Victoria Halls was another superb evening, with thanks to Louise for once again organising.

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

In 2015 we had 19 new members join the club slightly down from 29 in 2014. I would like to welcome our new members:

- New to orienteering - Spenceley family (x6), Eve Brown (W14)
- Transfers from other clubs - Peter Meehan, Beth+Steve Clayton, Gordon Ross, Anastasia Trubkina, Geoffrey+ Lindsey Hensman
- Welcome back to the fold - Rachel Hendrie, Angela Mudge, Ben+Ewan Finch, Jamie Stevenson

Our total membership is now 152, up from 135 in 2014. Following an intense period of

activity by our club captain during the CompassSport Cup transfer window, we had 121 eligible members (M/W12+) versus the 125 threshold to be a Big Club.

The increase of membership and attracting members from other clubs is down to us keeping a high profile at events. We have tried to raise our profile locally such as the Schiehallion weekend, but more consistent and focused promotion is needed to make a difference. This is something we will looking to address 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

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Reflections on the year and year forward

In summary

Great performances throughout the year; staging two World Ranking Events, and one of the largest 6 days events ever; and we have been very successful at winning grants, which we are investing in our maps.

Looking forward into 2016; there is lots of activity planned for the year, with FVO hosting the CSC in March, Junior European Championships in the Autumn and a WRE Sprint in July. We will also be running the WEE series, and regular training events, as well as defending the Compass Sport Cup which will be an even bigger challenge with the event being hosted by SYO in their own back yard.

We are also in the process of getting a grant from Direct Club Investment funding from Sports Scotland to have a part time professional officer, to help build coaching, events programme, local promotion and recruit new members.

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 Gareth for 5 years as

treasurer who will be stepping down this year.

Jim Heardman Trophy – services to the club

It was difficult to pick out one person from the many people that have done a huge amount for the club, this year. However, there is an individual who has provided consistent support for a number of years, and has been at the heart of the club week in week out, which is what this award is all about. This person is always proactive at helping on SI, putting on evening events and looks after all our local events results. Also in 2015, the recipient spent a large amount of time travelling up to Rannoch making many changes to meet landowners and difficult access requirements for day 2 of the Schiehallion weekend. I'm delighted to announce The Jim Heardman Trophy goes to Will Hensman.