



Forth Valley Orienteers

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Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 30th January 2009 at the Westerton Arms, Bridge of Allan

Present: Maureen Brown, Brian Bullen, Steve Barrett, Brad Connor, Jon Cross, Roger Goddard, Susan Hensman, Will Hensman, Trevor Hoey, Janine Inman, Gary Longhurst, Louise Longhurst, David Nicol, Fraser Purves, Caroline Smilie.

Apologies: Hugh Buchanan, Hazel Dean, Martin Dean, Kyle Heron, Gareth Bryan-Jones, Jan Bryan-Jones, Rona Molloy, Ross McLellan, Beccy Osborn, Elizabeth Sinclair, Sandy Sinclair.

1. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Presidents Report

Gary gave a brief overview of the year. It is appended to this report.

4. Treasurers Report

The club turned over £12k in 2008, and overall the next expenditure was in balance. The club had gained a significant sum in sponsorship from the Prudential which would be spent on club kit in 2009. Significant income from the SOL and Stirling Sprints, as well as some income from the Six Day 2007, the WEE events and the Night Series.

The SI kit had proven expensive to maintain at around £500, and a policy on its use put forward by Brad. Looking to next year – Roger put forward a budget that would see some of the cash reserves drawn down; and moneys go into mapping. There was also the possibility of buying light weigh tressles for the WEE series events.

5. Matters Arising from Treasurers Report

None

6. Election of Office Bearers

The election of office bearers proceeded as follows

<i>Position</i>	<i>Person Elected</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
President	Gary Longhurst	Fraser Purves	Brad Connor
Vice President	Brad Connor	Jon Cross	Janine Hensman
Secretary	David Nicol	Fraser Purves	Brian Bullen
Treasurer	Roger Goddard	Jon Cross	Susan Hensman
Gen Member	Steve Barrett	Louise Longhurst	Fraser Purves
Gen Member	Hazel Dean	Jon Cross	David Nicol
Gen Member	<i>vacant</i>		

Additional, the following non-committee roles were noted ...

Team Captain	Jon Cross,
WEE Co-ordinator	Ali McQuillen
Newsletter	Will Hensman
Membership Secretary	Susan Hensman,
Web Master	David Nicol,
Permissions	Hazel Dean,
Head Coach	Jason Inman
Electronic equipment	Brad Connor
Other equipment	Maureen Brown
Child protection officer	Hazel Dean

7. Award of Trophies

The Jim Heardman trophy was awarded to Jason Inman, for his role as the club's head coach. The trophy for "Most Improved Junior" was awarded to Jack Cartwright.

8. Membership Fees for 2008

The committee proposed, and it was agreed by the meeting that should remain unchanged for 2008 at:

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

Some amendments were put forward to the scheme of charges in respect of providing support for people taking coaching courses. Maureen noted that taking coaching courses was now very expensive. These amendments were approved.

There was significant debate about the existing policy in respect of supporting relays. Will argued for more support for relays. There was discussion about the Harvester. Jon suggested that the policy needed to continue to give the committee flexibility; but that it would be worthwhile for any discounts to be advertised before the event. It was suggested that the

9. AOB

It was noted that the committee had made one small personal award in respect of training, and two small awards to help members go on coaching courses.

It was noted that Jen and Rona had put on two events to encourage beginners. There was debate about how the club could try to capitalise on the attendance at these events, and try to turn some of these into members. The proposal to give free membership to juniors was turned down. It was considered that the price of £2 was not a barrier. However, it would be useful to promote the club by ensuring that membership information and newsletters was available at these type of events.

Gary noted that the new BOF levy made it more difficult to budget for small events such as a SOSOL, which might have to cost about £1 more in future.

It was noted that Jim Heardman had tendered his resignation as Hon President. It was understood that he had now stopped orienteering.

Fraser Purves thanked the committee for their work over the year.

Forth Valley Orienteers: Presidents Report 2008

Events (Gary)	Successful SOL (Touch) and Sprint Champs (Stirling Town) Usual WEE Programme + Night programme now well established Significant support to British Champs (organiser, planner, controller) Barr Wood used for world schools middle distance (Steve planned courses) Club champs at Barr Wood Colour coded event(s) organised by Jen for schools Colour coded in autumn cancelled (no organiser or planner) <i>New event structure/registration and BOF levy in 2009 (ref newsletter article)</i> <i>Organising British Sprint Champs 2009 + Joint organising club for 6 days</i> <i>Planning to use Barr Wood for SoSOL in the autumn and Trossachs for 2010 SOL</i>
Maps (Steve)	New map of Stirling Town, Touch Updated, Barr Wood Updated - <i>late 2007</i> Stirling University updated to Sprint standard Maps produced of local schools Acquired Rannoch from SOA <i>Acquiring part ownership of 2 new areas after 6 days</i> <i>Remapping Trossachs in 2009 for SOL in 2010</i>
Competitions (Jon)	Won Compass Sport Trophy (again!) Women's open success at Scottish Champs Relays Men Vets team close at JK, British and Scottish Relay Men's team at Harvester - 4th FVO members in winning VHI and SHI Teams Abi and Jamie at EYOC - Jamie 7th in Sprint
Training (Jason)	Regular programme well established February weekend at Moray Firth Autumn Weekend at Aviemore (Rothiemurchus Lodge) Training trophy established <i>Weekend planned for 13-15th March</i>
Equipment /kit (Brad – SI)	New start clocks developed by Ted ongoing repair/replacement of SI - guidelines issued for looking after it New club tops designed + Sponsorship - <i>being bought in 2009</i>
Newsletter/Web (Will/David)	Guest editors in 2008. <i>New editor for 2009</i> Ongoing update of web site
Socials (David)	Dinner Dance Nov - Stirling Highland Xmas meal
Membership (David/Susan)	125 in 2008(similar to 2007); Already 114 for 2009.
Permanent Courses	No activity in 2008 <i>Owner needed to look after these for the club</i>
Financial (Roger)	See Treasurer's report

The efforts of post holders managing the above activities and help from club members is much appreciated

