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2018 Directors Report

- Following a successful SOA only membership pilot this was rolled out across all Scottish clubs and has proved a popular choice so far this year, with an encouraging uptake which will hopefully allow us to meet our membership targets set by Sportscotland. SOA membership statistics have suffered every time British Orienteering has recently changed membership fees and with BO raising membership fees once again next year, an SOA only membership will hopefully buck this trend.
- Once again I would remind SOA members to sign up to Gift Aid. There is a form embedded in the SOA website under 'Charity Info' and SOA members can sign up in the online membership process. A claim of £3,338 was made this year with the funds being returned to the clubs whose members have signed up. Higher and additional rate taxpayers should remember that they can claim additional tax relief through their self assessment tax return.
- Finally, this past year marked my 6th and last year as Partnership Director. The SOA has seen significant changes in this time, including becoming a Scottish charity and a large increase in governance and compliance. Change is necessary to ensure continued funding from Sportscotland and meeting charity and company law requirements and the SOA staff and the volunteers on the board all do a tremendous job in running the operation. My thanks to all for their support during my time as Partnership Director.