



North East Orienteering Association

Annual Delegate Conference for 2015/16 at West Moor Community Association on Sunday 20th November 2016

0 Apologies received from Adrian Barnes, Paul Taylor, Paul Boyles, Alasdair Wilson-Craw

1 Present: Peter Archer (chair), Duncan Archer, Nigel Wright, Peter Firth, John Crosby, Rob McKenna

2 Minutes of the previous meeting at Slaley on 1st November 2015: Accepted as a true record of events.

3 Matters Arising (not covered later in agenda):

- a. PF to send NW, AWC and DA (for web site) a copy of the NEJS Constitution.

4 Officers' Reports for 2015/16:

- a. **Chairman/Secretary** (Peter Archer) – Report as circulated was accepted and no actions arising.
- b. **NEJS** (Nigel Wright) – Report as circulated was accepted. NW asked for clubs input to the following:
 - i. An **NEJS coach**, qualified to at least level 2.
 - ii. Keep NW posted about your **club training opportunities** that NEJS members will be able to attend. If we can use the same exercises, that would be good, or we can arrange for parallel exercises and coaching.
 - iii. Inform NW of **juniors in your clubs** who are of the right age and ability to be considered for NEJS membership.
 - iv. Give NW a **list of qualified coaches** (especially level 2 or above) in your clubs who I can call on when I need coaches to support NEJS training.
 - v. Region should organise a junior squad **training weekend for NEJS** and our neighbouring squads at some point during 2017. For this, we will need a lead coach and suitable high quality areas.
 - vi. Continued **financial support** from the clubs and continued cake stall frequenting.

These items were **agreed. Action** all clubs

c. **Technical** (Paul Taylor) – Report as circulated was accepted. Comment re JK2020 areas was picked up under Item 7 on Major Events.

d. **Fixtures** (Duncan Archer) – Report as circulated was accepted and issues to discuss were taken under item 7 on Major Events.

e. **Treasurer** (Peter Firth) – The accounts as circulated, and the commentary on them, were unanimously accepted. Richard Field had checked and signed the accounts as a true record.

f. **Coaching** (vacant) – This role involves e.g. checking CPD logs are up to date, attending the coaching conference to learn about best practice to filter down to the region, general coach education in NEOA etc. Currently vacant. **Action** for all clubs to identify possible candidates.

5 Budget for 2016/17 and Club Subscriptions and SI box and Card Hire Levies. Following some discussion the following were unanimously agreed:

- a. No levy at this stage would be made to clubs for the general running of the Association. Money to cover expenses to be met from the £2000 from JK 2009 previously ringfenced.
- b. A levy of £1000 would be made in respect of costs of NEJS. Club contributions to be – CLOK £500, NATO £350, NN £150.
- c. SI box levy to remain as £1 per senior for events where all (or most) controls use SI boxes. When only a start and finish box are used, no levy will be made.
- d. SI card hire to remain at £1 for events at level C and above, but to be free for level D events. Lost SI cards to be charged at £40.

Action: PF to issue invoices to clubs to collect NEJS money.

6 Appointment of Officers and Co-ordinators: The following were agreed.

- a. **Chairman** – Alasdair Wilson-Craw. The role continues as rotating annually around the clubs (may or may not be taken by the chairman of the club). AWC will continue up to and including the next annual meeting. The following year the post will pass to NN.
- b. **Secretary** – AWC. Combined with chairman as above.
- c. **Treasurer** – Peter Firth happy to continue.
- d. **Fixtures Secretary** – Duncan Archer happy to continue.
- e. **Coaching Co-ordinator** – Remains vacant.
- f. **NEJS Co-ordinator** – Nigel Wright happy to continue.
- g. **Technical Co-ordinator** – Paul Taylor happy to continue.

Action: PA to inform British Orienteering of the change to Chairman/Secretary.

7 Discussions

a. Future Major Events:

- i. **JK 2020 Action:** DA to talk to Adrian to see what areas he feels might be suitable. DA to talk to Boris to confirm if Albermarle Barracks is likely available for sprint (BS previously said yes, RM now thought not). Saturday individual event may be a middle distance race.
- ii. **Northern Championships in 2019:** Our next turn should be in 2021, but NWOA have a problem and have asked if we can hold it. We can push back but should see if possible. **Action:** DA to talk to Rob who suggested an area near Alwinton may be possible. Too remote for 3000 JK competitors, but maybe ok for N. Champs. Of interest for 2021 even if not 2019.”
- iii. **British Mixed Sprint Relay Champs in 2018:** This is a new idea for a Level A event consisting of two men and two women in a team. No obligation for us to hold, but could fit on Saturday before NATO Morpeth urban in June 2018. **Action:** DA to talk to Adrian on whether we have a suitable area in June 2018 for the event.

b. Regional Leagues:

- i. These were generally felt to have gone well in 2016, and generated a few extra competitors at events. **Action:** JC to print certificates for class winners.
- ii. AB had proposed a set of events (appendix 1) for both NEOL and NEUL for 2017. These were agreed, subject to possibly adding one or two events for the back end of the year from CLOK's Autumn Series. **Actions:** DA to produce 1000 flyers for these races (same

style as for 2016). DA to add to NE web site. RM to add to NN web site. PA to ask Alastair Mackenzie to add to CLOK web site.

- iii. **Action: All** to ensure these events are well publicised, including where to find the rules for which classes people should run. DA to update rules for AB's suggestion of super vets and 10/12/14/16 classes.

c. **SI Equipment:**

- i. Both NATO and CLOK were pleased with the purchase of equipment agreed at last year's AGM, and did not feel the need for any new gear.
- ii. Paul Boyles had floated the idea of NEOA carrying out the computing function for JK2020. Some problems were foreseen, although the principle of trying to get some benefits in terms of equipment from the event was supported. **Action:** DA to write to PB to outline the results of the discussion.
- d. **Amendment to the Constitution:** Several amendments to the Constitution had been proposed to bring it up to date, and to agree to comply with BO rules and policies. **Action:** DA to update, give a week for any comments to be made on the draft, and then publish on NEOA web site.

8 **AOB.** NN asked if the procedure that applied some years ago to have a "register of interests" to record which club "owned" a map of a new area could be reinstated. This followed problems that had arisen in respect of two areas (Washington and just north of Hadrian's Wall) where NN had looked to map it and NATO were also involved in mapping. **Agreed** that PA ask PT (as Technical Officer) to see whether he thought it was part of his remit.

9 **Date of next meeting.** 9th September 2017, after CLOK's event at Stockton.

Peter Archer
22nd November 2016

Appendix 1 Events for NEOL and NEUL in 2017

Open league

29/1. NN. Shaftoe Crags
12/2. CLOK. Hutton Mulgrave
2/4. CLOK. Eston O Cross
11/6. NATO. Washington
1/10. NATO. North of the Wall
7-8/10. NN. October Odyssey
12/11. CLOK. Boltby. NE Score

6 from 8 to count.

Urban League

15/1. NATO. Cramlington South (UK Urban League)
23/4. NATO. Morpeth Gathering Sprint
11/6. NATO. Washington
17/6. NN. Durham City Night Score
10/9. CLOK. Stockton
29/10. NATO. Ouseburn Middle
(plus one or two from CLOK Autumn Sprint Series agreed at meeting)

4 from 6 to count