

North East Orienteering Association

NEOA Annual Delegate Conference 2020

Held via Zoom Conferencing, Sunday 25th October 2020 at 19:00

Minutes

Present :- Kay Clark (KC), Paul Boyles (PB), Duncan Archer (DA), Frank Shillitoe (FS), Kim Sanderson (KS), Peter Archer (PA), Peter Firth (PF), Paul Taylor (PT).

1) Apologies for Absence

Brian Davies, Trish Davies and Alasdair Wilson Craw (AWC).

2) Minutes of the previous meeting at The Sill on 29th September 2019

These were accepted as a true record of events

3) Matter Arising

PA advised that CLOK were hiring SI dibbers on a longer term loan for £5 due to Covid-19. This was originally until the end of 2020, but would more than likely be extended. PF also confirmed that NATO were doing the same and had posted them out to competitors. CLOK so far had loaned out 6 and NATO 10.

4) Officers Reports

- a) Chair/Secretary – KC summarised her report that was distributed prior to the meeting. Key points included the sad passing of Orienteering members from both CLOK and NATO. How the impact of Covid-19 on the sport initially has been impacted due to the loss of events such as the JK2020 but how resilient the sport is and how the sport is ideally positioned to cope with social distancing. KC also expressed thanks to DA for his support as being new to the sport and the role was unsure on what was involved. KC found it difficult and frustrating with the Covid-19 situation and not being able to meet people. (Report Attached)
- b) Treasurer – DA confirmed he had taken over the role from PF who had conducted the role for 30 years. DA has produced reports for the NEOA and NEJS (Report Attached). The banks have been swapped this year from Santander to HSBC to allow more flexible banking and the separate accounts have been collapsed to 1 account. These are separated into 3 funds (NEJS, Sportident and the General Fund). Funding wise, due to Covid-19, the English Council has not asked for any contributions from NEOA therefore there are no requests for Club Subscriptions from Clubs. NEJS has requested club subscriptions totalling £500. Using the clubs membership figures this equates to £250 CLOK (50%), £200 NATO

(40%) and £50 NN (10%). It was agreed that SI should continue with the £1 levy on SI usage and to continue with the £1 hire dibber charge for Levels A, B and C with a £5 extended loan agreement in place for Covid-19. The £20 SI dibber loss fee was to continue. A separate meeting would be held by relevant people to discuss SI and PB would co-ordinate this with DA.

It was noted that NEJS were due to attend the JIRCS next year which are due to be held at Catterick. Still unknown what will happen due to Covid-19 but may need accommodation. It was expected however that costs wouldn't be too high, due to the close proximity to the North East for travelling.

- c) Fixtures – AWC was unable to attend but had produced a report prior to the meeting which was read out by PB. (See Attached). It was noted that there had been a steady increase in the usage of POC within the region and figures reported after the meeting by PF (NATO) and PA (CLOK) confirmed this. See attached documents for actual download figures. It was noted that there were some big upcoming events but clarity was needed from Alasdair to the exact dates.
- d) Technical – PT confirmed that the Rules Group Committee ended a few years ago and was now made up of a Select Committee. PT is happy to continue in the role but advises there is nothing to report this year. PT is happy to field questions from any members. PT is looking to organise another Controllers course but will wait until the rules on Covid-19 subside. PA confirmed that a Sportident Managers course was successfully held in January 2020, but would now need another one as there has been limited use this year. Once organised PA would invite other clubs if they wanted to join. PB advised that NATO had 2 laptops that have SI loaded onto for usage. DA asked for clarification on controllers for Level B events. PT confirmed that ideally we should get a controller from outside the region but understood that there was a shortage so it was acceptable to use controllers within the region and the club if necessary. PT can put us in touch with Controllers if required for events.
- e) NEJS – KS explained that there wasn't much going on at present due to Covid-19 as all events have been cancelled. One member of the NEJS had been to the Virtual Lagganlia training event and had produced a report of this (See attached). Going forward there are some initiatives in the pipeline. Paul Murgatroyd (National Coach) is proposing to come to local level from January 2021 to spend time training. DA would be looking to organise some develop training for the NEJS. British Orienteering are looking to create a Super Squad for the North consisting of NW, NE and Yorkshire. They would help with local coaching. At present the NEJS has 5 juniors but KS and FS confirmed there will be more once Covid subsides.

f) Coaching – Still Vacant

5) Budget for 2020/21

- a) Club Subscriptions to NEOA – None required as previously mentioned in the Treasurers report.
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- c) SI Box and Card Hire Levies – To stay the same as previous year as mentioned in the Treasurers report.

6) Appointment of Officers and Co-ordinators

- a) Chair/Secretary – Rotating around the clubs – NN for the coming year (Still awaiting confirmation of Chair at time of writing these minutes).
- b) Treasurer – Duncan Archer to continue
- c) Fixtures Secretary – Alasdair Wilson Crawl to continue
- d) Technical Co-ordinator – Paul Taylor to continue
- e) NEJS – Kim Sanderson and Frank Shillitoe to continue
- f) Coaching Co-ordinator – Continue without a dedicated coaching co-ordinator

7) Discussions

- a) JK 2020 – DA advised that the mop up for the JK2020 was done. There was a significant amount of merchandise that was currently stored in DA's garage which would be distributed around the clubs. Merchandise ranging from water bottles, shoe bags, medals. DA advised that there had been no financial loss to the NEOA for the JK2020.
- b) SI Equipment – PB advised he would contact NN and liaise between the clubs on SI.
- c) PB advised he was taking part in an upcoming Zoom conference with British Orienteering on the subject of Volunteers within the Sport. This is scheduled for 3rd November 2020.

The Meeting closed at 19:40.