

North-East Orienteering Association

Annual General Meeting 2022 on Tuesday 11th October

Minutes

Present: Duncan Archer, Debbie Warren, Allie Wilson, Frank Shillitoe, Kim Sanderson, Paul Taylor, Peter Archer

1. Apologies for Absence

All officers present.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 26th October 2021

Confirmed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- The bank account had been transferred from Santander to HSBC.
- All monies had been received as requested from the clubs for the NEJS account.
- Discussions on BOC had taken place and are reported under a later item.
- A successful cake stall had been held in aid of NEJS funds.

4. Officers Reports All officers' reports had been received prior to the meeting and were placed on the NEOA web site at [2022 AGM – North East Orienteering Association \(neorienteeing.org.uk\)](https://www.neorienteeing.org.uk) Authors were as follows:

- a. Chair/Secretary (PA)
- b. Treasurer and Accounts Summary (DA)
- c. Fixtures (AW)
- d. NEJS (FS/KS)
- e. Technical (PT)

All officers were thanked for their reports, and in addition Chris Wright was thanked for undertaking the role as Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

5. Budget for 2022/23 and Proposed Charges

- The only major expenditure incurred on the NEOA account each year is the affiliation to the English Orienteering Council. The general account has enough money to cover this payment for several years and so it was **Agreed** no charges on this to the clubs will be made this year.
- NEJS activity has picked up post-Covid and to replenish the account for JIRCS being in Northern Ireland this year, and South Wales next year and more planned coaching in The Lakes it was **agreed** to raise £1000 from the clubs. Based on the level of club

membership the pro rata amount for each club is CLOK (£464), NATO (£386) and NN (£150).

6. Appointment of Officers

The following were appointed for the coming year:

- a. **Chair/Secretary** – This rotates around the clubs and is NATO's turn. Posts to be covered by Frank Shillitoe and Kim Sanderson.
- b. **Treasurer** – Duncan Archer
- c. **Fixtures Secretary** – Allie Wilson
- d. **NEJS** – Frank and Kim
- e. **Technical** – Paul Taylor
- f. **Safeguarding/Welfare** – Allie Wilson

7. Discussions

- a. **British Championships 2024** – Duncan is the event co-ordinator and the races will be held at Mulgrave Woods (Classic Race) and Skelder Woods (Relay). Verbal permission has been given for these and Paul Taylor will chase up written agreement. The financial arrangement is that BO will underwrite any loss, and profits will be shared 1/3 NEOA and 2/3 BO. Paul Taylor has been awarded the mapping contract. Main officials have been appointed and a meeting will be held in November 2022 to discuss further details such as the Publicity plan.
- b. Frank raised two issues that are affecting all three clubs: getting people to volunteer for main roles; increasing the number of juniors. It was **agreed** that if clubs were holding training sessions for controllers/planners/organisers/SI managers they would be advertised across the region. Some clubs/regions have had success in attracting juniors, but they tend to be where there are several suitable areas for orienteering in large urban areas with good public transport access. There are a few places where "best practice" can be copied.

8. AoB

Allie raised the question of who would be hosting the NE Nights this year. Duncan pointed out that there is a spreadsheet which lists all the regional competitions and which club would be responsible for them on a three-year rolling basis. However, it was acknowledged that night events in the region are poorly attended, in part due to the average age of the membership increasing!

The meeting closed at 9pm.