

North East Orienteering Association

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the North East Orienteering Association, held on Tuesday, 10th October 2000, at Vane Tempest Hall, Durham.

Meeting opened 7.45pm

Present:

Rob McKenna (secretary and acting chairman), Peter Firth (treasurer), Peter Archer, Andrew Berne, Ed Chester, Dave Collett, John Dixon, Colin Matheson, Don Smith, Chris Wright.

1. Apologies for absence.

Paul Barker, Robert Brown, Alasdair Wilson-Craw, Carole Firth, Mike Hardy, Claire Heppenstall, Alton Horsfall, Maurice Swales.

2. Minutes of the 32nd AGM held 12th October 1999.

2.1 It was proposed by Andrew Berne, seconded by Colin Matheson that the minutes be accepted as a true record, it was agreed by those present.

4. Coaching report-from Ed Chester.

North east Junior Squad:

The NE Junior Squad activities have proved rather difficult to organise this year as a lot of the older members of the squad have moved on. Also the one and only female leader of the squad has now left the country, which meant that trip away could not be allowed. This lack of travelling to training and events had left the squad finances buoyant. Ed reported though there had been a few new faces and that those who had been involved with the squad were keen and had done well at the Junior Inter-Regional Championships this year. It was noted that whilst CLOK have been trying to attract younger members by specifically targeting local schools, there has been little or no development from other club in the region to attract new members.

Coach education:

On the coach education front, there had been a number of courses organised in the region this year, which included activities involving the Universities, Guide association and Outdoor Activity groups. The National Coaching Foundation had not run any coaching courses for teachers this year, but planning was in hand for next year. A new Northern Regional Sports Development Officer had been appointed this year and he seemed keen to develop new permanent courses and associated maps.

Coaching development:

Due to changes in the funding structure, the role of coaching is changing nationally-this is reflected in the Junior Squads. The introduction of a Performance Plan, World Class Potential and World Class Start programs have had a big impact at regional level - particularly amongst the 16-18 year old age group. This is part of a triangular structure which is supported by BOF, the UK Sports Council and Sport England. The World Class Start program is expected to start next year and covers talent identification of athletes below GB Junior Squad level. It will include assessment sessions at regional level and special training camps.

Although the North East does not have many juniors aged between 16 and 11 this may change in 2 years time as the CLOK juniors progress.

Ed finished by appealing to members of the association to come forward and help out at Junior squad events. In particular, female leaders are required, parents would be welcome - they do not necessarily need to have formal qualifications.

Peter Firth proposed that the NEOAs appreciation of Eds efforts over the past year should be recorded, this was seconded by Peter Archer.

3. Chairman's Annual Report - there was no report available.

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S. Treasurers report - Peter Firth.

5.1 Participation figures for the past year were circulated to those present.

5.2 The treasurer presented the accounts to the meeting stating that the auditor for the past 10 years was unable to continue with the job and that the Associations books had been inspected by a financial acquaintance (Mrs Ida Bradford). The new auditor had agreed to be paid in 'kind', but suggested that a donation of £20 be made to some charitable organisation - this was agreed by those present. John Dixon proposed a vote of thanks for the auditor, who had stepped in at the last minute.

5.2.1 It was noted that levies were above the expected level, this was thought to be due mostly in part to the number of 'quality' events held during the year.

~22 Membership was slightly down on last year.

~23 NEON budget was under spent due to fewer issues this year.

5.2.4 It had been agreed that the value of the current stock of colour coded badges be depreciated by 25 % per annum. 5.2.5 The deposit account sum of £5608.42 includes a £2000 special fund. 5.2.6 The credit sum off I O w as a refund of EOC levy.

~2.7 Funds are currently held in the Alliance + Leicester Giro Bank (current and high interest accounts).

5.2.8 John Dixon proposed that the accounts be accepted as shown (see below), this was seconded by Ed Chester and agreed by the meeting.

5.2 The treasurer presented his draft budget for 2000/01 - this had been endorsed by the Executive committee. 5.3.1 Peter Firth proposed that the budget be accepted as shown (see below). This was seconded by John Dixon and agreed by the meeting.

5.4 Membership fees and levies.

5.4.1 At present, membership fees to NEOA are as follows

Senior - £4.00, Junior - £1.00, Family - £6.00. Group - £7.00.

Levies stand at 12.5%, net amount payable up to a maximum of £2;0

The treasurer proposed no further change in either membership fee or Levy structure - this had been endorsed by the Executive committee. seconded by John Dixon and was agreed by the meeting. 5.5 Ed Chester proposed a vote of thanks to the treasurer, this was endorsed by the meeting.

## 6. Election of officers

6.1 "There were no nominations for Chairman. It was agreed by the meeting. that Patrick Smith be approached Outside the meeting with a view to Continue in that role.

6.2 It was proposed by John Dixon, seconded by Peter Archer that Rob McKenna be elected as Secretary - this was agreed by the meeting.

6.3 It was proposed by John Dixon. seconded by Peter Archer that Peter Firth be elected as Treasurer - this was agreed by the meeting.

6.4 It was proposed by Peter Firth, seconded by Ed Chester that Colin Matheson be elected as Fixtures secretary - this was agreed by the meeting.

G.> The post of Vice Chairman was not filled.

6.6 It was agreed by the meeting, that John Crosby be re-elected as President.

## 7. Election of committee.

7.1 Andrew Berne agreed to stand as an elected representative and was duly elected.

7.2 The posts of the other elected reps would be considered outside the meeting.

7.3 John Dixon (mapping), Ed Chester (coaching) agreed to Continue in their roles as co-opted members.

7.4 The role of Technical representative was not filled, Don Smith

offered to help as an assistant in this role. The secretary, would approach Dave Brook to see if he would be interested.

#### 8. Trophies

8.1 As the chairman was not present, trophies would be awarded at a later date.

#### 9. Any other business

9.1 Andrew Berne reported that the grant application to the Lottery in respect of funds for E-punching NN as progressing and a report would be available for the next committee meeting.

Meeting closed 8.35pm