



# North East Orienteering Association

## NEOA Annual Delegate Conference for 2013/2014

Held at The Manor, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, TS8 OTJ on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Peter Firth opened explaining that this was the meeting to cover the 2013/2014 period, which should have been held in autumn 2014, but was delayed for various reasons. The next annual meeting covering 2014/2015 activity, and appointments for 2015/2016 will be held in just a few months' time.

1. **Present:** Peter Firth (acting chair for meeting), Nigel Wright, Peter Archer, Duncan Archer (taking minutes), Wendy Taylor, Paul Taylor, Adrian Barnes. **Apologies:** None received.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** at Yarm on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Unanimously accepted.

### 3. Matters arising.

- Grade 2 controller course. PT is still seeking to hold one, when there is sufficient interest, availability of course leaders, and a suitable date can be found.
- NEOA leagues. AB has recently circulated a proposal, which will likely commence in 2016.

4. **Discussions.** Nothing of note.

5. Officer reports. See separate attachments. The NEOA/NEJS accounts were accepted (and had been audited by Richard Field).

6. Appointment of co-ordinators, officers and representatives.

- NEJS co-ordinator – Nigel Wright (as before).
- Technical co-ordinator – Paul Taylor (as before).
- SI co-ordinator – Agreed at previous NEOA annual meeting there was no longer a need for the post, as NEOA SI equipment is held within the clubs, and any issues are handled by direct communication between club reps.
- Coaching co-ordinator – Mick Garratt has stepped down. No nominations. Agreed to leave the position open, and look for nominations in advance of the next meeting (which isn't too long away).
- Chairman / secretary – Patrick Smyth has stepped down. Agreed to make the posts rotate yearly around the clubs, typically going to the chairman of each club (but could be someone else). They would stand for one year (from immediately after one annual meeting, through the next year, including chairing the next annual meeting).

Peter Archer agreed to stand for the next ~15 months, including chairing the next meeting and the 2016 meeting. Then it will be NN or NATO's turn.

- **Action PA** (as new chair/secretary) to thank the outgoing officers for their work.

### 7. 2014/15 budgets and club subscriptions.

• NEOA has few outgoing, the main one – EOC – is done for the year, and it isn't long until the next NEOA annual meeting. Agreed there is no need for any club contributions at this time.

• NEJS has some upcoming outgoing including JIRCs and Hawkshead to pay before the next meeting. However, there are about enough funds. Agreed there was no need for any club contributions at this time, although also agreed if cash flow became a problem before the next meeting, then the clubs could provide funds quickly if required.

• For the record, had contributions been required, they would have been split based on senior membership, currently an approx. split of CLOK 50%, NATO 35%, NN 15%.

### 8. Any other business.

• PA noted that CLOK had responded to BOF's suggestions of a franchise model for major events (generally against the idea).

• Account signatories. Currently NEOA: Patrick Smyth, Peter Firth and Rob Mckenna, NEJS: Patrick Smyth, Peter First, Linda Thornton. 2 signatories are required for cheques. Agreed to replace Rob with Peter Archer for NEOA, and Linda with Nigel Wright for NEJS. Action PF/NW/PA to arrange.

9. **Next meeting.** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015, after NATO's Slaley event.