



# North East Orienteering Association

## NEOA Annual Delegate Conference for 2017/18

**Hampshire Wright HQ, Browney House, Quarry House Lane, Durham, DH1 4JA  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 7:00 p.m.**

### Minutes

Present: Nigel Wright (chair), Alasdair Wilson Crow, Peter Archer, Duncan Archer, Peter Firth, Frank Shillitoe

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

Brian Davies, Trish Davies, Paul Taylor, Andrew Stemp

#### 2 Minutes of the previous meeting at Ouseburn, Newcastle on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Accepted as a true record of events.

#### 3 Matters Arising

Duncan noted that the CPD requirements for coaches weren't quite as mentioned in the minutes.

Regarding the possibility of holding a level 2 coaching course – Peter A informed us that Phill Batts is qualified to run such courses but that it would cost us.

Paul Taylor is organising a 2-day mapping course.

#### 4 Officers' Reports

##### a. Chairman/Secretary

##### b. NEJS and Coaching

i Report on NEJS circulated

ii Still no dedicated coach for NEJS or NEOA, but thanks to the coaches and helpers who have helped through the year for their dedication

iii Club representatives agreed to inform Nigel of juniors to be considered for the squad: W/M12 or older; doing well at their age class courses; being keen and committed to join NEJS activities; wanting to compete in major events.

##### c. Technical

i Paul Taylor is organising a 2-day mapping course.

##### d. Fixtures

i Report on NEOA fixtures circulated. Summary of events in 2018. Duncan to ask BOF about getting the events bar charts by the number of competitors/participants.

ii 2019 fixtures. Duncan coordinated email discussions with the clubs over the summer. Dates agreed. NN still to provide requested dates.

- iii NE leagues. Thanks to Peter Firth, who has done collating up-to-date results. Agreed that we're happy to continue with both the NE League (NEOL) and NE Urban League (NEUL) in 2019. The 2019 events will be allocated when the fixtures list is finalised. It is important to publicise the winners. In the absence of prizes, certificates should be produced and presented to the winners of each category.
  - iv JK2020. In addition to the points covered in the report, it was noted that Paul Taylor is looking for an alternative area for day 3 long. There was discussion about the finances – whether to aim for a profit, profits from merchandise and the BO situation in all this.
  - v Duncan is looking to step down from the post of NEOA Fixtures Secretary at the next NEOA AGM.
- e. Treasurer
- i Two sets of accounts circulated (NEOA and NEJS)
  - ii NEOA: For the last two years, there has been no contribution to the NEOA required from the clubs. This will continue to be the case for this year.
  - iii 'Affiliations' refers to the £216 paid to England Orienteering, levied on membership numbers. 'Misc' for this year comprises a £20 donation to NEOA.
  - iv SI (Sportident) account forms part of the NEOA account but is recorded separately. There was no cost for the SIAC firmware update. The equipment hire is still £1 per adult. The dibber hire figure for 2018 is lower than last year as there is no longer a hire charge for level D events. 'Maintenance' is predominantly replacements, repairs and batteries.
  - v SI (continued). There was a discussion about the cost/value of the insurance. Alastair agreed to talk to Willard Wright (who is an insurance broker) about this.
  - vi NEJS: JIRCs (Junior Inter-Regional Champs) is subbed entirely from squad funds. Training has payments from participants subsidised by the squad funds. Nigel to check where JIRCs is next year [It is 28/29 September in Yorkshire, organised by SYO].
  - vii NEJS contributions: Agreed to keep the same as last year, based on club membership - £1000 split: CLOK £500; NATO £350; NN £150.
  - viii Peter is looking to step down as Treasurer at the next NEOA AGM, after many years in the post.
  - ix The new treasurer might want to introduce internet banking. This might require a constitution change to allow authorisation of payments by a single signatory.

5 Budget for 2018/19 , Club Subscriptions and various charges  
Covered above.

- 6 Appointment of Officers and Co-ordinators:
- a. Chairman/Secretary: rotating around the club – now CLOK – Peter Archer
  - b. Treasurer – Peter Firth continuing this year. Duncan Archer willing to take over next year when he steps down from Fixtures Secretary.
  - c. Fixtures Secretary – Duncan Archer continuing this year. Someone (from NATO) to take over next year.
  - d. Coaching Co-ordinator – Continuing without a dedicated coaching coordinator.
  - e. NEJS Co-ordinator – Nigel Wright to continue.

f. Technical Co-ordinator – Paul Taylor to continue.

7 Discussions

8 AOB

- Brian suggested changing the October Odyssey format to urban/forest on the two days. Agreed to leave it up to the organising club.
- An October Odyssey trophy has shown up.
- An event should be allocated to be the NE Urban Champs each year.
- Sportident (continuing the discussion during the Treasurer's update). The delegates were happy with the way the SI is working within the region for the moment (levies of £1 per adult, dibber hire at £1 per dibber except for level D, etc.). For very large events (e.g. big schools events), the charges should be set, with a ceiling, etc, as appropriate.

Next meeting to be arranged end-October/start-November 2019.