

# **Northeast Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting**

**held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

**Present:** Boris Spence (Chair), Peter Archer (Minute-taker), Debbie Warren, Joanne Field, Francis Shillitoe, Paul Taylor, Caroline Mackenzie Allen Banister.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Allie Wilson-Craw
- 2. Minutes of last meeting (11<sup>th</sup> October 2023) were agreed** as a true record.
- 3. Matters Arising:** All actions had been carried out. It was noted that subsequent to the meeting the controllers list for the region had been updated.
- 4. Officer Reports (Full details available on the NEOA's web site)**
  - 1. Chair/Secretary** – The chair's report had been circulated and he highlighted the three main points from the last year: The region had worked hard to put on an excellent BOC/BRC in April; There had also been a full range of fixtures in the last year for NEOA members to enjoy; The main challenge for the future is to find ways to encourage more members to volunteer to put on and help out at events.
  - 2. Treasurer** – The accounts were presented in two parts: general fund; NEJS fund. The general fund has very little movement each year and has gradually run down in recent years as no request to clubs for funds has been made. NEJS fund made a small profit. The Independent Examiner had reviewed the accounts and had no matters to bring to the Meeting's attention.
  - 3. Fixtures** -The fixtures secretary was unable to attend the meeting but indicated a willingness to continue for another year at which time (October 2025) she would stand down. The region has run the BOC/BRC this year

and is holding the CSC Final in 2025. We are also scheduled to put on the JHI in October 2027. It was **agreed** to do this.

#### **4. NEJS**

The main points were : a training weekend had been held in the Lakes in March; nine juniors had been taken to JIRCS in the Southwest enabling three competitive relay teams to take part; Some parents are interested in getting coaching qualifications to help take squad trips forward.

**5. Technical** Due to the high volume of work connected with BOC and other regional events little had been done in the past year. The post holder is happy to continue for the coming year.

#### **5. Budget for 2024/25 and Club Contributions.**

Further to the treasurer's report, it was **agreed** to raise money from the clubs as follows:

- £500 for the General Fund
- £1,000 for the NEJS Fund
- Both of these to be split between clubs according to membership percentages as follows CLOK 45.7%, NN 34.4%, NATO 19.9%.

#### **6. Appointment of officers for 2024/25**

1. Chair/secretary - Peter Archer (CLOK)
2. Treasurer – Joanne Field (NATO)
3. Fixtures – Allie Wilson-Craw (NATO)
4. NEJS – Francis Shillitoe and Kim Sanderson (NATO)
5. Technical – Paul Taylor (CLOK)

#### **7. Any other Business**

1. As the fixtures secretary intends retiring in October 2025, clubs need to try to find a replacement.

2. Francis and Kim will see whether new coaches can be found to take forward the NEJS as their children will soon be leaving school and the squad.
3. The three clubs are putting on a joint event in September 2025 at Queens Campus in Stockton. The Profits from this could help to reduce the need for the regional levy to clubs next year.

Peter Archer 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024