

Northeast Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting 2025

Date: Thursday 9th October 2025

Present: Peter Archer (Chair/Sec), Francis Shillitoe, Mary Rack, Boris Spence, Allen Banister, Joanne Field, Allie Wilson-Craw, Rebecca Simpson.

Agenda:

1. Apologies: Caroline Mackenzie. Paul Taylor
2. Minutes of the last meeting: 23rd October 2024: Approved
3. Matters Arising: All actions from last year have been carried out.

3a. As Allen probably needed to leave before the close of the meeting, it was agreed to take an item first about the NEOA web site. **It was agreed** (a) that NEOA would contribute £20 to the annual cost of hosting the web site; and **noted** (b) that the registration of the web address with 123reg needs renewing in 2028- current cost is £12.99 p.a.

4. Officers' Reports.

Reports from Chair/Sec, treasurer, Fixtures secretary and NEJS coordinator were all posted on the NEOA web site. Although little had been done formally by the Technical Rep, club officials had been mentoring new planners and organisers.

5. Budgets 2024/25:

- a. General Account** – The main expenditure from this account is the annual levy by the English Orienteering Council. As there are sufficient funds to finance this, it was **agreed** that no levy on clubs this year would be made.
- b. NEJS Account** – There is plenty of money in the account to cover current plans thanks to various fund-raising efforts during the year and transfer of profits from the Stockton

Riverside event in September. It was **agreed** that no money would be sought from clubs at this stage. However, the coordinator was **asked** to look at what further activities might be undertaken during the year to extend the training and coaching opportunities for the squad and if necessary, seek further funds from the committee.

6. Appointment of Officers:

- a) The chairmanship of the region passes to NATO for the coming year and will be filled by Francis Shillitoe.
- b) The Treasurer, Technical Rep and NEJS coordinator are all prepared to stand for a further year and were appointed.
- c) Mary Rack was willing to undertake the Fixtures Secretary role and was duly appointed.
- d) Allie Wilson-Craw is happy to continue as the region's Safeguarding officer.

7. Any Other Business:

- a. All clubs continue to have difficulties getting enough people to act as main officials for event and will continue to mentor new members in these roles.
- b. Peter thanked Allie on behalf of the region for her extensive contributions over many years.