

Northeast Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting 2026

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2026

Present: Francis Shillitoe (Chair/Secretary) (NATO), Peter Archer (CLOK), Mary Rack (NATO), Boris Spence (NN), Allen Banister (NN), Joanne Field (NATO), Rebecca Simpson (CLOK), Caroline Mackenzie (CLOK), Lewis Balfour (NATO), Debby Warren (NN), Katherine Brown (NATO), Paul Taylor (CLOK).

1. Apologies

None received

2. Minutes of the last meeting: 9 October 2025

The minutes of last year's meeting were agreed as correct.

3. Matters Arising

There were no actions in last year's minutes so there were no matters arising.

4. Officers' Reports

All officers' reports were received ahead of the AGM. These will be made available on the NEOA website. Additional discussions are noted below.

a. Chair / Secretary (Francis Shillitoe)

b. Treasurer (Joanne Field)

It was agreed that we are happy to not have a second approver for payments.

Action: Joanne to remove requirement for second approver from the Lloyds account.

Mileage rates were discussed as these are particularly relevant for NEJS. It was agreed to use the BOF rate of 25p/mile with an additional 2p/mile for each passenger up to 29p/mile. It was noted that BOF rates have remained unchanged for many years whilst fuel prices have increased considerably.

Action: Joanne to ask BOF whether the rate is planned to be increased.

Rebecca Simpson asked whether NEJS could have visibility of transaction on the Lloyds accounts so they do not have to continually ask Joanne whether payments from parents have been received.

Action: Joanne to add Julian Simpson as a Lloyd's account user.

The unofficial NEOA policy for subsidising individual juniors to attend tours and training camps is to be done at a club level.

The association thanks Joanne for being treasurer and Peter Firth for reviewing the accounts.

c. Fixtures (Mary)

Level B events need to be scheduled 18 months in advance.

d. NEJS (Rebecca)

e. Technical (Paul)

5. Budget and Club Contributions to NEJS

NEJS would like to buy some new Trimtex O tops. There are more summer tours. They may want to hire a minibus for future activities. It was agreed that the NEJS budget will be £1500 for 2026/2027. NEJS can request further funding during the year if required.

There will be no change in fees levied at an association level which are currently set at £0.

For 2026/2027 there will be a £2000 contribution to NEOA from the clubs. Joanne will apportion this between the clubs. This includes the NEJS budget of £1500.

6. Appointment of Officers

a. Chair / Secretary

For 2026/2027 this rotates to NN. Debby Warren nominated Boris Spence. Francis Shillitoe seconded.

b. Treasurer - Joanne

Francis Shillitoe nominated Joanne Field. Peter Archer seconded.

c. Safeguarding

Allie Wilson-Craw will continue as safeguarding officer.

d. Fixtures

Mary Rack will continue as NEOA fixtures secretary.

e. Technical

Paul Taylor will continue as Technical Advisor.

7. Any Other Business

A discussion was had about whether the current NEOA championships and October Odyssey events are still relevant. No decisions were made to change anything but it was suggested that the NE Score Championships (Jesmond Dene, NATO) next year is run as a mass start.