

Northern Navigators AGM - 5th November 2015
TA Centre, Chester le Street

Meeting started at 7:00

1. Present

Nigel Wright (Chair), Boris Spence (Secretary), Kath Marshall-Ivens (Treasurer), Gary Russell (Fixtures), Barry Young (Membership)
Bob Cooper, Rob McKenna, Dougie Nisbet, Michael Thompson, Julian Warren, Debbie Warren.

2. Apologies

Kate Hampshire, Saskia Warren, Roberta Marshall

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were emailed after last meeting, Nigel proposed accepting them as a true record, Dougie seconded.

4. Chairman's Address

We've put on a good array of events, including the night event in Durham City. In terms of membership we're ticking along, the coaching and club nights are still going, mainly the Warrens, Hampshire Wrights, Dougie and a few others. Within the region, Rob has been helping out controlling events, we've got the NEJS – had representatives at the Junior Inter Regional competition. Mainly would like to thank everyone, particularly the people around the table here as they the ones keeping the club going. In the last edition of Compass Sport, NN were highlighted as the most improved club in the country relative to number of members.

5. Secretary's report *(see attached)*

6. Treasurer's Report *(see attached)*

Dougie proposed accepting accounts as audited by Debbie, seconded by Gary, all agreed. Thanks were given to Debbie for doing the auditing - Debbie appointed for next year too.

7. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Nigel Wright was nominated for Chair by Bob and Boris seconded; Kath and Boris stay on in current positions, nominated by Dougie and Nigel seconded.

Other committee members – Gary, Barry, Julian, Rob, Dougie are all happy to stay on in current roles, although Gary has some concerns about continuing to do the fixtures - he is willing to give it another year to see how it goes.

Nigel proposed that Debbie Warren join the committee, Boris seconded, all agreed.

Saskia to continue as junior rep.

8. Any other business

Relay entries

Julian raised the issue of relay entries for major events, particularly for juniors to get a team together from NN members and how these teams are organised and paid for. Various options were discussed. Debbie will continue to be relay captain and enter teams, if we need a runner or a space on a team at short notice, we won't charge other runners to join our team. If we know in advance we propose sharing the cost with the other clubs - we will approach NEOA to discuss this at their next meeting.

Club tops

These are currently offered free after one years membership. If members want one before that or if they want an extra one it can be bought at a subsidy of 50%.

Actions: Boris to purchase more tops; Rob to put notice on website to clarify situation.

NEOA

The club NEOA representative is to be Boris Spence in name, if he can't attend he'll make sure another committee member is available.

The NEOA delegate conference was held last weekend.

Nigel attended on behalf of the club and had the following to report:

- NEOA would like a contribution from NN of £150 for the NEJS (based on NN share of 25% of total cost).
- NEOA would like a contribution from NN of £30 for NEOA (proportionate as above).
- Boris proposed payment of the above, Gary seconded.
- Sport Ident kit is accounted for separately and covers it's own costs.
- £2,000 NEOA reserve for future big events.
- JK 2020 will be in the North East, need to suggest areas to use.
- NE League & NE Urban League – there will be a list of events next year, runners can compete by age class to gain points towards the league and may even win a prize at the end of the year; first one 7th Feb NATO event - details on NEOA website.
- Paul Taylor is the Technical Officer for NEOA, he will be putting on courses for safety (for planners and organisers) and controlling.
- Feedback from British Orienteering about risk assessments - an audit had highlighted that risk assessments are not being completed properly and not on correct form.
- The next NEOA Delegate Conference will be on 30.10.16, following the NE Score Championships at Bishop Auckland Park.

Club Christmas meal

Action: Debbie to organise. All attending members to contribute £10, partners can be invited for a contribution of £15, juniors free.

Clubmark

It was felt that there is not much benefit to the club for the amount of work that we would need to put in, so the project will be put on hold for now.

Club Website

Rob has now updated the web site.

Cheque signatories

Action: Kath to organise a change of signatory from Bob Cooper to Nigel Wright.

Events

Gary would like remind members that if anyone would like to organise, plan or control an event they should let him know.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20:22.



2015 Annual General Meeting 5th November.

Secretary's Report:

The Club has had another busy and significant year, with the club hosting the Compass Sport Cup in March and the first of the UNESCO International Year of Light 2015 orienteering events in Durham City, which was a major success. We have also seen the club website redesigned by Rob Mckenna, many thanks to Rob.

The year started in January with Watergate Park in which the old type EMIT kit was used. Rob Mckenna secured controls to fence posts and trees which worked very well. The 101 competitors enjoyed the event with favourable comments. The next event the club hosted was the Compass Sport Cup/Trophy at Hamsterley Common, with 198 competitors, which was a major event for a club of this size to volunteer to host, however after a lot of hard work from club members the event was a success. Comments from competitors were good, of course the tough going in the heather was highlighted but this was unavoidable. The club then hosted two events on very good areas with good weather, but regrettably with low competitor numbers. First was Bewick Folly, a normal cross-country event with 44 competitors followed by a "Long O" at Ingram and the Breamish Valley with 34 competitors. The "Long O" is something we will try again as it is such a good area.

The club then hosted the first UNESCO International Year of Light 2015 Orienteering Event. This included competitors dressing in tops that had been fitted with lights! The event went very well with only one control tampered with by the local revellers! Following an event at Bishop Auckland Park with 52 competitors the club returned to Durham City to host the North East Night Championships with 52 competitors.

The NN club night has continued to be a success hosted by the club's main coaches Nigel Wright and Julian Warren. As the club night continues it will bring more children and families into the club, many thanks for the enthusiasm and commitment of Nigel and Julian.

Rob Mckenna has continued to be the main backbone of the club, mapping new areas, updating club maps and running the club printer.

We look forward to next year and the challenges ahead. Although the Club remains small in numbers it is very active throughout the local area and it is expected the Club will move from strength to strength.

Boris Spence