

# Northern Navigators AGM Minutes - 20th November 2018

Venue - The Cadet Centre, Chester-le-Street

Meeting opened 7:10

## 1. Introductions

Present - Nigel Wright (Chairman), Boris Spence (Secretary), Kath Marshall-Ivens (Treasurer), Rob McKenna, Michael Thompson, Barney Warren, Debbie Warren, Julian Warren, Barry Young

## 2. Apologies

Kate Hampshire, Dougie Nisbet, Roberta Nisbet, Gary Russell

## 3. Minutes of last AGM (16.11.17)

Minutes had been circulated, Boris proposed accepting them as a true record, Nigel seconded.

4. **Chairman's Address** - see attached report.

5. **Secretary's Report** - see attached report.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - see attached report (members only).

Nigel proposed accepting accounts as audited by Debbie, seconded by Julian, all agreed. Thanks to Debbie for auditing; Debbie appointed for next year too.

## 7. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

- Chairman - Nigel was proposed by Barry and seconded by Debbie, accepted.
- Secretary - Boris was proposed by Nigel and seconded by Michael, accepted.
- Treasurer - Kath was proposed by Nigel and seconded by Michael, accepted.
- Fixtures Secretary - Kate was proposed by Barney and seconded by Boris, accepted.
- Membership Secretary - Barry was proposed by Julian and seconded by Rob, accepted.
- Welfare Officer - Debbie was proposed by Barry and seconded by Boris, accepted.
- Junior Rep - Jeneba was proposed by Nigel and seconded by Boris, accepted.
- Other Committee members - Barney, Dougie, Julian and Rob all happy to stay on.
- Nigel proposed Rob as Committee member with Mapping responsibilities, seconded by Michael, accepted.
- Kath proposed Barney as Committee member with Coaching responsibilities, seconded by Nigel, accepted.

**Action:** Nigel to check if there are any other roles stipulated by BO.

## 8. AOB

*NEOA delegates meeting* - JK 2020 is in the region. Insurance on the SI kit is very expensive.

*SI v EMIT* - A discussion was held around the benefits and drawbacks of using SI. Which system the club uses is something that was considered; we would have to increase entry fees to cover the SI hire cost from NEOA. There would also be an additional cost of either an annual subscription or single event license to use the SI software.

**Action:** Boris to prepare a costing and report back.

*OCAD* - The club currently has a copy of OCAD9 and OCAD10. OCAD licence details have changed and due to a recent crash of Rob's computer, there was a need to review which software the club uses to create maps - stay with OCAD or move to OpenOrienteering Mapper.

**Action:** Rob to prepare a costing for OCAD and report back.

*JK 2020* - Boris is the organiser for one of the days, but feels that NN is under-represented in the main officials. All events are in southern part of CLOK's area, however another area is needed as permission has been lost for one.

*Meetings* - Boris will endeavour to arrange Committee meetings every quarter from now on.

*EMIT* - there has been a problem with the EMIT scanner, which has now been resolved, so it should work for the Boxing Day event.

*Relay entries* - Debbie agreed to continue as relay captain and enter teams. Boris has entered the club in CompassSport Trophy.

*Club Christmas meal* - Dougie and Roberta are kindly hosting this year's celebrations at their house on Friday 14th December.

**Action:** Debby to ascertain if they need financial help from the club.

*Cheque signatories* - Kath has sorted out the online banking forms to remove Bob Cooper and add Nigel - she will post to Nigel and Boris for signatures. This will also update the savings account.

*Communication with members* - it was felt that there was a need to keep members informed about club activities so Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social networking medias were discussed.

**Action:** Kath to create a Facebook account with access limited to club members, Barney and Dougie to be added as Administrators, also Dougie may be able to supply suitable photos.

#### *NN events*

Kate has suggested that we hold fewer events next year but endeavour to ensure that those events go ahead. Once 2019 fixtures have been arranged we need to appoint planners and controllers asap.

Julian and Debbie have been approached by Brian Davis from NATO to plan a sprint event at Saltwell Park - it is uncertain as to who is to organise the event - NN or NATO.

From January 2019 all O maps have to be drawn to the new ISOM2017 standard.

**Action:** Debbie to contact Kate as Fixtures Secretary re: new date for Richmond event.

Kate to arrange fixtures for 2019, to include NE Score Champs and a Long O in Northumberland (Rob can advise on venues and their suitability for a particular time of year). We can then appoint officials.

Meeting closed at 20:33.

**Date of next meeting:** TBC

# NN CHAIR'S REPORT 2018

NIGEL WRIGHT 20 NOV 2018

Thanks to everyone involved in keeping the club going so well for another year.

I'm sad to have to note that two stalwarts of the club, Frank Major and Dave Brook, passed away recently. They'll be greatly missed.

The club has put on a series of events throughout the year. There have been some setbacks with such things as EMIT kit misbehaving, permissions and support falling through and some scheduled events have been cancelled. But overall we've put on good quality events that people have enjoyed taking part in.

We've also supported the NEOA, for example through controlling events, mapping, the NE junior squad and providing the NEOA chair for the year. Looking forwards, we'll continue to support orienteering in the North East in particular with the NE Score Champs on 2019, JK 2020 and JIRCs 2021.

We've built on our links with the Durham University club, helping them with transport and sharing events and coaching. Most recently, NN were invited along to their Vampire-O at Low Burnhall and they joined us at a NEJS training weekend in the Lakes.

Club Nights have suffered as a result of injury and people's busy lives but the last few weeks have seen us getting them going again. We're looking to reboot properly next month.

Our club is small in terms of the number of members and the number of members who are able to take on the roles for putting on events. But we continue to welcome new members and we've been looking to grow the pool of people confident about taking on roles in the club, putting on events, with support from those with more experience.

I think that, as a club, we should consider whether we're happy to continue as we are: a modestly sized club with no great aspirations to expand beyond being a friendly club that puts on a relatively small number of good quality events each year.

I'm sad that I'll be away over Christmas and so will miss the chance to run on the Aykley Heads area, newly mapped by Rob, at the Boxing Day charity event.



## Annual General Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Secretary's Report

I start this report with the sad news that Frank Major passed away peacefully aged 74 years on 9th October 2018 and also that David Brook passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 aged 77 years.

Frank was one of the leading members in the early days of the club serving as club chairman for quite a few years and most notable for his role as co-ordinator of the inaugural British Orienteering Championships 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Hamsterley in 1992. He had been awarded an MBE, was a JP and also well known in other non-orienteeing circles. He will be dearly missed by all that had the pleasure to meet him. Our sympathies go out to his wife Pat and all the family.

David was another stalwart from the early days of Lanchester Orienteers, quietly going about his business, organising, planning and controlling some major events in the past. Away from orienteeing he was a University lecturer and also served on the local council where his service was recognised when he was made honorary Alderman of the City. Our sympathies go out to his wife Sheila and all the family.

The Club has had another busy and interesting year, with the club hosting a number of events in an attempt along with other clubs in the area to spread the foot print of orienteeing and what the sport brings to both the young and the old.

As a small club we continue to produce enjoyable, challenging and exciting courses. The club areas are used to their full capacity and we are always on the lookout for new areas. This year's events started at Cong Burn in challenging weather conditions, notwithstanding the conditions we did still attract 56 competitors. We followed the Cong Burn event with the Durham City Night Event, planned by DUOC. All competitors were very positive and enjoyed the experience, for some their first night event. In May we hosted an event at Bishop Auckland Park with over 90 competitors. Regrettably we had some issues with EMIT, but this did not take away any of the enjoyment of the event.

We then moved onto two very good events on good areas and well planned. Edges Green in September attracted 89 competitors followed by Fontburn Reservoir in October, unfortunately the attendance dropped to 60, which was a pity for such a good area

The NN club nights have 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 and 2020 when the NEOA host the JK. 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