

Northern Navigators AGM Minutes
TA Centre, Chester-le-Street, 15th November 2016

1. Introductions

Present:

Nigel Wright (Chair)

Boris Spence (Secretary)

Kath Marshall-Ivens (Treasurer)

Rob McKenna, Dougie Nisbet, Michael Thompson, Debbie Warren, Julian Warren

2. Apologies

Gary Russell, Barry Young, Bob Cooper

3. Minutes of last meeting

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

4. Chairman's Address - See attached report.

5. Secretary's report - See attached report.

6. Treasurer's Report - See attached report.

Nigel proposed accepting accounts as audited by Debbie, seconded by Dougie, accepted. Thanks to Debbie for doing the auditing; Debbie appointed for next year too.

7. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Nigel was proposed for Chair by Dougie Boris, accepted; Boris and Kath to stay on in current positions, proposed by Julian seconded by Michael, accepted.

Other Committee members - Debbie, Dougie, Barry, Gary, Julian, Rob are all happy to stay on Committee, accepted;

Gary stepped down as fixtures secretary - Boris proposed Kate, seconded by Debbie, accepted. Saskia to continue as Junior Rep, accepted.

8. AOB

1. *NEOA delegates meeting (20.11.16)* - Boris requested that Nigel get clarification on geographical areas as there have been a few issues with regard to ownership. Sewingshields on Hadrians Wall, now mapped by NATO but NN originally started mapping this area in 2000. There is also some debate over the use of Washington as an urban area. NEOA used to have an officer who kept a register of interests.

Action: Nigel to raise with NEOA.

2. *Relay entries* – Debbie to continue as relay captain and enter teams.

3. *Club Christmas meal* - All members to contribute £10, partners invited for a contribution of £15, juniors free.

Action: Debbie to organise.

4. *NN 50th Anniversary* - Varying records for first club event, David Brook thinks first event was in 1967, Rob's records show 1969; either way club will be 50 years old in next year or three.

5. *October Odyssey* - NN's turn to host in 2017, it is a Level B event so we will need Level B Controller, therefore we need to find someone asap.

Action: Kate to focus on this first.

6. *Event Safety Course* - it's in a few weeks time, we need to make sure all our event officials are trained; Phil Batts is able to deliver a course for us if we need it.

7. *Cheque signatories* – **Action:** Kath to organise change of signatory from Bob to Nigel.

Meeting closed at 20:05

Date of next meeting: TBC

NN AGM, 15th November 2016.

Chairman's address - *Nigel Wright*

2016 has been another solid year for Northern Navigators.

I'd really like to thank everyone who has kept the club going so well and putting in the work required for the events that we have hosted. Additionally, I'd like to thank Club Secretary Boris, Treasurer Kath, Rob for the mapping and Gary for arranging the fixtures timetable. Also, thanks to Barry for being so welcoming to new members, Julian for coaching and Debby as Relay Captain and all the Warrens for keeping the club nights going whilst I've been laid up, also to Phill and Lorraine for helping with EMIT when Boris has been unavailable or needed help.

Once again we've put together a good selection of quality events, as Boris highlights in the Secretary's Report. Gary's list for next year has some spaces offering opportunities for planners.

We've maintained NN's key position in the North East region and have been stalwarts both at the top and the bottom of the results in local races throughout the year. A highlight for me was the JK, seeing so many club members there, and putting together several relay teams. It would be good if we can repeat this at some bigger events next year.

The NN Club Nights have yet to ignite beyond their 'slow burn'. They go into survival mode over the winter with a core group training with headtorches in the cold, wet and dark. At times, they feel like they're just a way for the Warrens, Hampshire Wrights and Dougie to get some regular training, but this is worthwhile in itself.

There is a British Orienteering requirement from 1st January 2017 for all event officials to have attended an Event Safety and Welfare Workshop. We'll have to make sure we're OK with this so that we can continue to put on the events we'd like.

The NEOA annual delegates' conference is this weekend. I'm going to raise the issue of the North East Junior Squad not having a Coach, as well as ensuring that NN's interests are protected, particularly with the use of the NEOA SI kit. If anyone has any additional points that they'd like me to raise, perhaps we could discuss this in AOB.

I'm looking forward to another good year for NN next year. I know I'm not the only one in the club whose main orienteering goal for 2017 is to recover from injuries and to get better at running and orienteering. For me, anything else will be a bonus.

Secretary's Report - *Boris Spence*

The Club has had another eventful and noteworthy year hosting a number of events with younger members of the club achieving some outstanding results.

The year started with the Cong Burn in January in which the old type emit kit was used - Rob McKenna secured controls to fence posts and trees and it worked very well. Despite car parking issues, the 79 competitors enjoyed the event with favourable comments, however, it was regrettable that one or two Ecards failed to work.

The next event the club hosted was at Bewick Moor South with 54 competitors - a 'local event' on a fantastic area blessed with very good weather. Even though this was a North East League event the poor numbers were very disappointing, however the comments from competitors who turned up were good.

The next event was Chesterhope Common which again was run in very good weather. The area forms part of The Cragg Estate map but unfortunately the Estate was sold to a Hospital Trust in the south of England recently and we were unable to get permission to use the whole of the area. Having said that, Chesterhope Common is a tremendous area, although small in size, with outstanding planning we ended up with a challenging and enjoyable event.

On the 30th October the club hosted the North East Score Championships at Bishop Auckland Park. Over a compact and very fast area, Rob McKenna managed to plan two Score courses, 60 and 45 minutes together with Yellow and Orange courses. Over 60 competitors took part with Saskia Warren from the club coming first on the 45 minute score event. We did not have the full Emit computer system set up as I was out of the Country with work, but many thanks to Phill Batts and Lorraine Porter for running registration and download.

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 families and children 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.