

Minutes from 2013 NEOC Annual General Meeting

June 9, 2013 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New England Orienteering Club

NEOC President Pete Lane called the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the New England Orienteering Club to order and welcomed all in attendance. Andy McIlvaine volunteered to take minutes.

Joanne Sankus confirmed that a quorum of NEOC members were in attendance, she collected proxy voting forms, and had proxy voting forms which had been mailed in.

V.P. of Education Mika Latva-Kokko submitted a written report explaining that outreach work continues, and that he is working to improve instruction programs at NEOC events.

V.P. of Events Ian Smith shared that his term as a V.P. was expiring, but Tim Parson would be taking over the role and hopes to ramp up mapping work.

V.P. of Resources Andy McIlvaine reported on a series of mapping initiatives.

- * Estabrook Woods was being remapped as part of an update being done by volunteer mapper Magnus Bjorkman.
- * University of Connecticut in Storrs will be the site of a new map project this fall being spearheaded by JWOC competitor and volunteer mapper Carl Underwood.
- * Horn Pond is going to have some trail and feature work thanks to volunteer mapper Nikolai Schwertner.
- * Mt Misery is being updated by volunteer mapper Tom Booth, and Tom is also starting a new project to map Callahan State Park.
- * Menotomy Rock is being examined by volunteer mapper Jim Crawford, who is also exploring the possibility of expanding the a NEOC map into the Middlesex Fells North East Area (north of the Boojum Rock map).
- * A great map of Beaver Brook North was added to the NEOC library of maps thanks to Jim Crawford's mapping work.
- * Volunteer mapper Richard Powers is working on a Diamond Hill map update but experiencing some computer drafting hurdles to completing the same
- * Paid contractor Jeff Saeger is working to complete the Wrentham update so the club can have a fall event on the updated map.
- * McIlvaine said there are opportunities to potentially purchase new maps or map updates from foreign mappers, and he is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to manage such projects.

Peter Frykman reported that new flat e-punch cards had been purchased for the club and were being experimented with to incorporate into regular club use.

The position of V.P. of Publicity is vacant. In the absence of a coordinator, Jim Paschetto has been administering the club website, Jeff Leiserson helping with web news updates, and Andy McIlvaine has been electronically posting event publicity to media outlets and administering the club's Facebook page.

VP Administration Joanne Sankus reported that NEOC needs a delegate to attend the 2013 USOF convention, and that the NEOC written newsletter continues on a very limited basis because all but perhaps three members get the information electronically.

Treasurer Jim Paschetto submitted a report sharing that the club finances were sound on a balance. The all-members-orienteer-for-free policy seems to be nearly breaking even with past year income levels, but we will continue to monitor the policy.

President Peter Lane shared his encouragement derived from the increase in the club's events and membership numbers. We

had roughly 3,500 participants over the last year, and membership levels are dramatically up. NEOC members were competing in the World Orienteering Championships and Junior World Orienteering Championships, and the club was proud to support international amateur orienteering with donations to those competitors to help them with travel expenses. NEOC has an older board and we need some younger members to help reflect the membership as a whole. Jim Crawford is moving to the position of Treasurer, and Richard Powers is taking over membership coordination. Lane recognized Ian Smith and Andy McIlvaine for their service to the board, as well as all the board members, officers, committee members and volunteers who make the club work. NEOC is an all-volunteer organization, and needs dedicated members to continue delivering a great product.

Board Elections: Peter Frykman reported that there were four open seats on the board of directors, and four incumbent candidates who had all expressed a willingness to serve as volunteer board members. Frykman introduced the candidates: Joanne Sankus, Peter Lane, Jim Crawford, and Jim Paschetto. Frykman opened the floor and invited other nominations for election to the board of directors. No other candidates or nominations were offered.

Andy McIlvaine moved to elect by acclamation to the NEOC Board Of Directors Joanne Sankus, Peter Lane, Jim Crawford, and Jim Paschetto. Seconded by Peter Frykman. The motion and elections were approved by a vote of the membership.

Adjournment: Andy McIlvaine moved to adjourn, Joanne Sankus seconded, motion unanimously approved.