

## **New England Orienteering club**

Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors

May 13, 2014. Jim Crawford host in Belmont, MA.

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Pete Lane at 7.10 pm. Directors in attendance: Jim Paschetto, Jeff Saeger, Tim Parson, Jim Crawford, Pete Lane and Mika Latva-Kokko

Meeting agenda and minutes of March 25 , 2014 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes of meeting by Tim Parson, the motion was seconded by Jeff Saeger. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report was distributed and posted on NEOC website. Tim Parson noted that Treasurer's report did not contain Billygoat T-shirt and other expenses as they have not yet been reported. Motion to approve the Treasurers report by Jeff Saeger, the motion was seconded by Tim Parson. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote.

For Education and Outreach there was no written report. It was noted that 372 scouts took part in the spring scout O at Hale reservation. Also the western Massachusetts orienteering training by Phil Bricker has been well received. Phil organized a 3 week introduction to orienteering and practice on Cemetery Hill map (Northampton MA) for people new to orienteering. A sprint and white course along with instructional clinic was available at each meet. The board would like to extend a thanks for Phil for doing this training.

VP of Events report noted that meets have been as busy as usual. The fall schedule is set and most meet directors and course setters are confirmed. There will be a night-O in the fall, at Nobscot Scout Reservation. A-meet preparation is in progress and on schedule. Mapping on the Townsend map will be completed soon and next year's A-meet location of High Rock is on schedule next.

No Resources report.

No Publicity and Promotion report. However there was discussion on the importance of promoting orienteering. Jeff Saeger noted that one possible way to promote the sport was to distribute Orienteering USA flyers with NEOC schedule to sport/outdoors stores and other locations by members of the club. It was also noted that Northfield Mountain meet, if it proceeds, could be advertised at the Earl's trails meet. In addition the board expressed willingness to explore using some money for targeted (probably online) promotion of NEOC local meets.

President's report concentrated on mapping priorities. Ideally we would have more trained local mappers. Outside mappers can be expensive. Currently the plan is to complete the mapping for Townsend and then have our mapper concentrate on High Rock map. However, one person commented that maybe the High Rock map could just be updated locally and the money may be better spent on a completely new map e.g. Willard Brook. No decision was taken on this discussion.

Jim Paschetto commented that Steven van Ness has been collecting old courses and posting them on the club's Web site. All meet directors are advised to send their courses to Steven (map librarian) after the meet is completed. Also a new streamlined version of the meet directors handbook is available online and all meet directors are encouraged to take a look at it.

Jim Crawford noted that people running multiple courses during a local meet should be encouraged to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> course they run as non-competing athletes. Their results would be posted but not included in the standings. This can prevent people running beginner/intermediate (orange and below) courses from being discouraged by extremely fast times set by our top orienteers.

Pete Lane opened the conversation on donations to national teams. He motioned that we donate \$1000 for both the junior and senior national teams and \$500 for club members Isabel Bryant and Alex Jospe. Motion was seconded by Mika Latva-Kokko and unanimously approved. There was discussion on additional stipends potentially being awarded to primary club members (those who represent NEOC in national meets and relay championships) in the future.

AGM will take place June 8 at Blue Hills. The board decided to distribute voting proxy forms on-line, just like last year. Three of the current board members will run again (P. Frykman, T. Parson, and J. Saeger) two of the board members are stepping down (M. Latva-Kokko and A. Coney). The nominating committee has brought forward the names of Tim Booth and Sylvie Guichard as candidates for the new board of directors.

Delegates to OUSA convention in Colorado Aug 9-10 were not determined. This task was delegated to Joanne Sankus and Jeff Saeger.

Tim suggested that perhaps Joanne Sankus should be nominated for OUSA's Golden Troll award. NEOC has no nomination for the Silva award this year.

Motion to adjourn by J. Crawford at 8.35, seconded by J. Paschetto. Vote was unanimous.

Our thanks to host Jim Crawford for dinner, desert, and hosting the meeting.

Submitted,

Mika Latva-Kokko