

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2003

Present: Marianne Pedersen, Per Pedersen, Anne Billman, Ian Moore, Jill Follett, Jim Green, Leslie Kroloff, Sharon Weddleton, Eric Follett, Steve Gruhn, Dan Ellsworth, Jen Joliff

T-shirts: We looked over past T-shirt designs. Decided we'd pre-order shirts, email out design and choice of colors and size and long/short sleeve. 100% cotton. Jen will check with different printers on prices.

Educational supplies: Jill will look into what A-E has to see if there is anything we need.

Dues to national orienteering organization: We need to know number of members to send our dues to national organization. We estimated 150.

Points system: We confirmed we're going to use the systems discussed at the last meeting. We confirmed that all traditional races count, but two lowest races are deleted from the totals.

Updating map: Marianne: We really need to update the Bicentennial map. She suggests we delay and start in the fall.

Grants available to club: Sharon knows someone who will seek and apply for grants for the club, for a share of the grant. She's wondering if we want to pursue this kind of funding to produce new/update old maps. Maybe grant could be used to pay the president a bit, or a meet director. If we had extra money, we could help fund other communities' development of maps/the sport. One asset of the club that could make us eligible for grants is that all sorts of people use our maps. Maybe we could tie in with schools for funding. Jim has reservations because he thinks club should be self-sufficient – not relying on government funding. Commercial sponsors are more appropriate. Sharon will check into it some more. If level of interest among grant writers is low, we'll drop it.

Other localities: Homer may have some money for developing maps down there. Talkeetna meets this winter were very popular.

Meet directors' meeting: Ian will recruit Dan Ellsworth. Billmans will host. Date: April 30 – a Wednesday evening.

Palmer meet: The Talkeetna people would like to go. Get some schedules out to them.

501(c)(3) status: We're not approved. Sharon will look into what's involved.

Rack cards: Not yet ready. We'll distribute to Skinny Raven, Peter Glenn, REI, AMH, Sport Shop, Kincaid Chalet, Russian Jack Chalet, home school offices, recreation centers, scout troops, Beaver Sports in Frbks (10). We'll print 1000. Jim offers to print; will discuss with Jen and Ian.

National Orienteering Day: May 10 at Kincaid. Moved from Campbell Tract because BLM is too expensive.

Publicity: Draft NOD flyers were shown. Per will make up rest of flyer and email it out. We need to distribute 3 weeks before the event (that's April 19).

Leslie will try to get the notice in the weekly ASD newsletter. Other places to distribute: Grace Christian, Anchorage Montessori (Anne to do), Pacific Northern Academy, Anchorage Christian, Family Partnership, AK Outdoors Grapevine (Jim), The Sport Shop, Waldorf (Anne to do), Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Anchorage Running Club, Trailheads.

Try to email to O club email list, Junior Nordic list, UAA ski coach (Marianne to do), Winter Stars, APU, Gold 2002 people.

NOD door prizes: We're not going to do them. New members that sign up for season pass will receive a compass -- as long as supplies last or as drawing?

String-O: Kari will do.

2 regular courses – white and yellow – Dan E to do (now Billmans will do)

Kids courses – ask Peggy Kugel

Food – in pavilion if nice. Inside otherwise.

At chalet, we'll have people go through west room, then out west door.

Cost is \$220 for chalet, plus \$60 use fee for park.

Suggested donation: \$2/person

TV/VCR: Marianne to call Kincaid chalet to see if they have set we can use to show videos.

Also, we need to do a map display.

Leslie will call REI to see if they want to come display products.

Meet registration on line: Jim suggests we do this.

Fees: We should reduce expenses or raise our fees. How do food and maps fit into this? Having extra blank maps to mark up lets you have fewer printed. Table discussion until next meeting.

Next meeting agenda items:

Expenses vs. income.

Simplifying membership form.

Next meeting: April 21, 6:30 pm, Weddletons.

Minutes prepared by Anne Billman, 4/13/03