

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting

October 13, 2003

Minutes

In attendance: Eric Follett, Jim Green, Leslie Kroloff, Steve Gruhn, Dan Billman, Peggy Kugel, Jen Joliff, Ian Moore, Anne Billman, Chris Tomsen. Dimitry Sidorov was out of town and Andrew Lee was excused.

Anne Billman led the meeting in the absence of a president or vice president.

Halloween-O

Eric Follett has all the supplies that were in Dan Ellsworth's garage. He'll meet anyone interested in borrowing materials on Thursday at 6 pm at his storage unit.

Marianne has 7-8 controls being developed, and doesn't need any help at this point.

Lack of President and Vice President

Lack of a VP was deemed of little concern because no official duties are assigned to that VP. President's main tasks: organizing and running the annual meeting, and ensuring that everyone else is doing their jobs.

No volunteers came forward. Anne had called three candidates and had received negative responses from the two that responded.

We discussed making the Vice President the President-Elect.

Schedule

We need to have it filled before publicizing.

We moved the Bike-O to Kincaid.

Eric Follett is negotiating obtaining access to military land for the mapped areas south of the Debarr Road alignment.

Meet help

Suggestions for recruiting more help for meet directors:

Have a sign-up sheet at the meets

Have choices of ways to help on the membership forms

As Dan B is filling meet director slots, assign helpers for tasks such as vetting, assistant director, food results, equipment, pick up controls

Hire a helper to do something like providing the equipment.

If we decide to hire a paid helper sometime, have participants who don't volunteer pay a higher fee.

Mapping

Ian suggests converting to OCAD. We have one license that we could use to do the conversion from Freehand. Then maps for individual meets can be made with free downloadable software by anyone. Conversion should be relatively easy. Point symbols will all need to be re-done. Ian thinks he can do most of it. It might be smoother if maps are first converted to Freehand 11.

Ian will try converting one map, then tell us whether he can do rest as a donation or whether he'll want to charge for the time.

GIS info is importable into OCAD.

Dan B will check on the price for grid ½' pixel orthophotos.

Fort Rich folks might have good GIS info.

New mapping:

Ian applied for a trails grant from DNR (Renkert) for some mapping in Chugach State Park.

Ideas for places for new mapping:

Camp Gorsuch – update existing map

Gwen Lake on Fort Rich – general agreement that we don't want to do any more mapping on military land for now

Beach Lake – future dog mushing trails, some lighting, new chalet. MOA GPS'd the trails. Ian overlaid on our aps; corrected some; ours look pretty good.

Bird Creek – veggies make difficult travel, some bridges may be missing, snow machiners have applied for grant for bridges.

Mirror Lake – Eklutna Inc land. Dan B has contact there.

Edgarton Road parks in Palmer/Wasilla? - Ed Strabel

Talkeetna – bad veggies

APU – needs updating. Still good for yellow, orange, training.

We'll continue to explore ideas for new areas to map.

Membership

Jim Green would like help sending out the weekly email in summer. Leslie will do this.

He'll re-work our membership form for discussion at the next meeting.

He suggests adding volunteer check boxes on the form.

Training

Chris Tomsen proposed that we do a joint training with the Boy Scouts. We would put on about an 8-hour training event to teach people how to put on orienteering meets. Attendees questioned how the O Club benefits from this. We agreed instead to put on a meet director's training at the NOD.

We also agreed to publicize the availability of "meet director apprenticeships".

Treasury

Peggy needs stationery. Jim will provide.

She needs to provide bank information on our non-profit status to get better banking rates.

Do we want to raise our fees? Let's discuss at a future meeting.

Is USOF a charitable group? Can we get 501c3 status through them?

Items for future meetings:

Risk management

501c3 status

permits

membership form

meet and membership fees

Next meeting: Sunday, November 2, 2003, 7 pm, Peggy Kugel's home

Minutes prepared by Anne Billman, Secretary. 11/2/03