

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
March 28, 2005
Minutes

Present at the meeting: Ann Billman, David Evans, Peggy Kugel, Chris Tomsen, Bill Spencer, Sam Pepper, Ian Moore, Andrew Lee, Dan Billman, and Steve Gruhn.

Auditing Committee

Steve and Leslie Kroloff have not met to do the audit of last year's finances yet. Leslie is out of town.

Financial Report

Peggy reports that the USOF fee has been paid. Peggy didn't have the exact figures, but she believes that we made about \$3000 last year.

Fund Raising

Realizing that we need to be bringing in more money to fund mapping projects, an informal discussion on ways to raise funds ensued. Bill asked if we thought that our membership was mature. Most believed that was so. Chris suggested trying to bring in more people with geocaching, but no one could imagine how that could integrate well with orienteering meets. Also, geocaching is normally a free activity, so it's hard to see how it can bring in money. Anne said no, we shouldn't go in that direction.

Someone asked if we make money in the Halloween-O. Yes, was the answer, but maybe we should charge more? Chris suggested asking other groups if they want to sponsor a meet. Bill suggested Easter Egg-O. Someone pointed out that this was held frequently in the past, run by Brooks and Rita Wade.

Bill also suggested holding a non-orienteering mountain running event. Trying to incorporate orienteering into a mountain run would probably turn away mountain runners (who "just want to hurt, not think"), but we could hold a race as a club fund raiser. The \$2000-3000 that could be made from such an event is comparable to what the club makes in an entire year.

Dan suggested charging an extra \$1 at meets and stating explicitly that it's a mapping surcharge. However, we calculated that the move would not make very much money based on our participant numbers.

Mapping

Ian reviewed the mapping priorities that came out of the mapping committee. Most of a summer's work for a field checker could be used on just updates. The top priorities were updates to Far North Bicentennial Park, Kincaid, Pia's,

APU/Russian Jack, and Section 36. Sam suggested that one way to field check on our own would be to design a course, then just check along the logical routes between controls. The general consensus was that an outside field checker would need to be hired to do most of the complex work. Chris asked if using only photo information would be sufficient to update the Camp Gorsuch map. Ian said that that wouldn't be good enough for the advanced courses.

Most board members were willing to spend the money to hire a field checker if we found the right person, whether that costs \$10,000-15,000, up 2/3rds of our savings, or most of our savings but leaving some reserve. Bill, playing the devil's advocate, asked if spending money on an electronic timing system would be a better use of the money. The risk of losing expensive equipment was thought to be prohibitive though.

Ian (in earlier discussion with Kimball Forrest) wondered how Kincaid ended up being such a high mapping priority. Bill said he was one of the Kincaid advocates (along with Dick Hawkins). Bill suggested that Ian would be capable of doing much of the Kincaid update. Ian agreed that he could do so, but he might not be the cheapest.

A move was made, seconded, and a **MOTION** was passed for Ian to give us a proposal for him to do the Kincaid mapping work, with quotes for both with and without field checking. Ian is also to find out how much it will cost to hire an outside field checker to work on our mapping priorities.

Schedule

Andrew confirmed to Dan that he is able to do the June 29 meet at Storck Park. Dan said that the only remaining meets without meet directors are the Halloween-O and August 31 meet at Service High. The Mountain-O (Trond Jensen) has no start point yet. Ian said that we should put in the application soon to the State Park for the Mountain-O to ensure that we don't miss any deadlines.

Dan said that we will only rent buildings two times this year, for the Russian Jack Potluck-O and the Halloween-O. This should save some money.

National Orienteering Day (Steve) will be run like a normal meet, but will be held on Saturday. Start times from 1-3 pm were suggested, but not finalized.

Dan reminded himself that he needs to call Eric Follett to get the military permits. Dan will give the completed meet schedule to Ian to convert to HTML for David to post.

Meet Director's Training

Chris will read through a stack of meet director training information and try to cull it down to an easily readable length (4 pages?) to produce a meet director's training packet. Checklists for the meet directors should be included. Bill agreed to review Chris's work.

A meet director's training day will not be held this year. Almost everyone (except Andrew) is an experienced meet director this year, and Dick Hawkins has offered to help the less experienced.

Peggy asked if meet directors should charge for kids now that the Muni has a \$1 per head participant fee. Dan said that he persuaded the Muni not to charge us for kids that we don't charge, so we don't need to start charging kids.

OCAD/making maps for meets

We will try to distribute this chore among more people this year. In the place of an OCAD training day, Ian will write up some notes on how to use OCAD. Otherwise, Dan can provide space and equipment at his office for an OCAD training night.

501(c) (3)

Peggy has mailed the 501(c) (3) paperwork to the IRS. She doesn't know if we are on the fast or slow track for approval yet.

Parks meeting

Chris attended a Parks open meeting at Kincaid and submitted a sheet on orienteering.

Next meeting: Monday April 25th, 7 pm, at the Billmans' house.

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