

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting**  
**June 27, 2005**  
**Minutes**

**Present at the meeting:** Dan Billman, Steve Gruhn, Andrew Lee, and Ian Moore. There were not enough board members in attendance to constitute a quorum, but there were some issues that needed immediate attention, so we continued.

**Website move**

Dan Ellsworth has been graciously hosting our website on space associated with his ACS DSL account, but he will be discontinuing his account soon. We need to obtain a domain name, find a new host for the website, and do a migration to the new account by August.

A domain name will cost \$10 to \$30 per year. After some debate, we settled on [www.Oalaska.org](http://www.Oalaska.org) for the name.

We can hire a host or we can host it ourselves. Ian is able to host the website, but he often turns his server off. There are commercial hosts that provide the service inexpensively. \$4 per month was cited as a possible low end cost. Dan asked if such hosts were reputable. Ian said that they are pretty reputable, but if they do happen to go bankrupt, it would not take much effort to switch to a different host.

We agreed to request that ACS direct people from our old website address to the new website through at least the Halloween-O. We would be willing to pay for this forwarding service.

We agreed to have Ian book the [www.Oalaska.org](http://www.Oalaska.org) domain name, set up hosting for 16 months ending December 2006, and interface with Dan Ellsworth to migrate and forward the website.

**Mapping**

Bill Gookin and his 12 year old daughter from San Diego will be in Anchorage July 8-23 to volunteer his mapping services. He paid for his own flight. In return, he needs a place to stay and transportation to the mapping locations. He will be bringing a laptop with OCAD.

Dan will check into car rentals. We will have him rent the car and will reimburse him for the rental plus gas for driving to the maps. For housing, Ian will call Jill and Eric Follett to inquire about possible use of their camper. Ted and Ginny Moore as well as Dan B. are willing to host the Gookins for part of their stay.

Which maps to work on? Ian suggested the following:

A couple of days of miscellaneous touchups on the Bicentennial map

A couple of days on APU map

A couple of days fixing the topo of the Pia's map and extending the boundaries to the south and east

Spend the rest of the time on Section 36.

We decided that Kincaid would be too big a project for such a short stay.

As Gookin finishes a section, we can go out and inspect his work. Ian will supervise and interface with Gookin.

We decided that it was too late this season to hire the Russian mapper discussed in a previous meeting, but we should plan for 2006. Steve suggests that we start talking to mappers in September/October rather than waiting until next March.

Dan suggested that we scout the Girdwood/California Creek and Beach Lake areas this summer to assess their potential for new maps.

### **Park fees**

We wondered if our increased meet fees have reduced attendance. We didn't have the numbers to tell, and rainy weather might account for some low attendance meets.

The municipality has increased the fees that they charge us this year. It appears that other groups such as little leaguers and athletic training groups are paying less than us or not paying at all. We are a non-profit organization and are charged fees. Are the for-profit training groups paying fees to use Kincaid, Hillside, and other parks? Steve noted that we have a lower impact than other organized events because we are not preventing simultaneous use by others in the parks when we hold a meet.

Anne Billman intends to talk with Rod Hill to determine what other groups are paying, and intends to talk with Jeff Dillon to make fees fair and uniform.

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary, 7/11/05