

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
December 12, 2006
Minutes**

Present: Kimball Forrest, Ian Moore, Paul Carson, Andrew Lee, Cory Smith, Dan Billman, Dave Evans, Eric Follett, Leslie Kroloff, Anne Billman, and Trond Jensen.

Minutes approval

The minutes for the annual meeting were approved.

Mapper for 2007

Based on the response to our ad, there are apparently no orienteering mappers available who are able to work in the US legally. The board discussed options for hiring a mapper, and then discussed getting legal advice on the best way to move forward.

If we make an effort in time and money to get a worker visa for a mapper we might be able to share some of the costs with other clubs. If we go this route with an H2B visa for seasonal/temporary workers, the mapper would probably need to be someone's employee, and that might make things complicated. Trond suggested the H2B visa process might not be too bad. He will volunteer some time to investigate.

Eric suggested using a tourist visa to get a mapper. If we have the mapper do some educational things and pay per diem, the mapper could volunteer to do some maps. This might be similar to how US universities hire foreign lecturers for short terms. It might be in a gray zone legally, or it might be completely legal (or illegal).

Eric moved that Ian contact potential mappers to see who might be interested in mapping for us this summer.

The board agreed to buy some legal advice. We would want to learn if a tourist visa is a workable solution, and get general advice on the best way to go about hiring a foreign mapper. Ian thought that \$1000 would be too much to spend for the advice, so the board agreed to whatever it would cost for a one hour consultation. Kimball has a contact for an out-of-state lawyer. Dan, Eric, and Kimball will get together and have a conference call with the attorney after the holidays unless we come up with good free advice before then. Dave's neighbor is an immigration lawyer for Catholic Social Services who might be able to provide some advice. Mark Kroloff might also be able to provide some advice.

Eric noted that we should get short term major medical insurance for any mapper who comes to work for us.

Training requests

Kimball has been getting many requests for orienteering training and wants to have a consistent way to deal with the requests. Anne noted that we did come up with a policy about five years ago. The policy was that we, as a club, will not provide training. But if there are individuals from the club who want to help, they can volunteer their time. We

also encourage them to just come to our meets. It was suggested that we create a list of potential volunteers (check box on waiver?) to e-mail when we get a training request.

Ad for Running Calendar

Trond took suggestions for the design of the ad and will finalize it. Anne will take a look at it before it is submitted.

Mountain running races

Bill Spencer would like to hold several mountain running races under the club's name, with the proceeds to benefit the club. Dan already said no, it wouldn't be a good idea to try to use our insurance policy on non-orienteering races.

Adding variety to meets

Kimball suggested that we look into adding variety to our meets. Sprint races, for instance, are becoming popular with other clubs. We should consider adding sprint and middle distance meets to our schedule.

Improving our meets

Eric suggested that we have someone "look over the shoulder" of first time meet directors about two weeks before the meet.

It was suggested that we try to separate controls for green and red courses. If we do that, a red course runner can vet the green course, and a green course runner can vet the red course.

There might be a need for an informal O-Cad training day. Condes, an alternate software program to create course maps for meets was mentioned and might be worth looking into.

Annual meeting: The pizza, slideshow, and route gadget demonstration went well. Anne thought the slideshow ran a bit long. Paul thought that we might have showed a bit too many meets on route gadget. Kimball will encourage Ellyn to do the slideshow again.

Muni fees

The board unanimously agreed to send the Muni \$120 as Park Use Fee for use of four parks at \$30 per park.

Next board meeting: To be determined.

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary, 1/14/07