

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
March 27, 2007
Minutes

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

Visa Process

Kimball gave a quick overview of the visa process. This has been summarized in previous emails. We advertised for two positions so that we would have options in case a mapper can only work for part of the summer. We did not have a clear view of how things would turn out, but decided to continue moving forward with the process. It was noted that even if things don't work out this year, the experience gained will help for next year.

Mapper Candidates

Ian and Trond shared what they have found about potential mappers and their availability, pay requirements, and quality of work (based on references). They presented a list of mappers with about four who might be available for work this summer. The US citizen mappers are more expensive, generally wanting pay comparable to their day jobs, but we would not have to go through the visa process to hire them. The state determined that a mapper hired through the visa process would be classified as a photogrammetrist/cartographer with a wage of \$29.30 per hour. The high wage determination will affect how we look at the candidates, and may create more interest in the future among mappers already booked for work elsewhere this summer.

Single Track Trails

Ian went to the Far North Trails Committee meeting where the Singletrack Advocates presented a proposal to build 8 miles of densely looping single track trails uphill of the Tank Trail off the North Bivouac Trailhead. They want to use mechanized equipment to make four foot wide trails. Ian emailed Janice Tower of Singletrack Advocates to inform her that the area is considered a key orienteering area. She replied that they could try to avoid or keep trail building to a minimum in the area. Dan suggested that we get an official position on record.

A **MOTION** was passed, with Anne casting the only no vote, that:

- 1) The Club actively supports single track trail south of Campbell Airstrip Road and east of the Gas Line on both sides of the canyon (the vicinity of Spencer Loop).
- 2) The Club opposes new trail building and widening of existing trails within the "Devil's Triangle", an area north of Campbell Airstrip Road located between the Tank Trail and the Gas Line, and west of the Stuckagain Heights subdivision.

Anne does not support any trail development within Far North Bicentennial Park.

Easter-O

Ian gave an update and asked for input on the date and time of the meet. We scheduled the meet for Saturday at 10 am.

Schedule

Kimball suggested that we consider making some of the events on the schedule middle distance or sprint events. Ian voiced some opposition to shorter events. He doesn't think that short or medium distance courses should be used on maps that are good for the long courses. Many experienced O competitors would be disappointed to drive all the way to a meet only to be finished in 15 minutes. Dan noted that in Europe, the shorter events are used to attract people to the sport and are typically held mid-week (with longer events on weekends?). Eric noted that the meet director has the final call.

We discussed how to add variety to what already have. An urban-O event, perhaps in the L Street area might be fun. An urban type sprint or night sprint event at APU/UAA is another possibility.

Runner's Calendar

Trond received a box of Runner's Calendars that we can distribute at meets. We decided that we would make them free with club membership and \$1 for nonmembers until the middle of the season when we can give the rest away for free.

Next board meeting: To be determined.

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary, 4/28/2007