

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
October 4, 2007
Minutes**

Bill Spencer, Eric Follett, Cory Smith, Eeva Latosuo, Kimball Forrest, Ian Moore, Andrew Lee, Dan Billman, Leslie Kroloff, Dave Evans, and Trond Jensen were present at the meeting. Board President Kimball led the meeting.

Annual Meeting Review

Ian thinks that the annual meeting should be more relaxed, fun, and social than it was this year. Kimball agreed that it might have gone too far this year in being too business-like. Kimball suggested an alcohol permit. Trond said this might cost \$250. Cory would have enjoyed having the route gadget demonstration again.

The board discussed the pros and cons of having a pre-set slate of officer nominees. Ian suggested using blank lines and writing in by hand any previously nominated people, so people would not be afraid to add new names.

Door prizes were discussed. Kimball said that he didn't like door prizes, but others believe that it draws people in. Alternate methods of distributing door prizes were suggested, including tags under plates.

Mapping in 2008

Kimball reviewed last year's effort to obtain a visa for a foreign mapper. The effort went off course about 2/3rds of the way through the process. No one backed going through the visa process again because the uncertainty of obtaining approval. The late and tight scheduling of the process makes it impossible to promise work for a potential mapper.

The board discussed using US based mappers for next summer. Trond noted that it would be less risky if we used more mappers for shorter periods of time.

Dan likes the idea of new maps over updates. Bill said that if we want to make a new map, we should use someone known to be a good mapper.

Eric and Trond can provide technical support for mappers. Dan and Anne Billman can provide administrative support. Dan volunteered to contact candidates. The effort will be for map updates in May and June 2008. Eric volunteered to do fieldwork in adding trails to maps, but he would need someone to do the computer work.

Fall Series

The red/green fall series was discussed. Bill didn't think it would save much work. Alternative meets that would require less work from meet directors were suggested. Bill suggested Cyber-Os. Courses would be left out for a week for competitors to run self-timed, and competitors would post their results on the internet. Ian and Eric said that they would miss the social and competitive aspect of normal meets. Dan volunteered to

do a meet of this style. Bill volunteered to do a GPS meet where no physical control markers are set. The competitor would mark the control locations using the GPS.

Season Points System

Bill suggested making changes to the points system to allow those who cannot make all the meets to be more competitive. Eric suggested that meet directors get pro-rated points for missed meets. It was suggested that having every meet count for points can provide incentive for some to come every week, but there was agreement that traditional meets were better tests of orienteering ability. Bill volunteered to devise a new system, but later did not sound too sure(?).

BLM Permanent Course

Ian said that we have the BLM permanent course on a layer in our Bicentennial map. Dave suggested that we post the map on the website. Eric described the method used to set a course - crayons would be hung at the controls being used. Dan suggested that we provide simple instructions on how to use map on the website along with the map. Cory volunteered to validate the controls on the map.

Meet Director's Training

Trond reported that only one person expressed interest in the meet director training in 2007. However, the previous year's training was productive – we gained three new meet directors in Dave, Cory, and Kathy Farynairz. Trond suggested that we advertise for training. Trond and Ian can each help for part of the training, perhaps a one day or evening training event.

Dan Ellsworth and Dick Hawkins are available for vetting courses.

Next board meeting: November 1, 2007

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