

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
November 1, 2007
Minutes**

Present at the meeting: Ian Moore, Kimball Forrest, Chris Tomsen, Andrew Lee, Dave Evans, Dan Billman, Paul Carson, Bill Spencer, and Leslie Kroloff. Board President Kimball led the meeting.

Mapping in 2008

Dan reported that Bill Cheatham was interested in mapping for us. His rate would be \$250 per 10 hour day. This rate would include his 18 year old son as a helper. Other potential mappers expressed interest, but could not commit yet. Dan will continue to keep in touch with the mapper candidates, and Ian will assist in review.

Chris requested that we consider east-side areas such as Beach Lake or new areas on Fort Richardson for new mapping. He will look into seeing if the Army would be interested in providing money or mappers. They might provide help because new maps would be a benefit for Army training purposes.

Alternative Meets

Kimball asked if we thought that having an advanced meet fall series would alienate white/orange competitors. No one seemed to have a problem with this. Paul pointed out that Trond Jensen listed the fall meets on the schedule as short/long. Bill's GPS meet idea would require minimal extra work for a white level course. Communicating the levels of ability a meet will serve is important, so good descriptions of these meets should be sent to Trond before the Runner's Calendar deadline in early December.

Another meet idea: Paul suggests Geocache-O.

BLM Permanent Course

In an email sent to the board prior to the meeting, Cory Smith reported that he had vetted the controls and found most of them in usable shape. The board found the news encouraging.

Schedule

Suggestions were made to move the April 8th Ski-O to an earlier date. Chris suggested that a Ski-O be marketed and worked into the Junior Olympics weekend somehow, while Bill suggested promoting Ski-O as a weekend workout for local ski teams. The Ski-Os are not included in the Runner's Calendar, so the Ski-O schedule can be revised later.

Chris would like to tie in a Sons of Norway picnic with an orienteering event, with everyone invited. The meet at Storck Park on June 11 was suggested as a possibility because of the covered picnic tables.

Membership Mailing

Dave suggested that we send event schedule and membership information in a bulk-mailing early in the year to the 400 addresses in his database. The cost using “Speedy Mail” would be approximately \$260. Bill asked if there is any way that we could chart the effectiveness of the mailing.

Dan moved that we do the mailing in the first two weeks of April. Paul seconded the move, and no one was opposed.

Annual Meeting Changes

Members of the Board shared their thoughts on various issues related to the annual meeting. The Board generally agreed on making the nominations more open by using write-in lines for candidates. Suggestions to save time included calling all the meet directors up at once, and doing the door prize by clock (Ian). The format that we have been using recently, pizza and Score-O with controls retrieval, was regarded favorably.

Dan said that the last time he checked, Russian Jack Chalet was the cheapest facility by far. Paul suggested teaming with the Municipality to save fees. Dan said that we don’t owe the Muni any help because we pay more in fees than any other group.

GPS Vetting

Paul asked if there was an easy way to get GPS coordinates into OCAD. Ian said that OCAD is in state plane coordinates, and it might take less than a day to convert the maps into format that would work. Paul volunteered to work with Ian to try to figure out how to get GPS points into our maps.

Of the board members present, Dan, Dave, Paul and Bill would use GPS vetting. Kimball is not opposed and thinks that it is a good idea, but personally favors the going-in-from-three-directions method.

Training Volunteers

Chris would like to see more volunteers when we get requests for training. Kimball notes that it seems like a lot of the groups are just looking for someone to help fill time or put on a private event, and we are already doing training type events for the community like the High School-O. Chris argued we need to be flexible for groups like high school kids, and that there is value in collaborating with other groups. Kimball will put this topic back onto the agenda for the next meeting.

Volunteer to Map for Eric’s Field Checking

Eric Follett volunteered to field check trails in the previous board meeting, but would need help with the computer work. Kimball thinks that Dave Snyder might be able to help. Dave Evans is also interested in helping.

Equipment

A question was raised about if we need more OCAD licenses. It was suggested that we consider getting a club laptop computer. Kimball will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kimball had some experience with tent larger than we have. It was about two times bigger, but packed down to a similar size as ours. Bill thinks we should get a big orange and white tent with our name on it. Kimball will look into the cost of a tent.

Dan thinks our tent is big enough and advocates getting a new clock over a new tent. Bill questioned the need for a new clock, saying that anything should be easy to re-battery (volunteered to do this?).

Dan suggested that we go over our equipment needs all at once because the board needs to authorize equipment purchases. It was suggested that Sherry Timmerman be enlisted to go through the list of equipment.

Runner's Calendar

Trond forwarded a question to the board, asking if we wanted to advertise in the Runner's Calendar again for \$200. Ian didn't think that we got anything from the ad in the current year because we didn't get many hits on the oalaska.com site that we registered after the mistake in the 2007 ad (our regular site is oalaska.org). No one was in favor of the ad. We agreed to drop the oalaska.com site.

Next board meeting: December 5, 2007

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