

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
December 5, 2007
Minutes**

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

Mapping in 2008

Dan is in contact with a mapper from Georgia. Someone suggested contacting a mapper named Eric Bone.

2008 Schedule

The July 16th meet at APU will be a Nature-O.

The board discussed possible start locations for the Mountain-O, which will be held in the Bear Valley area. Seth Downs' house on Brewsters Drive, with a remote start on the nearby Heritage Land Bank property, seemed to have the most pluses.

Corrections to the schedule include 6:00 pm start times for Ian's meet and Bill's fall meet. Bill said that he might want to revise the name for his fall GPS meet.

Equipment

The board decided that a new race clock was not necessary. A MOVE was made to authorize up to \$250 for Andrew to work with Eric on changing the batteries out of our current clock and get a backup charger or power cable. Bill volunteered electrical services, if needed.

The board discussed getting a new larger tent. Bill bought our current tent for about \$200, and he thought that the E-ZUP tents in the link that Kimball emailed the board were expensive. Dan opined that if we are going to spend the money for a tent, we should get our logo on it. Kimball said that he will shop around some more.

OCAD Licenses

Dave Snyder and Dave Evans have volunteered to do some cartography for the club, and we are hoping to get a mapper to come this summer, so Kimball asked if we need to get a club laptop and more OCAD licenses. Ian said that the OCAD license agreement allows the program to be uninstalled and reinstalled onto a different computer. OCAD 9 licenses are about \$600, and license upgrades are about \$400. The board decided to put off purchasing decisions until our mapping plans are further developed.

Trail Advisory Committee

Dave stepped down as the club's representative in the Trail Subcommittee of the Far-North Bicentennial Park Users' Group. Dave reported that the Bicentennial Park Committee will be dissolved and replaced by a new Trail Committee that will cover all soft surface trails in the municipality. The municipality is looking for representatives

from nine user groups, including our club. Kimball suggested that Eeva volunteer to be our representative, and she agreed. Eric suggested that we rotate people through as our representatives in the committee to reduce burnout possibilities. Kimball agreed that a one-year rotation would be good. Eric suggested that this would be a good job for an at-large board member, and we should consider making this a dedicated position on the board.

Eric shared his experience as our representative in the committee. Originally, the goal of the committee was to see that different user groups not conflict with each other, but it seemed to have evolved into putting up trail signs. However, Eric believes that having a representative in the committee is important because other user groups will have to at least consider our position when they suggest new trail development.

Training Volunteers

Kimball thinks we should be more proactive in getting volunteers. Cory suggested having a section of our website devoted to training both meet directors and people new to orienteering. Cory suggested that we direct groups seeking help to the permanent course. He will develop a step-by-step "lesson plan" for using the permanent course that will be put onto our website.

Kimball asked if we want to offer to pay trainers. Dan suggested that we give trainers some free meets or a season pass. Ian said that we can refer groups to people who are willing to do training for hire. Cory said that he thought most of the groups seeking training probably don't want to pay.

Treasurer's Report

Dan reported that we have to file a tax return for 2007, and the 2007 books are in order. Income for the year was \$8,013.76 and expenses were \$4,607.43, for a net gain of \$3,406.33.

Next board meeting: February 7, 2007

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary, 1/21/08