

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
August 6, 2008
Minutes**

The purpose of the meeting was to make decisions on how to run the annual meeting. President Kimball Forrest led the meeting, held at the Billmans' new house. The following board members were present: Paul Carson, Leslie Kroloff, Ian Moore, Kimball Forrest, Andrew Lee, Dave Evans, Dan Billman, Cory Smith, Eric Follett, and Trond Jensen.

Annual Meeting Planning

The board agreed to provide pizza at the meeting. Sherry Timmerman and Jen Jolliff will make the food arrangements. The board decided against pursuing an alcoholic beverages license for the event, based on the projected cost of \$150 to \$200.

Ian's impression of last year's annual meeting was that there didn't seem to be any down time to relax and socialize. We will rent the Russian Jack Chalet from 6 pm to 9 pm. Renting the chalet later than 9 pm would cost hundreds of dollars more. The orienteering meet will run from 6 pm to about 7 pm, allowing about 2 hours for pizza, socializing, and the meeting.

Door prizes will be awarded based on clock times written under selected plates. Route Gadget will not be presented this time. Kimball will talk to Ellyn Brown to make sure the etched glasses for the meet directors are ready by the meeting.

Kimball suggested that we have a scheme for succession in the board. New volunteers could be encouraged to serve as at-large board members, and at-large members could be encouraged to move into regular board positions. Paul suggested using a written ballot, but coming up with enough names prior to the meeting would be difficult. The board discussed who might be interested in becoming board members. The board agreed to talk to possible volunteers individually, and to ask for volunteers in the email announcement and on the website. It was decided we would start with a blank slate listing the board positions. New volunteers and willing incumbents will be written in by hand.

Bears

Dave still had a meet scheduled for August 27 at Mile 2.2 Bicentennial Park. The board agreed to "lay low" this season because of recent bear incidents in Bicentennial Park that have been prominent in the news. Trond noted that it has been an unwritten policy to avoid salmon bearing creeks in the second half of the season. The August 27 meet may be moved or canceled.

2009 Schedule

Board members were generally satisfied with having the points meets in the first half of the season and the fun meets in the second half of the season this year. Cory missed having traditional meets in the second half this season (no festival this year), a sentiment that some others shared. However, he thought it was logical given bear and vegetation issues.

There was discussion of possibly having a series of ski-Os and bike-Os. Although there appeared to be interest among several board members for more ski-Os, the participant numbers were low this year. The numbers might have been low because of a missed or late email announcement.

Mapping Update

We have a volunteer from France doing some mapping for us until the end of September. He has been working on the Section 36 and APU maps. We can't pay him because of legal reasons, but will think of ways to express our thanks and show him a good time.

Ian upgraded the OCAD license.

Permanent Course

No feedback has been received about the permanent course, but Kimball has referred many to it.

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary