

**Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
November 13, 2008
Minutes**

President Trond Jensen led the board meeting, held at the Billman's house. The following board members were present: Trond Jensen, Dave Evans, Andrew Lee, Ian Moore, Karl Swanson, Cory Smith, Dan Billman, Leslie Kroloff, Karen Bronga, Eeva Latosuo, and Chris Tomsen.

Review of the Past Season

Scheduling - Cory said that, though he understood the rationale for having the traditional meets in the first half of the season (vegetation), he would like to see more traditional meets mixed into the last half of season. Dan and Ian liked having the traditional meets stacked in the first half of the season. It was hoped that the fall season short/long meets would provide a competitive experience similar to the traditional meets.

Bears - Ian said that he thought it was not a good precedent to change meet dates or locations because of conditions like bears and weather. He believed that by trying to ensure that the conditions are always good, we would be taking on more responsibility. Some others noted that how the club is perceived by the public is important.

Training meet - Karen asked if we have designated people to help at the training meet. Suggestions were made to formalize help at the training meet, similar to what was done at least once several years ago. The board agreed that we should have experienced people take beginners out in groups every 20 minutes.

Annual Meeting Debrief

Ian said that we should bring back the Route Gadget presentation and slide show. We have held the annual meeting at Russian Jack for several years now. Ian requested that we investigate alternative sites and prices. Eeva and Chris will inquire about sites such as Campbell Creek Science Center, APU, UAA, Beach Lake, Elmendorf, and Kincaid.

Audit

Dan said that February would be the best time to have the audit done. Dan will get help from Karl on how to do the taxes.

Gift for Outgoing President/Long Term Board Members?

The appropriateness of a gift for past president Kimball Forrest was debated. Ian suggested that it was not appropriate because many long term board members have contributed much to the club without similar recognition. A parting gift could be construed as saying to current board members that you won't be recognized until you leave. Karen and Karl were among those who said that they believe that a one-time

recognition for extraordinary service was a good idea. Chris suggested recognizing past presidents on a plaque that could be displayed at a venue like the Kincaid Park Chalet. Trond said that this could be the start of recognizing contributors to the club. Karen suggested recognizing one person per year.

The board voted 6 to 4 to give a gift to Kimball. The board decided the gift would be a bottle of tequila customized with an orienteering label.

Mapping

Ian reported that Bastien Mengin worked on map updates of APU/UAA and Section 36 during his two months in Anchorage this summer. Ian reported that Bastien made a new 1:4,000 UAA Sprint map. When the board realized that a 2009 meet was not scheduled for this new map, it was suggested that we look harder at using UAA for the annual meeting site.

Gifts for Hosts of Bastien

This summer Bastien was hosted by Ian and Jen Jolliff; Dmitry Sidorov; Dan and Anne Billman; and Gunnar and Alice Knapp. The hosts provide Bastien with housing, food, and more. Karl said that we could reimburse people for food. Karen said that Gunnar and Alice would not want to be reimbursed. Ian and Dan agreed that they would also not want to be reimbursed monetarily. Trond said that we should give the same gift for all hosts.

By unanimous voice vote, the board agreed to award each host an engraved glass, a one-year family season pass, and a \$100 gift card to Moose's Tooth restaurant.

Reimbursement of Stolen Bike

Dmitry's bike was stolen while Bastien was using for transportation to APU/UAA for mapping. It was stolen while locked to a tree. Dmitry told Ian that he could probably find a comparable used bike for \$600 to \$800 on Craigslist. Andrew was familiar with Dmitry's bike, and agreed that the bike's used value was about that much.

A motion was passed to reimburse Dmitry up to \$800 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement bike.

2009 Schedule

Eeva said that an additional Ski-O date, April 8, was open if someone wanted to direct it.

Chris initiated discussion about having more meets on the east side of Anchorage on through to Palmer. Chris will talk to Ed Strabel to see if he might be interested in holding a High School-O event at Crevasse Moraine Park in Palmer on the same date as

the Anchorage meet. On a side note, the board indicated that they would support efforts to start a Mat-Su orienteering club if there is interest in the Mat-Su.

Ian suggested that we leave meets dates without directors on the calendar as to-be-announced.

Dave noted that we had decided in a previous meeting that the mass starts would start at 6:30 pm rather than 6:00 pm. Cory prefers mass starts at 6:00 pm. The board decided to have mass starts at 6:30 pm, changing to 6:00 pm when daylight becomes more of an issue in August.

Other Mapping

Dave said that Bill Spencer is creating a map for the new single track trails above Hilltop ski area, and suggested that we incorporate it into an orienteering map.

Karl has a friend who hires foreigners for a guide service. He will ask him how they go about hiring foreign workers, or if we could work through their company to hire a mapper. Karl also informed the board about the Denali Nordic Club's trail project (in Talkeetna?) and was thinking out loud about the suitability of the area (birch forest and devils club) for orienteering.

Other

Eeva reported that the Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Committee has been dissolved. Eeva also reported that the municipality is working on the master plan for the Section 36 area.

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