

**Arctic Orienteering Club  
Board meeting Oct21, 2010**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Present: Kathy Faryniarz, Dave Evans, Karen Bronga, Cory Smith, Ellen Brown, Chris Thompson, Kimball Forest, Ian Moore, Trond Flagstad, Trond Jensen, Dan Billman, Anne Legget

Trond Jensen called meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**Review of Ad hoc club survey:**

- 32 responses. Results were emailed to board members.
- Individual runners to teams were 2:1
- Factors why people show up no one reason stood out. Trend for potential conflict with mountaineering club on weds.
- Venue most favored Bicentennial Park.
- Traditional vs alternative events: traditional most popular.
- "Which event wanted more": traditional is winner.
- Chris suggested having new meet director work with seasoned one and do the white/yellow course or have only have beginner/advanced course
- Importance of having food drinks at events was noted. Comments noted.

**Review of Post Meet questionnaire:**

- Land/permit issues: Military gate issues, Hilltop manager notification, Kincaid gate closures
- High school O: Suggestion to have another person do the late part.
- Equipment some controls with duplicate #

**Strategy Session:**

Results of brain-writing, categorization and multi-voting:

Category 1: Start and Participant Logistics (1 vote)

- Website signup for Mirror Lake, Fossil Creek & Elmendorf
- Extend start time to 7:30 pm for venues that are distant or time consuming to get to (Fossil Creek, Elmendorf, Crevasse-Moraine)
- Start sprint-O events at UAA at 6 pm or later to avoid traffic
- Keep mass start times at 6:30 pm so it's easier for people to get to meets after work (i.e. not at 6 pm)
- Make getting on base a smoother process

Category 2: New technology (0 votes)

- Purchase GPS for course setting
- Explore electronic timing

Category 3: Mapping (9 votes)

- Keep up the new mapping and mapping g update effort
- Improve mountain maps
- Orienteering map in Fairbanks; would be good for 1) UAF outdoor club, 2) NSCF, 3) ROTC/Military, 4) boy/girl scouts, Arctic Winter Games 2015/16 ski-O (Chris T. is willing to launch this)

Category 4: Food after meets (0 votes)

- Continue having snacks
- Simplify snacks to fruit only

Category 5: Meet directory issues/meet director development (8 votes)

- Have other clubs host or cosponsor meets (S.O.N., Russian club, scout group)
- Mentor packet for a teen (Eagle project, major event)
- Course consultants to aid meet directors (especially for beginner and intermediate directors); Dick Hawkins, Dan Ellsworth; via email
- MatSu Ski Club orienteering event – Seek a MatSu Valley director
- Training events/Exercise-O
- Assistant meet director – learning traditional, i.e. white & yellow
- Make it easier to put on events (e.g. fewer courses)
- Training session for setting up points meet
- Two directors for High School Meet (one for 7 am to 4 pm, another for 4 pm to 8 pm)

Category 6: New or alternative events (5 votes)

- Bring back Halloween-O
- Kids-O – shorter course for kids 1-4 years
- Work on increasing attendance – Prom-O
- Bring back o-festival as “big” event; example: weekend campout w/ 3 events @ Mirror Lake (Sprint, long, short)
- Spencer glacier event-O
- Continue with Relay-O
- Eliminate Relay-O
- Put on an A-meet
- iPhone-O
- Tour-O-Anchorage (March-O?) Rond-O?
- Alaska-Yukon Challenge
- Rogaine/Long mnt-O
- festival w/camping & party

Category 7: Schedule – Mix-it up (4 votes)

- Mix up regular meets with fun meets
- Add 1 traditional meet in July
- Mix up meet types; make at least ½ of them traditional style
- Replace 2-3 mid-summer special events with regular meets
- Some more spacing of traditional vs alternative format

Category 8: Fall season/extended season (6 votes)

- Urban orienteering/Rogaine
- Night-O at UAA using new map
- Hell-O
- Extend season: Fall orienteering every two weeks until dark/maybe a few more night o's
- More fall events (long-O, night-O)
- More fall events

Category 9: Safety (3 votes)

- Practice an evac w/ AMRG
- Complete 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit for meets (bee sting, ice packs, ace bandages)

**2011 Schedule discussed**

- Suggestions: Add Fall meet (Oct 2), mix in traditional meets in summer schedule.

**Next meeting: 7-9 pm, 11/17, at Billman's house. Main agenda item: 2011 schedule**

**Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm**