

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2011

Present: Trond Jensen, Dan Billman, Cory Smith, Chris Tomsen, Dave Evans, Andrew Lee, Kathy Faryniarz, Joyce Goodell, Trond Flagstad, Bill Johnson, Karen Bronga, Ian Moore, Ellyn Brown, Kimball Forrest

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm

Minutes from 1/20/2011 approved

Agenda amended to include base access by Chris and "O" map bags by Dan

Winter Events reviewed

- Cory reviewed the 2 Ski O's as well as Bill Spencer Winter Score-O
- Each event had about 25-30 folks with Bill's race having about 35
- Feedback from participants was positive.
- Group discussed if winter events take away from summer events.
- Cory felt these were less work than regular summer events.
- Consensus to continue with winter-O events next year.

Equipment Update

Dan (for Anne) requested items for purchase to be approved. Discussion and motion passed to allow Anne to purchase (for up to \$300):

- GPS from REI (the lower end model approx. \$25). If lower end model was unavailable, board would discuss and vote by email on more expensive GPS.
- Trak phone reactivation for safety box
- First aid kit supplies
- Safety vests
- Combination lock for gear shed
- New map bags that Dan found in Turkey (Dan will check with his contact in Seattle to get exact price)

Mapping

- Forrest and Ian hired summer mappers Bill Cusworth and wife who will be here mid August to early Sept. Summer mapping budget is \$8000 (as previously approved by BOD).
- The mappers will finish up Mirror Lake area Housing and transportation have already been obtained from volunteers solicited by Kimball.
- Ian to update UAA/APU map as well as Kincaid. People should contact Ian for any other areas that need tidying up.

Meet Director Development

- Cory presented three areas for meet director development: Classroom Sessions, Field Sessions and a Mentoring Program
- Board had much discussion about which was most important and mechanics of each.

- Board decided to focus on Classroom Sessions and Mentoring Programs for 2011 but to table the Field Sessions for 2012.
- Classroom Sessions: 3 sessions which include OCAD Training, Course Design, and Course Vetting including GPS use.
 - Cory to coordinate Meet Director Training, and line up instructors
 - Elements of good course design was felt to be the one class all directors, new and old, should go to and should be mandatory
 - Dates to follow but dates likely are May 5, May 26 and Jun 16
- Mentoring Program:
 - Karen to coordinate program
 - Send out email to membership to see who might be interested in: a) assist meet directors with a scheduled meet, b) having a mentor to help put on a meet, or c) being a mentor for less experienced meet directors
 - 3 meets have no director (June 8 Billy Goat O, Aug 3 Ft Rich Fossil Creek, Aug 14 Mtn O). These combined with a mentor program might entice someone new to step up if they have help

Membership

- Trond J reviewed spreadsheet with membership statistics
- Total starts are up from 910 in 2008 to 1053 in 2010.
- “other category special events” showed the most gain in participants

Social Media

Entering the world of social media was discussed. Group agreed that Facebook may be a good thing for the club. Karen volunteered to set up Facebook page for club.

Other Business

- Class room training (for new orienteers) Tues. May 10. Cory coordinating. Need to confirm BP Energy Center venue.
- 2011 Schedule: above mentioned 3 meets still need directors
- Finances
 - Checking has ~ \$7000
 - Fidelity acct discussed. Motion passed to send Fidelity a resolution allowing Trond J as president to allow Dan to have access to Fidelity acct. (for future reference this would have to be done each time board changes) Once Dan has been granted access, board voted and approved motion to simplify finances and put money from Fidelity acct in a regular money market/checking acct for easier access.
 - Taxes. Dan to get with Carl Swanson and get 2010 taxes filed in May.
- **Land/Trails**: Andrew has submitted clubs position on Section 36 (Storck park area and above) to Muni master plan. He is following UMed, FNBP & Kincaid areas that might have trail and land issues.

- **Club logo shirts and pants**
 - No order planned for this season
 - 2 shirts (medium) and one pant (large) left from last years order. If interested contact Karen.
- **Fort Rich access**
 - Karen to send email to club to get information to Chris Tomson including: Name with middle initial, last 4 of SS number, AK drivers license number
- Yukon Championships in July; Kimball has info.
- Cory: Aquarian Charter School is starting an orienteering team. Trond has volunteered to present on “What is sport of orienteering” on 4/29.

Next meeting

- To be scheduled 2-3 weeks before annual meeting (Aug 24th)
- All board members need to consider if they are staying on for another term or know folks who are interested in being on board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Minutes submitted by Kathy Faryniarz, Secretary