

ARCTIC ORIENTEERING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOV 11, 2012

Present: Dan Billman, Toby Schwoerer, Mike Robinson, Regan Sarwas, Chris Tomsen, Trond Jensen, Dela Grey, Bill Johnson, Kathy Faryniarz
Absent: Jill Follett, Jen Joliff, Joyce Goodell, Andrew Lee, Karen Bronga

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Introduction of new board members by Trond Jensen

Handover between old and new board members

Mike Robinson: new VP events together with Jill Follett; handover from Bill Johnson: schedule and running calendar in progress

Toby Schwoerer: new Mapping VP; handover from Ian Moore (not yet as Ian out of town)

Regan Sarwas: website; handover from Dave Evans in process

2012 Review

Chris Tomsen: Weather challenged us with early meets, lingering snow and changing venues

Trond Jensen: Ft Rich later half of season poor venue, causes : drive time, weather , bugs

Suggestion to have more media advertisement re out of Anchorage Bowl meets

Dan Billman: Mapping went smoothly. Future housing for mapper should stay close to venues

Chris Tomsen: wondered about forms return from meet directors re problems , near misses etc

Trond to see where forms are and get to Chris

Dan reported this year's number of individual starts was 1600 compared to 1810 last year

Best attended were traditional meets vs fun o's, and at mile 1.1 FNBP

Mentoring Program: Need VP media to send out notice or link on web for members who want to be assistant to meet directors and learn the ropes.

Intermediate level training: Bill Spencer and Jen Joliff to organize, could be on alternate night of meets and do on course work. Suggest 1:4 instructor to participant ratio

One item for vision for 2013

Mentoring program pairing meet director with up and coming meet director that might do an early and then late season meet with the mentee being primary meet director at the later season one. Trond will ask Karen to send email to membership once details finalized

2013 schedule

Running calendar: Mike will submit schedule as is and pay the 50\$ fee

Discussion ensued about using other venues to advertise our events

Bill suggested "Attack point" site, Toby suggested having info & gear at Skinney Raven

Also Bike O to Single track advocate bike site and Ski O's in NSAA schedule

Mike to be checking with BLM, UAF-crevasse Moraine

Mapping

New Mapping areas:

Mirror Lake completed in 2012

Dan Billman has researched Westchester Lagoon area found not interesting for orienteering.

Motion passed to adopt 5-year mapping plan with amendments re Mirror Lake and Westchester Lagoon.

Improvement of existing maps:

Toby reported Ian thought FNBP might need to be redone from scratch.

Motion passed to give Toby mandate to get proposal from Kevin Teschendorf re budget and ideas for improving FNBP maps using the 5 year mapping plan and member comments

Other Business

Ocad and map support for meet directors

Toby lead discussion regarding meet directors asking for help with course map and how it wasn't ethical to run the course you had helped with consensus that person helping with certain courses could run other course during that meet

Trond and Toby to come up with list of Ocad experts

Karen will then send Email to meet directors asking if they need help with Ocad then pair them up

Mike reviewed other computer mapping program called Purple Pen (easier than ocad)

He will research and do demo next meeting

Port-a-potty

Discussion about requirements at meet to have port a potty or simpler wag bag system

Dan to look into buying one for club

Misc Unsolicited Requests

Regarding unsolicited request for orienteering club involvement to outside groups:

Trond may pass on to board members but noone should feel obligated to accept or respond

Website

Regan working on it . Has met with Dave Evans for hand off. He is interested in simplifying website from custom programming to more commercially available one like Wordpress or google. He will prepare demo for next meeting as well as check out other orienteering websites

Finances

Current balances

Fidelity acct 20200.00

First National 5400.00 (started 2012 with 12000.00) this reflects mapping costs and controls

Outstanding payments include the 2\$ per head muni fee for which he estimates to be approx. 1000.00 to 1400.00 He will send out final numbers to board.

BLM Permanent course

Item tabled until future meeting

For Upcoming Meetings:

Discussion about grant possibilities, other revenue sources

Feedback from club's participation in REI's Open House

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm

Next mtg at Karen Brongas, 11/28, 7pm