

Arctic Orienteering Club Board Meeting
March 26, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was held at the Billman's house. President Trond Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. The following board members were present: Ian Moore, Trond Jensen, Dave Evans, Andrew Lee, Cory Smith, Dan Billman, Leslie Kroloff, Karen Bronga, Eeva Latosuo, and Paul Carson.

Minutes from the Last Meeting (February 19, 2009)

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

Equipment

Paul is moving to Houston, so we will need a new VP of Equipment. Trond will ask Anne Billman or an at-large board member if they want to take the position.

Paul reported that he has 80 controls, with 70 in good condition. Eric Follett has about another 20 controls, stored in the crawl space at his house. Dan moved to purchase 80 more controls, minus what Eric can find at his house. Ian seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The new controls should have a blue stripe. They cost \$6.50 each, plus an additional \$3.50 for each punch (\$10 per control/punch set). Trond noted that when numbering the new controls, we should make sure to skip numbers that can be read as another number when read upside down.

The board discussed banners to display the club name at meets. The skijor club paid \$273 for two banners (2' x 2' and 2' x 5'). Leslie says she knows someone who hand makes banners for less money. Leslie and Trond will look into prices some more. A motion was made and seconded, that if a reasonably priced banner can be found for about \$100, Trond will poll the board for approval to purchase the banner.

Mapping

Ian placed an advertisement in Orienteering North America magazine and emailed mappers who had previously expressed interest. Trond, Kimball Forrest, and Ian talked about the possible candidates on February 18. The candidates were:

- Bill Cheatam, from Georgia. He charges \$250 per day, everything included – he would drive here and live in his van. He is available for 4 to 6 weeks. He can do about 1 km² of updates per day or 1/3 km² of new mapping per day.
- Tatyana, a Russian woman professional mapper living in Dallas. She charges \$15/hour for field checking, and \$10/hour for drafting/OCAD, and we would have to pay her costs (transportation, housing). She is available after June 12.

- Dan Ellsworth, a club member who lives in Mexico much of the year. He is available after July 6 for one or two months. He would prefer to charge by deliverables, because he doesn't want to make promises on how efficiently he can work.

Dan moved to hire all three mappers and spend up to \$20,000, at the discretion of the VP of Mapping (Ian), for the mapping effort this summer. Dave seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Dan can provide housing to Tatyana for two weeks. Eeva will be on vacation from June 19 through July 3 and offered to let Tatyana housesit her home and borrow her car during that time. (Other possibilities: Karen offered use of her trailer home.)

Trond, Ian, and Kimball appear to have volunteered be our mapping committee. Bill Spencer might also be interested in providing input on mapping.

Trails and Land Issues

Dave reported that the draft Far North Bicentennial Park plan is out. As the club requested, the plan included areas designated for no new trails, and plans for improved parking at Mile 1.1 Campbell Airstrip Road. Dave suggested that Trond, our president, write a letter of thanks, and use the letter to reiterate our needs.

Ian reported that Dowl is working on the Section 36 park master plan. He is monitoring the developments.

Dan reported that the Muni Parks department has hired an urban arborist. The board talked about possibly advocating for fallen dead trees to be picked up for use as firewood.

Meet Director's Training

Dan, our treasurer, said that the information he wanted from meet directors was the amount of total receipts and the amount kept by the meet director for meet expenses.

Classroom Training (May 12)

Elizabeth (sp?) Manning can come at the beginning of this training to give a short talk about bear safety.

Meet Schedule

Eeva reports that Ellyn and Chris are working on the military meet permits. Dan has a military friend that he will contact, who can possibly provide addition help to get us through the military bureaucracy, and act as an advocate for the club.

Calendar Synchronization on Website

Dave has set up Google Calendar synchronization on the website so the meet schedule can be imported into personal calendars.

Season Points 2009

No one volunteered to do the season points for 2009. Points will not be tallied this year.

Bear Issues

Dan reported that Fish & Game has money to do a new survey on Anchorage attitudes towards bears.

Pick, Click, Give (Permanent Fund giving program)

There is a \$50 application fee for this program, and the deadline is in July. The board decided not to apply for this program because we were not sure we would get \$50 back through the program.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be for annual meeting preparation. It will be scheduled later.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Prepared by Andrew Lee, Secretary