

Buffalo Orienteering Club, Incorporated

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2006

Attendees: Lincoln Blaisdell, Dave Cady, Greg Hyatt, Patty Lyons, Walt Lyons, Phil Wolfling (Secretary).

The meeting started at 7:10 pm at Dave Cady's house at 148 West Humboldt Parkway. The minutes were orally read by Phil Wolfling to those in attendance. Approved by Linc Blaisdell and seconded by Walt Lyons.

Phil Wolfling gave report on his presentation for the University of Scouting on March 11, 2006. There were 120 schedules handed out in the gym display area with Mike Lances poster about Orienteering. There were 40 people in the classes that were focused on using a compass and making maps. The presentation also focused on first year advancement requirements for scouts. Phil created a general black and white map of the Hamburg Middle and High School area to set a course up on.

Also noted was that Phil Wolfling should send out meeting minutes in more prompt manner and they should be grammatically correct for the club president. He agreed to email them by the end of the week.

Mapping Committee:

- Greg Hyatt provided an updated spreadsheet of the mapping program for 2006 to 2010, including a cost layout for all the new and revised maps including the program goals.
- The list gives preference to the following maps: Chestnut Ridge Park (Update 2006), Sardinia (Update 2006), Seven Hills GSA Camp (new 2006), Sprague Brook Park (New 2007), Hunters Creek Park (New 2007), Carlton Hills (New 2009) and NYS Rock City/ McCarty Hill Area (New 2009).
- Chestnut Ridge Park and Sardinia will be updated first for use in 2007. Linc handed out email from Dick Detwiller on quote for doing the field work. Emery park is still OK for use.
- Seven Hills GSA will be a new map ready for use in 2007. Phil still needs to contact council and get written approval on mapping and using the camp for meets.
- Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park would be new for 2008 - Dave Cady is verifying feasibility of using these locations for the 2008 "A" meet sites. Still deciding on whether it should be a spring or fall meet. Is Sprague Brook Park large enough to set up the proper courses? There are currently no facilities at Hunters Creek Park. Back up would be to have one of the days at Sardinia (updated) or Schoellkopf.
- Carlton Hills and Rock City/McCarty Hill would be new for 2010. Rock City is currently good enough for a rogain style meet. Update would bring part of it up to O-meet quality.
- Phil Wolfling needs to send OCAD files to Dick Detwiller for the CRP and SRD updates.
- A rogain at Rock City could be held in 2009 instead of 2010 as listed on the spreadsheet. Would the club be able to support two big meets in two years? It was felt that it could do this by all in attendance. Holding it in 2007 was discussed, but decided against it. Linc will look into what it would take to do a large rogain meet and report back at the next meeting.

Volunteers

- Discussion was started about developing Assistant Meet Directors from the membership. Greg Hyatt handed out a spreadsheet with this year's meets and volunteer columns. There are currently nine active individuals in the club that can organize meets. The club would like to train at least six additional people to eventually be meet directors. A list of possibilities was created and board members were assigned individuals to call and talk to about being assistant meet directors. They should be invited to the next meet directors meeting.

Meet Directors Meeting:

This meeting will occur on Tuesday, April 11 at the Amherst Community Church on Washington Highway at 7 pm. It will immediately follow the ADK training class that starts at 6 pm. All meet directors will be asked to attend along with assistant meet directors.

Education Committee:

- The education committee will meet to discuss developing a packet for club individuals that do presentations for other groups. It needs to include a suggested stipend to charge for the training. To be considered would be the benefits to the club in attracting new members. It was also suggested to use this as a filtering of requests from organizations that have no interest in the sport but as time filler. A sheet for requesting a presentation will be developed and a way to rent/use equipment for the presentation.

- Education and training committee will meet Monday, April 10th at 7 pm at Linc Blaisdell house in Clarence.

Map Hikes:

- Phil Wolfling will need volunteers to set up the three courses for this year. The following have volunteered to put out controls for the courses: (Phil will design all courses)
 - CRP - Linc and Jackie
 - EMR - Walt and Patty Lyons
 - SRD - Phil (pending approval from county and talks with Earth Spirit on out of bounds areas)
- Courses to be designed by this weekend. Anticipated date for the packets to be ready should be the April 18th training meet. The April 1st listing on the current website needs to be changed.
- Map Hike's supply a major portion of our club profits and they should be major part of the promotion effort. Last year we were limited by the counties financial situation to only setting up one course.

Miscellaneous:

- Phil Wolfling has sent notice to Erie County to approve the meet schedule but has not yet received a response. He will call the Erie county offices to get verbal approval.
- Updating the waiver sheets to a one page per participant or group has not been done yet. Phil Wolfling will complete it soon. BfIO will use them for all meets this year.
- Phil to email excel files of 2005 meet results to Greg Hyatt for the meet results page of the website.
- Next board meeting will be determined later, possibly in May or after one of the spring meets.

2006 Projects:

- New maps and meets for this year
- Develop new meet directors
- Education outreach
- Map Hike promotion and use

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.