

Minutes of the Buffalo Orienteering Club Board of Directors Meeting February 7, 2008

Present: Lincoln Blaisdell, David Cady, Patty Lyons, Robert Reeves, Jacky Novkov, Doug Kennedy, Henry Davis (host) **Absent:** Greg Hyatt, Phil Wolfling

The board discussed **Patty's** rescheduled Ski-O at Chestnut Ridge. All is ready for a March 2 event, weather permitting. **Dave** and **Rob** to arrive at 10:45 to help with registration.

All agreed to ask **Greg** to post the confirmed 2008 schedule to the website immediately. **Jacky** and **Linc** have yet to determine dates for the Learn & Practice events. **Phil** is in the process of securing written permission for all dates.

The board discussed name ideas for **Dave's** 2009 A-Meet. The following suggestions were proposed:

- Buffalo Wings (**Rob** and **Dave Levine**)
- Buffalo Stampede (**Linc**)
- Buffalo Niagara International (**Dave**)
- Can-Am Invitational (**Dave**)

All agreed to conduct a vote of the general membership at the annual meeting to select the name. More suggestions are needed. **Dave** will present the options during his A-Meet presentation.

The 2008 map hike schedule was discussed. The following locations were agreed upon:

- Chestnut Ridge (**Phil**)
- Sprague Brook (**Patty** and **Walt Lyons**)
- Ellicottville (**Doug**)

Pre-orders to be available at annual meeting.

The agenda for the annual meeting was set as follows. **Henry** will promote the event in newspapers.

- Welcome (**Linc**)
- Lunch (catering coordinator needed, RSVP to **Greg** by 3/8)
- Bylaws vote (**Linc**)
 - Copies of proposed changes needed (1 for every 2 attendees, coordinator needed)
- Elections (**Greg**, nominations chairman)
 - Nominating slate to introduce themselves
 - Additional nominations to be solicited
- Map Hike Award Presentations (**Phil**)
 - 1st Place (complete set of 2008 map hikes, award certificate)
 - 2nd Place (a map hike of their choice, award certificate)
 - 3rd Place (award certificate)
 - **Linc** to create certificates
- Key Note Speaker (**Rob**, 30 minutes)

- **Rob** to check on logistical issues at the casino relating to his multi-media presentation
- President's Awards (**Linc**)
 - Volunteer of the Year, Service, and President's Awards
- Schedule Review (**Linc** or new president)
 - Volunteer recruitment (**Linc**)
 - ROGAINE (**Dave Levine**)
 - A-Meet (**Dave**)
 - Name voting
- Door prizes (not discussed)

Dave reviewed what was discussed at the meeting with the Erie County Parks Commissioner, Jim Hourning. All have reason to believe that positive relations will continue with the new administration.

Linc facilitated a discussion about how to increase social interaction at club events. The following ideas were suggested:

- Provide food at conclusion of meets (**Doug**)
- Enforce time limits (3 hours)
- Conduct sprints after regular meets (**Rob**)

Rob presented an outline of the spring newsletter, to be published in advance of the annual meeting. Items to be included are as follows:

- Map hike winners/awards
- 2008 schedule
- A-Meet news & regional highlights (**Dave** to submit articles to **Rob** by 2/21)
- Summary of proposed bylaw changes
- Nominating slate
- Annual meeting agenda
- Ski-O information
- New members list
- E-newsletter option promotion
- Membership renewal reminder
- Website address change notification
- President's Message (**Linc** to submit to **Rob** by 2/21)
- Article on outdoor club partnerships (**Rob** and **Linc** to coordinate)

Linc provided an update on the ROGAINE progress. Dave Levine will have new assignments after 2/15.

The board agreed that **no meeting** was needed before the annual meeting. Minutes submitted by **Robert Reeves** in **Phil's** absence.