

O-Board Meeting minutes 8/21/2014

- 1) We discussed some of this years event changes.
Good changes: Longer Score-O; Picnic combined with event; Series awards.
- 2) We discussed further changes for next year.
Hold a traditional type meet in the fall next year- esp near national orienteering day?
Make a small regular course w/i the score-O especially for National Orienteering Day?
(Create separate map with lines between controls, separate cue sheet for this course)
Consider adding similar white course to all fall score-O's.
Hold a NOD for beginners again with no event for advanced. Mid-Sept. between meets
Challenge Maritime to make an event? (Maybe help with the NOD event)
- 3) We continued the discussion of the Holiday Valley Map Hike
Doug and Linc will meet with the bike shop owner about selling maps. Ski shops? We will keep the current map for one extra year, til 2016. We need to check that the controls are still there. We will announce the change so that people don't accidentally reorder it. We will plan to take members of the Holiday Valley staff, ski patrol on a training walk, so they understand the map hike so as better communicate with visitors who might buy it.
- 4) We had an offshoot discussion about guided map hikes.
We explored the idea of carpooling to map courses/hikes (in addition to meets, a concept we started this year). This would be especially valuable for Ellicottville, maybe in early summer next year. Then we may post frequent group map course hikes at the more local parks as well, and possibly cross list with ADK, etc.
- 5) We discussed the possibility of adding an event for beginners who discovered orienteering at our picnic event or in the spring, but who cannot make the Schoellkopf event.
We are too busy in September. We discussed doing one on Sat Oct 11th but it would coincide with the Ellicottville Fall festival. The weekend before is the Rochester meet. Maybe we will wait until next summer.
- 6) We discussed the Holiday Valley Adventure Run
Mini Rogaine date: check with Diane Althens that we are not double booked with the ski patrol again.
Ellicottville prep schedule:
Jackie has maps ready. Needs someone to help vet controls (Patty, Walt, Dave C, Dave's son maybe, Phil, Linc. Linc offered to drive). Linc taking care of food, has list from Jennifer. 3-4 people have registered so far. We need to post reminders that registration is up (Attackpoint (Dave), Facebook (Rob), email (Rod), Ontario groups (Linc will call Tom Wagar again). We decided against a paid Facebook ad. Rob to send copy of his FB listing to Linc (to use to draft email). We are renting 40 high capacity punches for the 6 hr event (using our regular ones for 3 hr, so there will be no intermediate download. We will post someone at the top of the hill for a map exchange. That could

also be a water stop. (Make sure they have cellular service.) Will need help to set out controls. Phil to contact DEC Volunteers for that day: Linc for food, people to set out electronic controls & water, registration, electronics, map exchange.

7) We discussed publicizing other fall events in addition to the Holiday Valley meet.

We will send email and post Facebook reminders about the US Championships in Rochester and an event in Canada.

Some of our planned ads have come out (e.g. Orienteering USA magazine), more to follow.

8) We discussed Maritime Academy participation.

Steve Lakomy has set up a fund with Dave to cover registration fees for Maritime people. Registrars need to tally entries, no cash from individual entries. Then their meet fees will come from Steve's fund. We must let registrars know.

We voted on a motion to be offering a group/school membership rate. The motion passed unanimously, so the category is Schools: \$25/yr.

9) Next meeting can be after Sardinia meet, late October/early November.

Potential dates:

Thursday, Nov. 6 or Friday Nov. 7

Thursday, Nov. 13 or Friday, Nov. 14