

## **Buffalo Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes**

September 22, 2017

Location: Phil's house

Present: Rob Reeves, Phil Wolfling, Dave Cady, Rainee VanNatter, Jackie Novkov, Doug Kennedy, Linc Blaisdell, Jennifer Borowicz, Rod Cameron, Patty Lyons, Walt Lyons

- The board reviewed the minutes from the 7/21 meeting. Clarification that the new meet fee policy for other Club members applies worldwide, not just North America.
- Past Events
  - Guided Map Hike, 7/28
    - Rob reported that Rebecca had a small but enthusiastic turnout for the final hike. The group discussed reasons for reduced attendance this year. Linc suggested not continuing the program in 2018.
  - Ellicottville Adventure Run, 8/26
    - Jackie reported that more vetting help is needed. Linc detailed that some additional help was available but not utilized this year. Better communication is needed from event organizers. Linc detailed Tom Rycroft's offer to help with making the vetting process GPS-friendly for beginners.
    - There was a report of hooligans messing with a control in the Little Rock City area. Suggestion to place volunteer "control guards" at high-traffic locations.
    - Dave led a discussion on whether the map should be done at a 1:10000 scale.
    - Jackie expressed a preference to continue using the south portion of the mapped area next year. It was well-received by the competitors.
    - Dave made a suggestion to have an unofficial Masters class in 2018. Birthdates would need to be collected as part of online registration.
    - More control pickup help needed. No one was recruited for this task before the event. Misunderstanding among the event organizers on who was responsible.
    - Meet report not submitted.
    - Discussion on holding a regular event and sprint at Ellicottville.
    - Discussion on the need for tent rental if the weather was different.
    - Consensus to keep the same late August weekend in 2018.
    - Consensus that a 12-hour event is not desirable for the club.
    - Discussion to raise the price to \$30.
    - Dave considered the possibility of asking ROC to help with the event.
  - Schoellkopf Learn & Practice, 9/10
    - Linc reported that only two people attended. Discussion on reasons for low attendance centered on Schoellkopf as an inappropriate location for a beginner event. Suggestion to make Emery the first fall event next year.
  - Schoellkopf meet, 9/10
    - Phil reported that the event was a success, with many competitors also completing the Sprint course. There was a problem with one control.
    - Discussion on the need for a Yellow course option. Rob expressed a desire to better communicate online before events exactly which courses will be offered.
    - Meet report not submitted.

- Upcoming Events
  - Emery meet, 9/30
    - The Lyons are designing the course and placing the controls.
    - Shelter has been reserved.
    - Dave is doing electronics.
    - Linc to handle registration.
    - Rainee to help with control pickup.
    - Rob to serve as meet director.
  - Sardinia meet, 10/21
    - Phil to serve as meet director.
    - Katy Carrier and the Lyons to help with control placement.
    - Doug to handle electronics.
    - Rod & Laura to handle registration.
  - Ski-O
    - Patty and Walt led a discussion on whether to attempt a ski-o this winter. Discussion tabled due to lack of consensus on demand, timing, and location.
- Old Business
  - Online membership will not be enabled for 2018 events with the exception of the Ellicottville event.
  - Jennifer reported that the issue with Google search results for the club website has been resolved.
  - Dave reported that the Hunter's Creek update has begun.
  - Phil has updated the meet start form. Jennifer to post to website. Linc to purge old copies from club inventory.
  - Phil to double check on the status of the Sardinia permit.
- New Business
  - Rob to follow up with volunteer on creating new club logo. Discussion on club t-shirts tabled.
  - Dave and Patty volunteered at the ROC National meet at Letchworth on 9/16-17. Several club members also competed.
  - Rob and Jennifer summarized the O-USA annual meeting at Letchworth and delighted in Dave's surprise at being named a recipient of a Golden Service award.
  - Rob detailed results from a free Facebook ad promotion that the club participated in.
  - Greg Hyatt has agreed to head up the nominating committee in advance of the 2018 annual meeting.
  - Phil has diagnosed the issue with the club grill and will make the necessary repairs.
  - Upcoming mapping possibilities were discussed.
    - Dave mentioned that Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties will be getting Lidar.
    - Discussion on mapping Cazenovia Park for use at a WNY Maritime Charter-run event in the spring.
- Next meeting set for 11/17