

Buffalo Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2017

Location: Greg's house

Present: Rob Reeves, Greg Hyatt, Phil Wolfling, Dave Cady, Jackie Novkov, Doug Kennedy, Jennifer Borowicz, Rod Cameron

Action items in bold

- The group enjoyed a lasagna dinner courtesy of the Hyatts.
- Rob reviewed the 9/22/17 meeting minutes and led a discussion on the list of notes that was compiled at the meeting regarding the Ellicottville Adventure Run event.
 - Greg suggested that the club rent a place for meet volunteers to stay on Friday and Saturday nights. This would be more convenient than commuting and could be an enjoyable way to socialize after the work.
 - Suggestion to form a partnership with Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club's Python Adventure Race and the Western Pennsylvania Orienteering Club's Racoongaine events.
 - **Need to coordinate pricing and registration.**
 - **Consider changing the name of our event to something animal.**
 - **Need a point person to coordinate marketing efforts, logo and website.**
 - **Greg to complete a meet report for the 2017 event.**
 - **Phil to complete the post event report for the NYS DEC.**
 - **Jackie to contact Dave Levine regarding taking on a larger role with the event planning.**
- Past Events
 - Emery Score-O, 9/30
 - Rob reported that the event went well and had good attendance. Patty and Walt Lyons were key to the success, handling course design and control placement.
 - We ran out of refreshments and hot dogs. Rob suggested that it would be helpful if we knew which events the WNY Maritime Charter School was planning to attend in advance. **Need to reach out to Bruce Morrison.**
 - **Rob to complete meet report.**
 - Sardinia Score-O, 10/21
 - Phil reported that the event had good attendance, with many ROC members competing as well as orienteers from Central New York and Canada. A Scout group also attended. Katy Carrier helped with control placement.
 - No one competed on the white course.
 - **Phil to submit meet report.**
 - **Phil to coordinate with Linc to store the Club gear over the winter.**
- Upcoming Events
 - Patty is willing to run a ski-O but there continues to be concerns about scheduling, attendance and weather. No plans to hold one in 2018 at this time.
- Old Business
 - Website

- Jennifer and Greg discussed the issue of server migration and update of our hosting plan with GoDaddy. **Follow up needed with Dan Kirchberger.**
 - Discussion on whether the current online membership payment system meets our needs.
 - Greg discussed the possibility of using a platform such as Upwork for future website projects that we are not able to handle within the Club.
 - Dave reported that the Club now has a debit card from our bank.
 - Mapping
 - Dave reported that he has made several trips to Hunter's Creek but is unsure if he will be able to complete the update before the snow flies. The west side of the park is currently complete. Question on when the new map his needed for 2018 Map Hike course design. **Follow up needed with Patty Lyons.**
 - Dave reported that Lidar is scheduled to be available in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties in 2019. Mapping projects in those areas, including Allegany State Park, to be delayed until after that time.
 - Discussion on the need for a map update at Chestnut Ridge due to the tornado damage. **Follow up needed.**
 - Dave discussed the possibility of creating a map for sprint events at a college campus.
 - The group discussed creating a map of Cazenovia Park. **Dave to contact Bruce Morrison to determine if WNY Maritime would be able to split the cost.**
 - Club logo
 - The group agreed that the draft new Club logo shows promise. **Rob to follow up with the designer about including text with the graphic.**
 - Grill repair
 - **Phil reported that the grill is currently in his basement and that he will complete the project over the winter.**
 - New volunteer engagement
 - Jennifer discussed the need to engage new volunteers who express interest in helping via email and membership forms. **Information can be sent to Rob until a formal solution is identified.**
 - Youth programs contact
 - Rob discussed the need for the Club to identify a point person to coordinate with OUSA on youth program initiatives. **Bruce Morrison was suggested as a possibility. Need to follow up.**
- New Business
 - Nominating Committee
 - Greg led a discussion on options for 2018/2019 board members and officers. Linc and Jennifer were selected to fill out the nominating committee. Rob discussed his idea that future board members should consider serving for a term as Club President.
 - **Follow up needed with current board members not present and potential new board members.**
 - Club shirts

- Dave discussed the pros and cons of European-style orienteering jerseys versus American-style running t-shirts. The group agreed that presale would be preferable to maintaining an inventory to be sold at events. **Volunteer needed to head up this project.**
- Knox Farm missing Map Hike control
 - **Jennifer to coordinate with Phil to replace control #7.**
- Club hunting season policy
 - Rob discussed the pros and cons of establishing a Club policy on completing Map Hikes during hunting season. **Rob to write up some safety tips and coordinate with Jennifer to promote via email, website and social media.**
- Maritime fund
 - Dave discussed the current status of the fund to cover meet expenses of WNY Maritime Charter School students. **Dave to write a request for donations to replenish the fund.**
- OUSA National Convention
 - Rob asked board members to watch some of the educational sessions on topics affecting Clubs that will be posted to YouTube after the event. **Rob to send email when they are available.**
- Meetup group continuation
 - Rob and Jennifer discussed the pros and cons of continuing to pay for the online Meetup group. Decision tabled for a future meeting.
- Free National Meet designation for a Club event
 - **Rob to follow up with OUSA on the details of this program for 2018.**
- Camp Southaven permanent course proposal
 - Rob discussed a request from the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America for us to create a permanent orienteering course for Cub Scouts at their property in Freedom, NY. There is a donor willing to pay for the development of a map. **Phil volunteered to look into this further and potentially head up the project.**
- 2018 Schedule
 - The group created a draft meet schedule. **Rob to follow up with Linc, Patty, Henry and Katy and distribute the draft schedule to the group.**
 - Rob discussed the need to better communicate which color courses will be offered at Club meets beforehand. **Jennifer to include information on course color designations, lengths and number of controls on the website.**
 - **Jennifer to create a spreadsheet tracking key meet information and volunteer positions.**
- Next meeting set for January 5th at Rob's apartment.