

## Buffalo Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2018

Present: Rob Reeves, Phil Wolfling, Dave Cady, Jackie Novkov, Doug Kennedy, Dave Reeves, Greg Hyatt

### **-Action items in bold**

- The group enjoyed homemade chili and beef barley soup at Phil's home.
- Rob led a review of the 9/7/2018 board meeting minutes.
  - Dave reported that 20 replacement control flags and 20 Map Hike controls have been ordered and received. **Dave to transfer to Phil for storage.**
  - Phil reported that an additional 12 controls are currently missing from the 2017 Chestnut Ridge Map Hike. **Phil to contact Bruce Morrison from WNY Maritime Charter School to see if they can be obtained from the student who was responsible for taking them down.** Dave reported that the cost is approximately \$4 per control to replace.
  - Dave reported that Queen City Printing determined that waterproof paper is incompatible with their printing equipment. Dave recommended dropping the idea of using waterproof paper instead of plastic map cases for map printing.
  - **Rob to follow up with Patty Lyons regarding reports of multiple sets of controls up at Emery Park.**
  - **Rob to follow up with Jennifer regarding using the new Club logo on the website, E-newsletter and Meetup group.**
  - **Phil to use the new logo on the 2019 Map Hikes.**
  - No vote taken to approve the minutes due to a lack of a quorum. **To be voted on at next meeting.**
- Past Events
  - Knox Farm Meet & Training, 9/15
    - 26 starts. No report on Learn & Practice attendance.
    - Phil reported that the day was very hot and dry.
    - Phil described the "butterfly" loop used for the Yellow course and the "twisted" loop used on the Orange course design. This allowed for a more challenging course at a small park and had the added benefit of multiple visits to the water cache.
  - Intermediate Skills Training, 9/22
    - Dave reported that the event was successful and that 12 people attended.
    - The following skills were covered: pace counting, attack points, thumbing, catching features, aiming off, control extension, containing, bearings, and rough compass headings.
    - Several participants expressed a desire for additional advanced training. Discussion on scheduling this versus holding a similar event in 2019 with a new group. Further discussion on utilizing additional instructors and the course delivery format.
  - Schoellkopf Score-O & Sprint, 10/6
    - Rob reported from Peter's meet report a total attendance of 55 competitors.
    - A Maritime student suffered an injury that was handled on site by their staff.
    - Phil reported that there was an additional injury to a ROC member.

- Doug discussed the high state of Cayuga Creek and offered the opinion that crossings were dangerous. Rob suggested that a day-of decision should have been made to require crossing only at the bridge. Dave discussed several strategies for enforcement, including mandatory punching at the bridge.  
**Additional guidance needed for future meet directors.**
    - Hunter's Creek Score-O, 10/20
      - 42 starts.
      - Rob reported that two controls were misplaced and that several competitors were unhappy. Phil moved one control to the correct location during the event. Discussion on implementing the best practice of multiple visits to the control locations before the event. First visit to be marked with flagging ribbon, second visit for control placement.
      - Rob submitted \$125 receipt for porta-john rental.
      - Phil reported that two control electronics box holders were damaged and fell to the ground. Some competitors were forced to manually punch.
      - **Rob to complete meet report.**
- 2019 Schedule
  - Ellicottville Adventure Hike
    - Jackie reported that she was rejuvenated after taking a year off and is willing to take on a large role in 2019. Discussion on raising the event fee and offering payments to vetting volunteers. **Jackie to follow up with contacts at ROC to gauge interest.**
    - **Rob to contact Linc to see if he would be able to handle meet director duties.**
    - Greg calculated that 18 four-hour volunteer shifts would be needed to visit 33 controls three times each. **Greg to create a chart to track control visits.**
    - Dave suggested going to a 1:10000 two-sided map.
    - The group agreed on a late August event date.
  - Winter Event
    - Dave suggested a winter event where participants could choose between running, skiing and snowshoeing depending on their preference and the weather. Discussion on how many Club members would attend. **Dave to give additional thought to the idea for follow up at the next meeting.**
  - Annual Meeting
    - Mid to late April date desired at Emery Park.
    - Jackie suggested promoting the orienteering activity. **Jackie to provide details on the activity in advance of the event. Rob volunteered to obtain prizes.**
  - Trail Runs
    - Rob reported that the Lyons wish to offer two trail runs again in 2019. Considering a date change for the Chestnut Ridge run to avoid conflict with the Corporate Challenge.
  - Cherry Blossom Challenge
    - First week of May.
  - Classic Events
    - Two in the spring.

- Score-O Events
  - Two in the fall (one less event than 2018).
- Learn & Practice Events
  - Two in the spring (plus Cherry Blossom Challenge) and one in the fall.
- Cazenovia Park
  - Suggestion for November Night-O event.
  - Phil to follow up with WNY Maritime regarding their plans for the map and desire to host a future event.
- Board summer picnic
  - July target date.
- Intermediate/Advanced training
  - Spring target date.
- **Greg offered to create a draft schedule and email to the group well before the next meeting. Rob to send a draft of the ROC schedule.**
- Old Business
  - Mapping
    - Rob reported that \$400 (plus tax) has been paid to Parkside Mapping for our half of the Cazenovia Park map fee.
    - Rob reported that \$500 (plus tax) has been paid to Parkside Mapping for the Hunters Creek map update. Dave reported that this and future map updates will exist electronically, rather than maintaining paper “master” maps.
    - The group discussed potential areas to map within Allegany State Park. **Dave to schedule a visit.**
    - Greg rescinded his recommendation to consider Amherst State Park.
    - Additional research on Boston Hills and Franklin Gulf parks was recommended.
    - Jackie requested use of one of the Club OCAD licenses for work on Sprague Brook and Ellicottville maps. **Dave to contact Rod to see if his copy can be temporarily provided to her.**
  - Website/Meetup/E-News—no report
  - Camp Scouthaven permanent course
    - **Phil to create the map and contact the camp Ranger.**
  - Equipment
    - **Phil to contact Linc regarding transferring the Club gear to his barn.**
    - Phil to keep the control stakes and flags in his garage. **Phil to inventory control flags and discard those that are worn and tattered.**
    - Phil is currently in possession of the cash box and compasses.
    - **Phil and Dave to make additional control stakes.**
    - **Phil to replace an additional 13 control box batteries.**
    - Jackie suggested that we adopt the ROC practice of hanging controls from trees rather than exclusively using stakes.
  - Jerseys
    - The group suggested narrowing the design choices to three. Dave suggested having the Club name on the back and the logo on the front.

