

Buffalo Orienteering Club Board Meeting Minutes

7/14/2025 at Ellicott Creek Park

Present: Rob Reeves, Phil Wolfling, Henry Davis, Lynne DePasquale, Rod Cameron, Adam Cady, Simon Wolfling (via Google Meet), Dave Cady (non-voting)

Actions items in bold

- The group reviewed the following action items from the 5/10/2025 board meeting minutes
 - **No update on the Map Hike Kits cost analysis**
 - **Dave to consider running the MEOS meet results program in parallel with our current OR software at a future meet to determine if we should consider moving to MEOS**
 - Lynne has settled on August 7th for the next learn & practice event at Chestnut Ridge
 - Rod has renewed our two OCAD licenses for three years and Henry has made the payment
 - Phil reported that the remaining 2024 Map Hike controls have been picked up from Chestnut Ridge
 - Jennifer has sent out an email promoting 2025 Map Hike sales
 - Lynne and Jennifer have discussed getting together in July get Lynne trained as a backup website and email administrator
 - **Rob to confirm with Doug on the cost for a new thermal printer**
 - **Phil to purchase two smaller cash boxes**
- Past Events
 - Chestnut Ridge Learn & Practice, 5/13
 - **Lynne to complete a meet report**
 - Approximately 10 people attended, including one walk-up
 - Rob, Jacky & Doug, and Katy served as instructors for three groups
 - Discussion on tracking whether learn & practice attendees end up attending regular meets
 - Rob reminded meet directors to send participant email addresses to Jennifer after each meet so that they may be added to the Mail Chimp list
 - Emery Park Learn & Practice, 5/18
 - Phil reported that only three people attended
 - Lynne noted that it wasn't immediately clear from the event listing on the website that a learn & practice session was to be offered and suggested to include this in the event title next time
 - Emery Park Meet, 5/18
 - 34 attendees
 - Rod provided the meet report via email
 - Allegany Nature Pilgrimage, 5/30-6/1
 - Phil and Lynda Chudy assisted Katy Carrier during the weekend
 - A total of 86 people participated in the four sessions
 - Phil suggested some needed map updates
 - Katy is considering offering an intermediate course for returning participants
 - Chestnut Ridge Meet, 6/7
 - 29 attendees

- Henry provided the meet report via email
 - Henry is looking for a course design challenge next year and is considering using the western part of the park
 - Phil noted that the red course may have been too long
 - Sprague Brook Score-O, 6/28
 - 22 attendees
 - Adam provided the meet report via email and noted that the higher hospitality cost was due to finally running out of food purchased for past meets
 - Adam told the Tale of the Wandering Control. Unlike a previous similar incident, the young culprits had no ill intent and our equipment was returned promptly due to the diligence of an intrepid Erie County Park Ranger
 - The event conflicted with the Ride for Roswell and Adam suggested that we take this into consideration when making the 2026 schedule
- Upcoming Events
 - Knox Farm Meet, 7/19
 - Phil is ready to go and all expect the typical Wednesday and Thursday registration surge
 - Chestnut Ridge Learn & Practice, 8/7
 - **Lynne to get the details to Jennifer and open registration**
 - **Phil to obtain the permit from Erie County Parks**
 - Rademacher Park Score-O, 9/13
 - Simon has sent updated meet details to Jennifer and has opened registration
 - **Henry to order one porta-john**
 - Erie County Forestry Score-O, 10/4
 - **Rod to review the event details on the website and open registration**
 - **Phil to obtain Erie County Parks permit**
 - Knox Farm Night-O, 11/8
 - **Dave to review the event details on the website and open registration**
 - **Dave to obtain State Parks permit**
 - Winter-O, 2/21
 - **Dave to share the Shea's Seneca contact information with Lynne**
 - **Lynne to confirm Shea's Seneca availability for the check-in location**
 - **Phil to obtain City of Buffalo permit**
 - **Lynne to get the details to Jennifer and open registration**
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Mapping
 - Dave has begun visiting Chestnut Ridge Park twice weekly and hopes to finish the new map by the end of the year
 - **Rod to visit Stonehaven Preserve to complete field checking**
 - Finance
 - **Henry will provide a mid-year update at the next board meeting**
 - Map Hikes
 - Phil reported that sales have slowed
 - **Phil to contact Gear For Adventure and Hyatt's to see if they need more kits**

- Website & Communications—no update
- Membership—no update
- Marketing
 - Lynne reported that the family who contacted her from the recent advertisement ended up not attending a meet
 - Adam noted that some Clubs use Instagram to provide a sort of post-meet report
- Equipment
 - Dave is considering asking the Board to authorize the purchase of a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 (approximately \$150) to be used for map field checking
 - Jennifer Grande is currently borrowing one of the Club laptops for use in her OCAD training facilitated by Dave
- Old Business
 - Livelox
 - Dave has started including a Livelox QR code on event maps
 - Currently only a few Club members upload their routes after meets
 - Dave noted that a more robust promotion approach is needed
 - Allegany State Park Map
 - The map is currently out of print
 - Rob detailed his conversations with the Allegany Hospitality Manager and the Rochester Orienteering Club regarding updating and reprinting options
 - Gary Maslanka is discussing with the ROC Board about taking over the project from BFLO
 - New Laptop & Thermal Printer
 - **Dave, Phil and Doug to reach a consensus on if and when to make a purchase**
 - Emery Park Permanent Course—no update
- New Business
 - Teslin waterproof map paper
 - Dave discussed the pros and cons of Teslin paper versus the waterproof “paper” that we currently use
 - The major downside is that it is not readily available from our printer
 - Funding Proposals
 - Henry discussed a challenge contest with cash prizes or gift cards to encourage increased attendance at Club meets
 - Rob discussed the [Eventzee](#) app that Outside Chronicles uses for their hiking challenges and suggested that it could possibly be utilized with Henry’s idea
 - **Henry to study further and make a formal proposal at the next board meeting**
 - **Rob encouraged all to consider making additional funding proposals**
- September Board Meeting Date & Location
 - Dave tentatively offered to host on 9/25