

## Georgia Orienteering Club, Inc. 2009 Annual General Meeting

Location: Fort Yargo State Park

Date: May 31, 2009

President Mischelle Curtain opened the meeting at 1:17pm pm. 23 votes present just before the meeting started, quorum of 11 achieved.

1. Approval of 2008 Minutes – moved and seconded, unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Shannonhouse presented a Treasurer’s report for 2008 and YTD 2009. Report attached.
3. Reports: GNC 2010 – Martha Carr, GNC 2010 meet director, gave a report on GNC 2010 progress. It will be held at Hard Labor Creek on MLK weekend January 2010. Bill Cheatum is doing the map and courses. Mischelle Curtin will be the registrar. Meet HQ Facilities are winterized at that time of year but acceptable with porta potties. SEIS was discussed and it was generally decided to have a Southeastern Interscholastics competition as part of GNC 2010.
4. USOF AGM Delegates. GAOC is allowed 2 delegates & 2 alternates. So far, only Amy Williams appears to be able to attend. Mischelle appointed Amy Williams as GAOC delegate for the USOF AGM, June 27 in Idaho.
5. Past President voting - Martha requested a discussion on the past president being a voting member of the GAOC officers. Discussion ensued, but Martha decided not to make a motion.
6. Increase travel grants for juniors. Right now we limit travel grants to juniors going to out of state A-meets to \$50 per junior for those travelling with a parent and \$200 to school teams of 3 or more travelling with a coach. Motion made and discussed to change grant program to be as attached document. Passed unanimously.
7. Increase entry fees. USOF is increasing the club dues part of the affiliated club charter renewal fee. Club dues is based on starts at the local events, and for 2009 renewal was 25 cents per start. USOF will move that amount to 60 cents per start (2009 starts) due in January 2010 and to \$1 per start for 2010 events due in January of 2011. Steve Shannonhouse made a motion to raise member and non-member entry fees \$1 each to \$7 and \$9 respectively, seconded. Bryan Goble made a motion to leave the member entry fee at \$6 and raise the non-member entry fee to \$12, seconded and discussed, vote 3/13/0, amendment doesn’t pass. Liz Curcuru made a motion to increase the entry fees to \$6 and \$10 respectively. Steve accepted this as a friendly amendment. Discussion, vote on amended motion 17/1/0, motion passes. Liz moves it become effective January 1, 2010, seconded, vote 14/0/1, motion passes. Final decision, the GAOC entry fees will be \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members starting 1/1/2010. **Action** item to Chris Randall to change the website at the appropriate time.

8. Mapping projects and funding. Kevin Haywood, VP Maps, reported that Sam Smith is making a new map of Chattahoochee Bend and Sam reported he has some materials for folks to look at. He believes it's a good area for an A-meet. The cost will be under \$3000. Steve made a motion to transfer \$3000 from the General Fund to the Map Fund to cover upcoming mapping projects. Seconded. Liz requested mapping consideration for Little Ocmulgee and George C. Smith State Parks to benefit schools in those general areas. Vote on Steve's motion 15/0/1, motion passes. **Action:** Mischelle will send Steve an email to authorize the transfer.
9. Volunteers – Mischelle asked for ideas to encourage volunteers. Chris Von Ins suggested that meet directors be given a free year's membership. John Williams suggested that the volunteer box on entry forms be followed up on. Chris Randall suggested meet directors get free entry fee for a year. Felicia Haywood suggested all members need to encourage non-members attending meets to join the club. Liz Curcuru suggested incentives for school kids to volunteer. Several members liked the idea of some volunteer work being required for junior travel grants. Martha expressed the idea that we almost never get in new meet directors, that something must be done to bring in new meet directors. Jeffrey Lybarger suggested a link on the website calendar for those who wanted to volunteer. Felicia suggested non-members who come to meets be contacted to become volunteers. Motion: Chris Randall made a motion that meet directors get free local meet entry fees for one year starting the following January 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded, vote 15/1/2. Motion passes. **Action:** Robin will add this capability to the database so the meet registrars have it on their member lists.
10. Per Bringle made a motion to have a adult (age 21+) travel grant of \$100 to attend U.S. A-meets in other states, limited to 2 per calendar year to be part of the cap of \$500 per year for individual members in the club, effective immediately, seconded. Sam moved to limit this to those with Gold, Silver, or Bronze USOF rankings. Per accepted this as a friendly amendment. Bryan moved an additional requirement that the person has to have volunteered at a minimum of one local meet or GNC. Per accepted as a friendly amendment, vote 13/0/3, motion passed. **Action:** Robin & Per will generate the wording for Chris to add to the website.
11. Elections: Secretary & Treasurer. Incumbents Robin & Steve Shannonhouse respectively. Mischelle called for nominations. Steve Shannonhouse was nominated and elected as Treasurer, 16/0/1. Robin Shannonhouse was nominated and elected as Secretary, 16/0/1.
12. Bryan Goble asked if there was any change in our permit fees for events. Steve reported that he had no way of knowing the future, but we've got good relations with DNR and CRNRA, and currently pay 10% of entry fees at their parks to the Georgia DNR and a use fee to CRNRA. Steve reported on the CRNRA stakeholders meetings and they're having money problems and costs to hold events may go up or not. Meet directors of CRNRA events should be getting how-to's from Steve to meet CRNRA requirements.
13. Bryan Goble suggested some advertising for club events. Amy moved we establish Director of Marketing & Promotions and nominated Felicia Haywood, seconded, Felicia agreed, vote 13/0/0, motion passed. Bryan moved we established a \$500 annual budget for marketing & promotions,

seconded, vote 11/0/3, motion passed. Mischelle appointed Felicia as Director of Marketing & Promotions and reappointed all VPs to their current positions for another year, pending her contacting them and it being mutually agreeable. **Action:** Mischelle will contact all VP and get Chris Randall a confirmed list of VPs for the website.

14. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Robin Shannonhouse  
 GAOC Secretary  
 May 31, 2009

**Attachments to the GAOC AGM Minutes June 8, 2009**

**GAOC Treasurer's Report**

**Georgia Orienteering Club Inc.**

**12/31/07- 5/27/2009**

**Fund Balances Report**

**Epunch Fund**

Begining Balance, Epunch Fund	1,291.80
EP Rentals	2,586.00
Ecard redistribution	430.00
Epunch Equipment-Other	-6,651.23
Transfers, ->EPF	4,000.00
Epunch Equipment:Redistribution	200.00
<b>TOTAL Epunch Fund</b>	<b>1,856.57</b>

**General Fund**

Beg. Balance, General Fund	11,349.05
Membership Dues	1,994.00
Meet Expense:Fees	-1,812.30
Meet Expense:Meet supplies	-3,736.21
Usof Membership Dues	0.00
Interest Income	21.26
Maps-Other	-4,151.91
Meet Expense:Rentals	-1,843.35
Office Expenses:Bank Charges	-89.00
Meet Expense:Maps:Redistribution - Maps	1,744.00
Entry Fees - Local	15,960.50
Meet Expense:Refreshments	-664.11
USOF Fundraiser	0.00
T-shirt income	48.00
Meet Expense:Change	0.00
Office Expenses:supplies	-101.45
Grants, Travel	-1,350.00

Service Awards	-159.00
Transfers, GF->	-4,000.00
Training Camp	262.95
Meet Expense:Copies	-36.84
Meet Expense:Awards	-147.08
Equipment-Other	-1,043.55
Perm Course Expenses	-154.83
Association Fees:USOF RECHARTER	-1,323.00
GNC 2008 Loss	-861.59
Meet Expense:Volunteer expenses	-395.98
Brochures	-525.00
Office Expenses:Postage	-232.64
Association Fees:GA Corp Charter	-60.00
Website	-110.40
Contributions	10.00
AGM	-66.97
Meet Expense:Redistribution of Supplies	2.50
Meet Expense:Map bags:Map bags;Redistribution	-10.00
Equipment:Computer	-21.19
Casual Labor	-100.00
Equipment:Redistribution	5.50
Perm Course Income	158.00
<b>TOTAL General Fund</b>	<b>8,559.36</b>

**GNC08 Fund**

Beg. Balance, GNC08 Fund	-219.39
Gnc08Expense:Awards	-1,187.70
Gnc08Income:Entry	5,785.00
Gnc08Income:Ecard	761.00
Gnc08Income:Map	52.00
Gnc08Income:Shirt	1,918.00
Gnc08Income:Lunch	860.00
Gnc08Income:Overpay	-22.00
Gnc08Income:Ex-O	405.00
Gnc08Income:Owes	0.00
Gnc08Income:Parking	0.00
Gnc08Expense:Printing & publications	-280.00
Gnc08Expense:Rentals	-1,780.38
Gnc08Expense:Fees	-2,137.70
Gnc08Expense:Maps	-2,600.00
Gnc08Income:Late	30.00
Gnc08Expense:Shirts	-288.90
Gnc08Expense:Volunteer expenses	-194.36
Gnc08Expense:Lunch	-1,280.00
Gnc08Expense:Publicity	-40.00
Transfer GNC To Gen Fund	861.59
Gnc08Expense:Supplies	-352.16
Gnc08Expense:Service	-290.00
<b>TOTAL GNC08 Fund</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**GNC09 Fund**

Gnc09Expense:Awards	-834.25
Gnc09Expense:Rentals	-3,106.94
Gnc09Expense:Maps	-383.17
Gnc09Income:Entry	8,469.00
Gnc09Income:Shirt	1,942.00
Gnc09Income:Map	112.00
Gnc09Income:Parking	0.00
Gnc09Income:EPrental	0.00
Gnc09Income:Meals	1,500.00
Gnc09Income:Overpay	0.00
Gnc09Income:Extreme-O	750.00
Gnc09Income:Owes	0.00
Gnc09Expense:Supplies	-961.58
Gnc09Expense:Shirt	-1,855.42
Gnc09Expense:Refreshments	-195.79
Gnc09Income:Late Fee	280.00
Gnc09Expense:Meals	-1,585.00
Gnc09Expense:Fees	-1,694.50
Gnc09Expense:Volunteer Stipend	-300.00
Gnc09Expense:Advertising	-26.75
<b>TOTAL GNC09 Fund</b>	<b>2,109.60</b>

**Map Fund**

Beg. Balance, Map Fund	5,160.00
Mapper Payment	-2,750.00
<b>TOTAL Map Fund</b>	<b>2,410.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>14,935.53</b>

## GAOC Junior Travel Grants Program

The Georgia Orienteering Club has set aside \$2500 (\$2000 per group and \$500 for per parent-accompanied junior) annually in its budget for travel grants for Students who regularly attend our local meets and are members of GAOC and USOF, to give them some financial assistance in attending USOF-sanctioned A-meets held by other USOF clubs outside the state of Georgia. The purpose of this program is to aid our GAOC Juniors and college students in achieving national USOF Rankings.

The grants will be awarded on a first-come basis, in which completed applications for fully eligible students are submitted to the GAOC official address. All decisions regarding timing, eligibility or other matter related to these grants will be made by the majority vote of the elected GAOC officers. Any grants not used for the event stated in the application must be returned to GAOC.

**School Team Grants:**

1. The coach/instructor accompanying and in charge of a group of at least 3 students may apply to GAOC for a \$ 400 team travel grant.
2. Each participating student must all meet the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend the same middle or high school
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state

- e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
3. The grant must be used to offset expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
4. There is a limit of one team travel grants to a school in a calendar year.

#### **Individual Travel Grants – Middle School and High School:**

1. An accompanying parent or guardian may apply for to GAOC for a \$100 individual travel grant for his/her child meeting the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend Middle or High School
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset the student's expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
3. There is a limit of 2 grants per individual travel junior in a calendar year.

#### **Individual Travel Grants – College Students**

1. College students 23 years old or younger, may apply for to GAOC for a \$100 individual travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend College or University full time
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset the student's expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
3. There is a limit of 2 grants per student in a calendar year.

#### **International Travel Grants:**

1. The Student (coach or parent if a minor) who has been named by USOF to one of the USOF Junior or Senior Teams for International competition (JWOC, Student WOC, WOC, World Cup) may apply to GAOC for up to a \$500 international travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. Meet the requirements for an Individual Travel Grant
  - b. Provide written letter from USOF Team official naming him/her to the International competition team.
2. The grant must be used to offset expenses of participating in an International Orienteering competition named in the official letter provided.
3. There is a limit of one International travel grant to a Student in a calendar year.