

Georgia Orienteering Club 2023 Annual General Meeting

McIntosh Reserve, May 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Fred Zendt at noon.

Members present: Fred Zendt, Vinton Wolfe, Bill Cheatum, Jim Minta, Dennis Cryor, Kevin Haywood, Jeffrey Lybarger, Anna Bringle, Geoff Work, Steph Tapscott, Siargey Pisarchyk, Robin Shannonhouse, Steve Shannonhouse, Martha Carr, Bill Farrell, Les Holingsworth, Sam Smith, Patty Royal, Austin Fowler, Jim Minta, Ron Hojnowski, John Chambers, Rick Shane, Andi Berger, Tripp Isbell, Axel Spens

Minutes from the 2023 AGM were approved.

1. Reports

- a. Secretary - Andi Berger reported that the club has 391 Full members (108 Individual, 61 Family, 28 Couple, 14 Youth Groups with 195 members)
- b. Treasurer – Rick Shane presented written reports; negative for the year due to lower proceeds from NRE and travel grants
- c. Meet Summary – Vinton Wolfe presented written report; noted that White course numbers have dropped due to fewer offerings of the White course

2. Elections

- a. Secretary 2023-2025 Andi Berger
- b. Treasurer 2023-2025 Rick Shane

3. Items for Discussion

a. National Meets

- i. Fred Zendt proposed 2024 GNC MLK weekend (Jan 12-15) at Red Top Mountain State Park; Classic distance Sat & Sun; Sat out of visitor center parking lot, renting space in visitor center for hq; Sun group shelter for hq and finish; road crossings are under consideration; Robin suggested paying cops to handle road crossings; Friday ideas – sprint at Kennesaw State Univ, Berry College in Rome, park near Etowah mounds, Allatoona Creek Park; Martha suggested keeping courses each day on one side of the road; Ron prefers Middle over Sprint; Ron pointed out that there may not be enough parking at the visitor center; VOC doing Extreme-O on Monday
- ii. GNC2025 – Gord Hunter from Florida has asked of our interest in co-marketing an O week in 2025. Our usual GNC on MLK weekend followed by a NRE in FLA the following weekend. Very tentative at this time. He is exploring whether the FLA clubs are interested and also whether a Swedish O-tour company would be interested in sponsoring a tour to the events; NavCup would be NRE event as usual, Florida event would be a NRE and would apply for National Championship; this might cause a decrease in the NavCup attendance; other Florida club is not interested in doing an NRE; Ron suggested alternating SEIS years with Florida clubs

b. Local Meets

- i. Discussed water on courses: Steve Shannonhouse pointed out that NRE events require water; Fred stated that local events have no such requirement
- ii. Discussed beginner instruction: must pre-register for course + instruction
- iii. Long discussion about walk ups at local meets: motion was passed to leave it at meet director discretion – free, but waiver must be signed
- iv. Discussion of re-applying for using Chat River parks – admin had made it too difficult to use the parks; will look into it when making next season schedule

- v. Fred has started work on next season's schedule and will be contacting meet directors soon
- c. Equipment and Resources
 - i. Mapping: Currently used maps need updating; Andi will work on Red Top Map; planning to add property, and build bridge to connect McIntosh to Chat Bend
 - ii. Permanent Courses: Looking for Perm Course volunteer – White/Yellow level; Les will handle equipment if someone will design the courses; Ron will do Red Top; Andi suggested asking about semi-permanent courses at CRNRA parks instead of local meets; Dauset Trails wants perm course; Les suggested 3 levels of courses instead of progressive; Ron suggested waiting until after NavCup; park manager wants to see control locations to approve them; Some controls are missing at Sweetwater; Robin said we have had vandalism problems at Sweetwater for 20 years; might need to buy more posts if we make a lot of changes to the permanent courses; Robin said park rangers could get posts a lot cheaper than we can
- d. Travel Grants
 - i. Present Policy: \$8000 max per year, first come basis: School Team Grants \$1000, limit two per school; Individual / High School \$595, limit two per person; Individual College Students \$595, limit two per person; Individual Adult \$400, limit one per person; International OUSA Squad Member \$2000, limit one per person
- e. Online Store
 - i. Have about 32 NavCup mugs; GOAT will buy some for awards; have old t-shirts
- f. Other business
 - i. Scouting support – Dennis Cryor. Bert Adams Scout Reserve map use: Dennis will host on event Sat, Sep 9, instruction plus scoreO, mostly with Atlanta Area Council staff; AAC is planning to use Bert Adams map for the Sep 9 event; executives agreed to allow us to continue to use Bert Adams if we agree to continue to let them use our map; slightly different rules between AAC events as GAOC events; have good relationship with the 3 AAC executives present; they want to use our map for scouting events, we agreed; they will continue to let us have events there; we need to be sure to get on their schedule early; can have typical Feb event; mapping will be a challenge because they are working on construction; early Sep could possibly be a good time for a meet there; Oct & Nov would not be good; Dec might be; Dennis and Jeffrey can get schedule answers quickly
 - ii. GOAT - June 4-9 at Hard Labor Creek; Robin and Steve started as GAOC supported event and should be continued that way. Club members are welcome, but need to let us know ahead of time; may need background checks
 - iii. Training - Most likely at Don Carter before Lily goes to Europe; Sam has a training course set up at Chat Bend

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.