

Quantico Orienteering Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

I. Call to Order

President Fish called the meeting to order at 7:03.

II. Roll Call

President **Don Fish**

Vice President **Charles Carrick**

Vice President **Craig Shelden** (Left at 7:16 after MD report)

Secretary **Laura Linville**

Membership **Greg Lennon**

Mapping **Ted Good**

Director at Large **Aaron Linville**

Immediate Past President **Jody Landers** (Joined at 7:30)

Vice President **Bill Wright** (Joined at 7:50)

Not in attendance: Treasurer **Karla Hulett**; Publicity **Dasa Merkova**; Vice President **Michael Newman**; Director at Large **Michael Dickey**

III. Officers & Directors Reports

a. Secretary report- Laura Linville

The meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting from the last full meeting. There were no comments or changes requested.

Charles made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Craig. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

b. Treasurer report- Karla Hulett

Karla shared the treasurer's report prior to the meeting, but Karla was not able to attend. The budget, both revenue and expenses, is tracking.

c. MD VP report- Craig Shelden

Craig shared his report with the registrations and starts. He likes having Rosaryville as the last event of the year. The National Mall virtual event was not highly attended. David and Reiko Rager did a great job as first-time event directors at Greenbelt.

He discussed potential mapping areas for future events.

Craig restocked the MD First Aid kit.

ACTION ITEMS: AED Defibrillators need to be checked. Greg will check them at an upcoming event.

d. VA VP report- Charles Carrick

Charles discussed upcoming events, meet directors, and course setters. There were some weather issues that led to attrition and low participation at a few events.

It is unlikely that there will be a course setter course this spring. Francis will be able to design courses for Happyland, but the maps are out of date.

There was a discussion of Night-O and Day-O at Happyland. QOC has rented the cabins as part of our permit.

There was a discussion of the successful use of buses at Balls Bluff, and how it could be used for Fountainhead West in April.

Charles and Craig have been working on a draft schedule for 2022-23. They will have a firm draft to share with the BOD at the next meeting.

Greg has been in communication with a new point of contact at Manassas. There are two main issues raised by MBNP:

- i. Environmental issue: there are wetlands and they do not want them to be disturbed particularly in a rainy season
- ii. The number of people: The park is unusually fixated on the number of people. They are pushing for maximum number around 50.

There are a variety of other issues ongoing at Manassas regarding turnover in park superintendents and land use. Greg has expressed QOCs requests.

The board discussed a few options depending on what the park comes back with.

- Would QOC be willing to hold events over 2 days? There is a large volunteer load for a two day regular meet, particularly for the epunch team. It would not be wise to set a precedent for regular meets to span 2 days. The club could consider using pin punch on one day and epunch on the other; or, epunch one day and virtual event the other day.

e. Membership, Website, Registration, & Communication- Greg Lennon

Membership is slightly up.

There are some ongoing issues with registration.

f. Mapping- Ted Good

Ted is working on College Park and Greenbelt. Jon Torrance is working on the PWF map.

g. President- Don Fish

- Don completed the re-certification with OUSA and shared it with the BOD. The club set a record for number of starts last year (good weather, good system in place). Don thanked everyone for their work.
- Backwoods Orienteering (BOK) has gotten permission for a 4 day ARDF event at PWFP in April. The Happyland event is within the BOK embargoed area.

IV. Other Business

- A. **Lycee Rochambeau-** The BOD previously approved mapping the area around the school. Greg created the base map and Alex Merka completed the map. They are pleased and are beginning orienteering instruction with 6th graders next month.

The Lycee hopes to introduce orienteering to their high school students starting this Fall, and have asked for permission to use QOC's Cabin John map.

Greg suggested QOC goes to Aider Martinez to make sure that having a school hold orienteering events at the park would not be a problem. Then, QOC could make the introduction between The Lycee and Cabin John (Aider Martinez). Then QOC could provide the map (with Nadim's permission) for one event at Cabin John. QOC could provide a subset of the map that would be best for pedagogical purposes. The intent is to give the school the electronic version of the map for course designing. Greg also suggested having the school help publicize events (like Cabin John or Lake Needwood).

Francis provided an example of parks not being comfortable with schools using the park.

Don made a motion to work with the Lycee Rochambeau to convey temporary (2022-23 academic year), ongoing use of part of the Cabin John map for the use of their instruction. Jody seconded this motion. No one opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Spring 2023 2-day Classic National Meet

- i. Permits: Charles has worked with the park to get the permit
- ii. Timing: Valerie and Amy are willing to do the timing
- iii. Course setters: Ted one day; Francis one day
- iv. Race director: Michael Dickey is reaching out to several commercial event directors. Don has received a proposal. He is exploring having external management. If this is the direction we want to go in, Don will bring it to the board with prices.
- v. Registrar: Greg does not think it will be a problem to have QOC be the registrar. We could have QOC handle the White/Yellow/Orange and EventReg for the competitive courses.

vi. Name: Need to come up with something to market this

C. Junior Training

Boris is not likely to come back to the DMV area, so we should start identifying a person (or persons) who can lead a juniors program.

Need to do marketing and communication and begin to distribute this information so that we can try to start a junior program in the fall.

ACTION ITEM: Don to reach out to Boris to see if he has his old training material and can help outline what is needed for the program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, April 20.

Others in attendance: Sidney Sachs, Jon Torrance, Francis Hogle, Amy Loudon

Minutes submitted: Laura Linville