

**Quantico Orienteering Club
Board of Director's Meeting
Home of Tom Nolan and Florence Tan
November 9, 2016**

QOC President Jody Landers called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

In attendance: Jody Landers, John Baker, Tom Nolan, Greg Lennon, Kathleen Lennon, Vic Culp, Frances Hogle, Sid Sachs, Jon Torrance, Don Fish and Florence Tan

Don Fish and Charles Carrick were nominated and elected to at-large positions on the Board of Directors.

Director's Reports: John Baker, VP for Virginia
Fountainhead Extra Long event was successful.

Hemlock Overlook Scare O and Night O events took place. Thanks to Kathleen Lennon for organizing the Scare O. Boris Granovski held a youth training class at the Hemlock event.

Prince William Forest-Susquehanna Stumble event courses were approved by the park authorities. Shuttle buses are being provided to get participants to the start area on time. John reported that SVO had questioned why we didn't charge a higher fee to cover the cost of the towels that are given as prizes to finishers. It was generally agreed that it was a simple oversight brought about by SVO not fully participating in the planning of the event. Frances suggested that SVO needs the money to help pay for loans they took out to cover mapping costs. Greg Lennon suggested that we offer to cover the cost of the towels. Jon Torrance felt that SVO would be satisfied with that outcome. Francis Hogle thought that we should pay SVO the same fee as last time we held the event but the consensus was that it would be difficult due to the high cost of providing the shuttle buses, which was in the neighborhood of \$1750.00. It was agreed that there was a lack of coordination between QOC and SVO in the planning for the event. John also reported that there was a potential shortage of volunteers to help run the event due to the mass start.

Balls Bluff and Prince William Forest will both be sites for upcoming events. The Happyland event in March will be an overnight for participants of the training being planned for that weekend, with a Night O event being added for club members and others. Florence Tan stressed the need for establishing a registration deadline for the training event far enough in advance so that menus can be planned and sufficient supplies and groceries can be purchased. Apparently in the past multiple trips to the store had to be made to accommodate late registrants.

As an aside to the discussion about training, Greg Lennon asked Francis Hogle to plan for a future course setting clinic. Francis emphasized that his available free time is totally dedicated to mapping at present and that a course setting clinic would probably have to wait until after the A meet next November.

Tom Nolan, VP for Maryland

The Ultra-long event at PAX River only drew 10-15 participants raising the question if it is worth the effort in the future. Dan Do is to be commended for coming from her new home in Vermont to serve as Meet Director.

Great Falls event was a success. QOC paid \$300 to have a park service employee monitor the event. Greg Lennon reported that he attended a meeting about C&O Canal and Great Falls park use in Hagerstown on November 9. He was concerned that QOC have a representative at the meeting since our future use of the park is under consideration and study.

Upcoming events are relatively well set, although a Meet Director is still needed for the Swanson Road event on December 18th.

The organizers of the ROTC event scheduled at Hilton on December 3rd will pay QOC a fee of \$3.00 per map.

There will be a fee for the use of the Hawk's Reach Nature Center at Little Bennett Regional Park for the QOC events scheduled there on January 7 & 8.

Vic Culp, Treasurer's Report

The club is solvent.

\$40 in membership fees was collected at the Fountainhead event but there is no record as to whom the fees were intended to cover. The general consensus of those in attendance was that we should discourage the practice of renewing memberships at QOC events except through the QOC app.

There was discussion of the common and somewhat problematic practice of people pre-registering for events in order to hold a spot for themselves, but not paying in advance. It can be difficult to collect the money after the fact.

It was reported that we are projecting a \$13,00 shortfall.

There is approximately \$20,000 in approved expenditures not yet acted upon.

The budget report was submitted and approved. The budget for 2017 will be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval at the January BOD meeting.

Greg Lennon wants to solicit ideas on how club money might be used for new programs. He said he would send an email to, "the usual suspects" seeking ideas.

Membership and Publicity said that they had nothing significant to report.

There had been no noteworthy developments in the area of Mapping either, though Francis Hogle did report that the club is in fine shape in its mapping preparations for the upcoming November 2017 A meet.

President's Report – Jody Landers

Jody reported that OUSA Executive Director, Glen Schorr secured a \$2500 sponsorship for the QOC Q³ National Meet scheduled for next November. The sponsorship dollars will be split 50/50 between OUSA and QOC for the upcoming A meet.

Greg Lennon expressed concern that he knows nothing about publicity for the A meet. The consensus was that it will be difficult to publicize the event until QOC gets full sign off for the event from the brass at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Board members expressed some concern that the Q3 leadership team had not met yet. It was agreed that Jody and Heidi would contact Meet Director Bill Wright to offer assistance in getting the planning effort started. .

Second Half of the Meeting

There was further discussion of how much to charge outside organizations for the use of our maps. As reported earlier, the Patapsco ROTC event will pay \$3.00 per map. There was general agreement that working with the ROTC groups to keep the costs reasonable is a good investment in that those participants are likely to become the future leaders of Orienteering in the United States.

Broadneck High School Map-It was agreed that our base map would be donated to the high school and to USNA.

Changing name of the Junior group membership category. There was a discussion about changing the name of the Junior group category to something along the lines of Youth/Student and changing the age of eligibility to 21 in order to clear up confusion about who could be involved. A motion was introduced, seconded and approved. Jody Landers and Tom Nolan will work on the language and report back to the Board.

Peggy Dickison has been in contact with the local representative of the International Cartographic Association about QOC assisting with the sponsorship of an event the group will be staging in the Washington DC area in the summer of 2017, in connection with the ICA's biannual conference.

The budget will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be held on January 17th at the Home of Sidney Sachs in Northern Virginia.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25PM