

Georgia Orienteer Club 2021 Annual General Meeting

ZOOM Meeting, June 13, 2021 11:00am

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order and presided by Charlie Bleau at 11:05am.

Members present: Charlie Bleau, Vinton Wolfe, Andi Berger, Rick Shane, Fred Zendt, Robin Shannonhouse, Kevin Haywood, Martha Carr, Bill Farrell, Sam Smith, Laurie Searle, Bob Frost, Lisa Frost, Jeff Lybarger, Les Hollingsworth, Bill Cheatum, Chun Bleau, Ed Carroll, Fred Dolder; Christina Barber

1. Minutes from the 2020 AGM were approved.
 - a. President - Charlie Bleau presented written report, attached
 - b. Treasurer - Robin Shannonhouse presented written reports, attached; report was discussed – we are basically breaking even each year; sold 127 ecards at cost
 - c. Secretary - Andi Berger reported that the club has 326 Full members (70 Individual, 86 Family, 26 Couple, 11 Youth Groups with 144 members) and 385 Associate members (annual waivers only); question was asked about multi-year or lifetime memberships; discussed lifetime memberships; Andi will change software to send out renewal reminder emails; we will investigate lifetime memberships
2. Elections
 - a. Treasurer – Robin Shannonhouse was elected; Robin wants to look for someone to take over the position; will not take cash at meets for at least the next year, and will actively seek someone to take over treasurer position; treasurer needs to understand IRS rules for educational non-profits; form 990 has to be filed each year; accrual bookkeeping; good hire professional to file tax forms
 - b. Secretary – Andi Berger was elected
3. Items for Discussion
 - a. National Meets
 - i. GNC MLK Weekend at FDR State Park on new LIDAR generated map
 - ii. Sprint event at University of West Georgia in Carrolton was discussed; will need more volunteers for event on campus; status of UWG map was discussed
 - iii. Potential of attracting world class competitors who are practicing for World Games
 - iv. Charlie Bleau has volunteered to be meet director
 - v. Discussed hosting US Masters; would have to raise our fees to cover higher sanctioning fees; registrar and results would require extra work
 - vi. Will move forward with assembling a team for the event
 - b. Local Meets
 - i. discussed cashless options and what to do about people who show up at the event without preregistering
 - c. Budget
 - i. Mapping budget - \$5000-\$10000 as needed

- ii. Timing equipment needs under \$1000 can be ordered without board approval
 - iii. Bill Cheatum proposed to buy porta-potties on a trailer to simplify access to more wild lands; Georgia Health Dept requires porta-potties be serviced by certified provider; decided to hire local contractors for each event
- d. Adult Training Camp
 - i. Sam Smith proposed to hire an outside coach/instructor for an adult training camp ahead of the US Masters Championship coming up in October 2021 (camp in September or early October); if we can't find an outside coach/instructor, our experienced members could each pick a day to host instruction; no fee for GAOC members; different park each day; each park manager needs to be informed of our intentions, perhaps with a permit application with no expected revenue; several days including the weekend; some people would take vacation for it; will handle the coaching ourselves and reuse GOAT courses. Motion was made and passed to have a training camp in before the US Masters Championship, assign a coordinator who will propose a plan to the officers; Sam will take charge and Fred will help
- e. Equipment and Resources
 - i. Clubhouse – we will have a club day to clear out old and unused items
 - ii. Flags – will remove manual punches from local meet flags
 - iii. Meet Kits – slim them down now that we are requiring pre-registration
- f. Online Store
 - i. Has been quite successful
 - ii. Sales tax needs to be investigated
 - iii. Proposal was made to give annual Meet Director coupon to Store Manager each year; proposal passed
- g. World Games 2022
 - i. Need more volunteers
 - ii. Charlie will forward the request for volunteers as a reminder
 - iii. Heat safety was mentioned
 - iv. Charlie outlined request for spectator races during the World Games; lots of discussion on whether we want to manage the spectator races
- h. Other business
 - i. Keep required pre-registration
 - ii. Keep assigned start times, 2-3 at same time on different courses could work, but meet directors would need to make a different first control for each course; 2 minute start interval
 - iii. Start window – up to meet director 3-4 hours
 - iv. 2nd courses – will not allow this year
 - v. No results monitor; keep WiFi results
 - vi. Masks required
 - vii. Fingerstick Rental – no rentals, but meet directors can loan them; revisit decision after GNC
 - viii. Beginner instruction – update online instruction? Add to website and confirmation email; Charlie will find online resources for beginner instruction

Meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm.