



Orienteeering USA
Board Meeting
 Letchworth State Park, NY
 Sept. 16, 2017 6:15pm - 7:30pm

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Attendance

Board members

Attending in person: Kris Beecroft, Peter Goodwin, Barbara Bryant, Lee Todd, Ian Smith, Alex Jospe, Bob Forgrave.

Attending by phone or online: William Jameson, Clare Durand

Absent: Pat Meehan, Nathan Ohrwaschel

A quorum was present, and we proceeded with the meeting.

Other OUSA members

Online: Gord Hunter

In person: Matthew, Sandy Fillebrown,

Agenda

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum
2. Approval of the minutes from the [July 19th](#) Board meeting
3. VOTE: BOD leadership positions until next AGM
 - a. President - current Kris Beecroft; willing to stand again
 - b. VP Finance - current Pat Meehan; willing to stand again
 - c. VP Clubs - current Bob Forgrave; willing to stand again
 - d. VP Competition - current Alex Jospe; willing to stand again

- e. Secretary - current Barb Bryant; would like the VP Youth Development position, if approved
4. **VOTE: Creation of VP Youth Development position.** Here is the rationale: Youth orienteering is a stated goal and focus for the Orienteering USA Board. From the bylaws: the Executive Committee is the principal administrative body of the Federation with primary responsibility for implementation of the policies and goals set by the Board." Having a VP position will elevate this goal to the level of Executive Committee and give it more visibility and priority.
5. Currently, youth-related activities are dispersed in a number of areas. Clubs have an interest in developing youth programs, but the Board has been focusing on the 50th Anniversary projects for clubs, which do not include youth-specific actions. The VP of Clubs does not have a current focus, to my knowledge, on youth programs. There are other responsibilities that the VP of Clubs has; putting Youth Development under this VP would obscure and hide the efforts alongside the various other activities that are competing for attention.
6. A number of clubs are interested in broader conversations about how to grow their youth programs; these could be organized efficiently by a VP position.
7. There is growing interest in providing resources for starting school teams and programs, and for providing continuing education for teachers and coaches in orienteering. This project does not have a champion in the EC.
8. Coordination with JTESC's national program for the top juniors would be helpful. JTESC has often stated a goal of communicating with each club to find out who their top junior prospects are; a VP Youth Development position would make it easier to connect the elite junior program to development programs in clubs.
9. **VOTE: Person to assume the VP Youth Development role (if approved from item 4);** Barb Bryant would like this position. Here is some of her experience: I coordinated clubs efforts for World Orienteering Day this year. However, I did not have an institutional role or committee that supported my efforts. A WOD Committee would fit naturally under a VP of Youth Development, and thus would have someone reporting to the EC regularly on progress.
10. The scout and JROTC committees did not have strong reporting relationship. As Secretary, I checked in with them from time to time, but did not have the institutional relationship to provide direct management.
11. **VOTE:** [National Events proposal](#) put forth by Alex Jospe.
12. Discussion of Navigation Games application as an associate member - Barb Bryant, presenter
 - a. There are some [proposed changes](#) to the current financial arrangements normally associated with associate member
 - b. Uncertain as to whether this requires a vote.
13. Update on 50th Anniversary Fund Mapping Program - Peter Goodwin, presenter
14. Update on 50th Anniversary Marketing Program - Bob Forgrave presenter
15. Discussion of proposed quarterly calls with club presidents - Kris Beecroft, presenter
 - a. Format
 - b. Communications - before and after
 - c. List of club presidents

16. Discussion of establishing a policy on how to collect sensitive information (e.g., SSNs) by clubs via EventReg or other methods.
 - a. There was a recent issue with QOC and how they were collecting/storing info
 - b. [Here](#) is our current privacy policy.
 - c. Assign to someone to investigate and develop a proposal
17. Review of [document](#) outlining how juniors are giving back to the orienteering community - Alex Jospe, presenter
 - a. This can be a reading assignment on your own if we run out of time.

Minutes

Approve minutes from last meeting.

Bob Forgrave moved; Ian Smith seconded. All voted in favor; the motion passed.

Board leadership positions

The following Board members were voted by unanimous agreement into Executive positions:

President: Kris Beecroft

VP Finance: Pat Meehan

VP Clubs: Bob Forgrave

VP Competition: Alex Jospe

Secretary: William Jameson

VP Youth Initiatives

The Board voted to create a new Vice President of Youth Initiatives. (Kris moved; Bob seconded; votes - Yes: Lee, Bob, Ian, Alex, Barb, William, Clare; Abstain: Peter)

The Board voted Barbara Bryant into this position.

National Events Proposal

Barb moved to adopt the National Events Proposal brought forward by Alex Jospe. Alex seconded. This is an intentional document; details need to be worked out by the Rules Committee and others. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed, with all voting Board members voting yes (Clare, William, Alex, Barbara, Ian, Bob, Peter, Lee).

Changes to Membership Fees

We discussed changes to membership fee structure to accommodate club events at which participants do many short activities. This is a format that can be attractive for children and families, as well as for more experienced orienteers (eg Motala format). Clare Durand agreed to work on this question and Barb Bryant will help, because there are quite a few potential ramifications to consider.

Navigation Games is planning to apply for Associate membership in OUSA.

Other

Alex Jospe will email her updates on the Ski-O meet in 2018, and on junior community service.

Ian moved to end the meeting, Bob seconded. No objections.