



**OUSA Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 4, 2018
Conference Call via uberconference**

Present: William Jameson
Alex Jospe
Clare Durand
Sue Grandjean
Ian Smith
Matthew Robbins
Pat Meehan
Kris Beecroft

Andrea Schneider – guest

Approve minutes from Sept. 1: unanimous approval

Bid for Trail-O championships has been withdrawn. They had trouble with one of the sites.

Bid for Junior Nationals from QOC for April 13-14, 2019

- Alex made the motion
- Matthew seconded
- QOC has received sanctioning for a national event for April 13-14, 2019 on the Quantico Marine Base
- Alex has concerns that everyone who enters the marine base needs to submit their data to get on the base
- Jon Torrance doesn't think it will be an issue for juniors under 18
- Data to be submitted includes social security numbers
- It may not be the case that everyone who wants to compete has a valid SSN
- There are no alternative bids or alternative sites
- Ian: can non-US citizens not attend the event?
- Who is the best person who would know this? Who is the meet director? Jon Torrance
- Kris: Alex should go back to Jon to ask what they need if the person is not a US citizen
- Ian: I think we need further clarification on (1) are non-citizens allowed, (2) what information is required of juniors (and other ages), and (3) how are we collecting the sensitive information.

- Sue: We should have consistent requirements throughout the country and for all events; I feel uncomfortable; we need to be inclusive and this is not inclusive
- Alex: We have to remember this is a national championship and not just a local event or an NRE
- Ian: Can we postpone the vote until we get clarification on the three points I listed above (and any others of concern)?
- Sue: Move to postpone the vote until we get more information from QOC about exactly what the rules will be for entry to the marine base.
- William: seconded
- No one opposed
- **Action Item: Alex will work with QOC to get more information on the required information to get on the marine base**

Two Bids for OUSA Masters Nationals

- OCIN and UNO have submitted bids for the 2019 Masters Nationals; both clubs are very experienced and have put on several NREs
- One suggestion was to have the OCIN event in March 2019 be the 2018 Masters Nationals
 - o Pros: it will be a great event
 - o Cons: confusing to outsiders; muddies the brand
- This will keep them more than 6 months apart
- Alex: Motion to award the bid to UNO in October 2019
- William seconded
- Matthew: who asked for the OCIN event to be the 2018 Masters? Boris suggested it on AttackPoint and it came up in sanctioning
- Pat: I am on the OCIN Board and we did not ask to host the 2018 Masters Nationals; we bid for the 2019 Masters
- OCIN didn't know about this request; Alex was surprised no one was on the sanctioning email discussion; Mike Minium was on the emails
- Ian: the motion is to vote for the 2019 Masters. Given that OCIN is hosting the Nationals this month, we should think about spreading the events to different clubs
 - o Kris - Y
 - o Pat - N
 - o William - Y
 - o Alex - Y
 - o Ian - Y
 - o Matthew - abstain
 - o Sue - Y
- Pat: OCIN needs to have a championship event to make money, so we'll be bidding on a national event each year
- Ian: We need to spread the national events to different clubs to mix things up
- Matthew: the question comes down to if you want to be able to say you've had a Master champs each year
- **Action Item for Matthew and Pat: go back to OCIN and see if they would be interested in hosting the 2018 Masters Nationals and then bring that bid back to the Board**

Budget Discussion

- What do we want to spend our money on in 2019?
- We still have \$27K in the Tech budget. What do we want to do with that? Roll it over to 2019?
- We should be able to give the same amount to the teams as last year
- What should we do with Board designated amounts that weren't used? If we roll it forward, it has to be according to how it was originally designated.
- Clare: Except for teams, if someone didn't use their money this year then it should be cancelled out and have the money put back into the pot
- Ian: I agree with Clare, but we might look at each fund for unique circumstances and some funds might be ready to spend their money soon
- Last year we had three focus areas: teams, technology, youth
- Alex: we need to look at the big ticket items that didn't spend what they expected and find out why not. I feel like that analysis is an important part of it.
- Kris: I agree with Alex; we don't want to encourage a use it or lose it mentality; encourages meaningless spending at the end of the year
- Clare: We aren't going to take money away; we need to be fiscally responsible and re-examine where we put our money and make sure that's where we still want to spend the money
- Pat: concerned about two areas: technology and youth development; they have big budgets; thinks technology should carry its money over
- Anything we designate can be undesignated.
- Clare: years ago we had fund accounting; on paper we maintained Team Funds, but every other fund went away; we wanted to stay away from the idea that if we've designated money we had to keep it there, even if there's no plan on how we were going to spend it.
- Pat: eliminating fund accounting was not the right thing to do; asking Board now on how we want to handle carrying over money; he is tracking everything like a fund – restricted or not; want to get to a point where Jitasa can track our funds, which they're not doing now
- Ian: our default should be that this money is not going to go away; take things on a case by case basis to zero out or not
- Clare: Pat – hopefully you've gotten an idea on what people want to spend money on next year; I'd like to approve a budget before the end of the year
- Alex: I don't think we've published any finance reports this year; do we plan on publishing any?
- No plans yet until we can make sure the data is clean. Pat can give monthly reports, but it will be difficult to compare to past reports.
- Alex: is this Jitasa's fault? Should we fire them? Pat would like to get someone who can take this on who understands orienteering.
- **Action Item for Pat: get some numbers that we can review and discuss and publish on BoardNet**

Insurance

- Have we started working with the insurance company yet for next year? No one knows.
- **Action item for Clare: contact Nate to see if he is going to work with the insurance company for next year.**

Future Board Meetings

- Suggestions to meet at the SF Sprints or Possum Trot; several people have money and time constraints to try to make an in-person meeting this year
- Maybe phone meetings would work until the end of the year
- **Action Item for Board: Send Clare your ideas for in person meetings next year.**

- **Next meeting: November 29 8:30 ET/5:30 PT**
 - o **Via uberconference**