

Georgia Orienteering Club 2024 Annual General Meeting

McIntosh Reserve, May 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Fred Zendt at 12:20pm

Minutes from the 2023 AGM were approved.

1. Reports

- a. Secretary - Andi Berger reported that the club has 382 Full members (112 Individual, 55 Family, 28 Couple, 11 Youth Groups with 187 members); for the lifetime of the online coupon program, we have issued 258 coupon codes, awarded 6472 uses (734 in 2023-2024), redeemed 3294 (539 in 2023-24), with 3178 remaining uses; 1966 meet director coupons have been redeemed (162 in 2023-24)
- b. Treasurer – Rick Shane presented written reports; travel grant limit has been reached for calendar year, but people can still use the donate button at gaorienteering.org to donate to travel grants
- c. Meet Summary – Vinton Wolfe presented written report; could use extra help at JROTC events

2. Elections

- a. President 2024-2026 Fred Zendt
- b. Member at Large 2024-2026 Anna Bringle
- c. Member at Large 2024-2026 Sam Smith

3. Items for Discussion

- a. National Meets
 - i. Fred Zendt proposed 2025 GNC on MLK weekend (Jan 17-19) at Sweetwater Creek State Park; Saturday, 1-18: Sweetwater Creek-East, Classic Distance using Group Shelter parking lot. Start probably near the bridge. Sunday, 1-19: Sweetwater Creek-West, Classic Distance using Group Shelter parking lot. Start probably at picnic shelter 5 or 6. Friday, 1-17: Middle distance at Red Top Mountain SP – Iron Hill parking area suggested. Use old camping area peninsula (SW-most section of park) where only Blue course went last year. Monday, 1-20: Will contact Daryl Remick, Clai Gardner, Andi Berger and VOC about hosting the Extreme-O. All of Sweetwater Creek SP will be embargoed as of today. No meets at Sweetwater or Iron Hill South this fall. Discussion about truck rental – needed rental in the past for water; probably don't need to rent a truck – could use a trailer and leave it at the group shelter
 - ii. GNC2025 - Contact Gordon Hunter from Florida about our interest in co-marketing an O week in 2025. We will do our usual GNC on MLK weekend.
- b. Local Meets
 - i. Preregistration and prepayment required at all local meets. Estick rentals, water on courses, second courses, beginner instruction at meet director's discretion. Closing time also at meet director's discretion, in general at 2pm. Fred D pointed out that start windows and closing times should accommodate travel to more remote venues.
 - ii. Meet director mentor/consultant recommended for inexperienced meet directors
 - iii. Bill F brought up topic of water on courses again; concerned about club's responsibility; registration system notifies that no water is on courses and everyone should bring their own water
 - iv. New storage unit is working fine; locks froze last winter, club will buy new locks
 - v. Fred has started work on next season's schedule and will be contacting meet directors soon
- c. Equipment and Resources

- i. Mapping: Re-mapped Red Top Mountain SP in 2023, used for GNC2024, well received, Lidar base map, Andi and Rick field checked; Sam remapped Joe Kurz; presently re-mapping Sweetwater Creek SP for GNC2025, Lidar base map, Andi field checking; also mapping Vogel SP, Harbins Gwinnett County Park, Clemson Forest South, UGA South Camp Sprint Map, Kolomoki Mounts SP; Charlie Elliott and Rock Eagle are still possibilities; Panola Mtn has a permanent course has size limitations; CRNRA venues are also possibilities – maybe semi-permanent courses
 - ii. Sprint series on college campuses was suggested; need a representative at the college to host; still have sprint map at West Georgia College; we can add sprint courses to local meets
 - iii. Permanent Courses: Need new courses at Sweetwater and Red Top; Andi coordinating a new course at Vogel; Ron H will work on Red Top; Lauren and Sarah will work on Sweetwater
 - iv. Jeff L asked about using more of the map at Bert Adams; inexperienced meet directors need a mentor or clinic
- d. Travel Grants
 - i. Present Policy: \$8000 max per year, first come basis: School Team Grants \$1000, limit two per school; Individual Middle/High School \$595, limit two per person; Individual College Student \$595, limit two per person; Individual Adult \$400, limit one per person; International OUSA Squad Member \$2000, limit one per person
 - ii. Purpose of travel grant program was discussed
 - iii. Proposed changes were discussed: 1) All grant recipients must have participated in or volunteered for the most recent Navigator Cup subject to exemption approved by board; motion passed; 2) school team grant recipients must have participated in a min of 8 local meets in previous 12 months; at least 3 team members per meet, but does not have to be the same 3 each time 3) all individual grant recipients must have participated in a min of 8 GAOC local meets in previous 12 months; 4) amounts: increase annual max limit to 12,000; 5) Middle/High School, College, Adult (combined into one Individual category) \$299, limit 2 per year ; amended to \$400 per year did not pass; 6) Adult grant limit to 2 per year – passed;
 - iv.
- e. Online Store
 - i. GAOC pays sales tax and service fee on all sales
 - ii. Jerseys, esticks for sale; any desire for more merchandise? Order more jersey sizes? Get a new vendor? Anna will look into placing a jersey order.
- f. Other business
 - i. GOAT - June 3-7 at Hard Labor Creek
 - ii. Summer Training - look for emails announcing training opportunities
 - iii. Vinton wants to spend \$2000 for repairs to equipment – ask officers
 - iv. Lily volunteered to help with social media presence

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.