

Georgia Orienteering Club 2025 Annual General Meeting

McIntosh Reserve, May 18, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Fred Zendt at 12:30pm

Members Present: Jody Addicott, Kristen Addicott, Andi Berger, Martha Carr, Andrew Chambers, John Chambers, Bill Cheatum, Fred Dolder, Bill Farrell, Sarah Hoffman, Ron Hojnowski, Les Hollingsworth, Robbie Lanigan, Yvonne Lanigan, Patty Royal, Laure Searle, Rick Shane, Sam Smith, Lauren Steimle, Vinton Wolfe, Geoff Work, Fred Zendt

Minutes from the 2024 AGM were approved.

1. Reports

- a. Secretary - Andi Berger reported that the club has 358 Full members (104 Individual, 71 Family, 39 Couple, 12 Youth Groups with 132 members); 777 coupon uses were awarded and 406 were redeemed in 2024-25
- b. Treasurer – Rick Shane presented written reports; discussion of interest income; Rick requested that anyone who knows about higher interest for business, please let him know
- c. Meet Summary – Vinton Wolfe presented written report
- d. Fred summarized OUSA fees and insurance

2. Elections

- a. Secretary 2025-2027: nominations: Andi Berger; voted in
- b. Treasurer 2025-2027: nomination: Rick Shane; voted in

3. Items for Discussion

- a. National Meets
 - i. Fred Zendt proposed MLK Weekend (Jan 16-18) at Chattahoochee Bend State Park. Meet Director: Fred Zendt. Need course setters and Vettors; *Friday, 1-16*: Middle distance at McIntosh Reserve County Park or Moore's Bridge (west side); *Sat, 1-17*: Chattahoochee Bend State Park, Classic Distance using Adirondack Camp parking lot. Start probably near road entrance to Adirondack Camp (up to course setter); *Sun, 1-18*: Chattahoochee Bend State Park, Classic Distance using Boat Ramp parking lot and Platform Campsites parking lot. Start TBD (up to course setter); *Monday, 1-19*: GAOC will sponsor the Extreme-O. XO Director: Andi Berger. Proposal approved. All of Chattahoochee Bend SP and McIntosh Reserve are embargoed as of today. No GAOC meets there this fall
 - ii. Please volunteer for vetting, zone checking, etc.
- b. Local meets
 - i. reiterate that we require an emergency phone number on all maps
preregistration & prepayment – keep
e-stick rentals – meet director discretion
water on courses – meet director discretion
beginner instruction – meet director discretion
second courses - meet director discretion
Course Close time – changed from 3pm to 2pm. This is working well. Starters need to tell late starters to be back by 2pm, and that controls will be picked up beginning at 2pm. Also place a sign at the start.
 - ii. Request for Saturday meets; meet director discretion; youth attendance is lower on Saturdays
 - iii. Need more meet directors; set up a class on a weekend

- iv. Fees – Ron H proposed reducing 2nd course fee from \$5 to \$3; proposal passed; 2nd course runners will need to use touch screen before starting second course
- c. Southeast Interscholastic Championships
 - i. Removed from Nav Cup and added as a standalone event. Scheduled for Nov 22-23 at Camp Rutledge, Hard Labor Creek SP; Removed from Nav Cup and added as a standalone event. Scheduled for Nov 22-23 at Camp Rutledge, Hard Labor Creek SP; Will be operated as a regular GAOC local event but with additional SEIS categories and scoring. Separate registration and pricing for SEIS and non-SEIS; One 2-day event for SEIS; two separate events for non-SEIS
- d. Equipment and Resources
 - i. Storage Unit – “new” location has worked fine this past year; Extra Space Storage: 2489 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30324; new locks were purchased
 - ii. Mapping: Presently updating Chattahoochee Bend SP for GNC-2026. Lidar base map, Andi will update field checking; east side flat rock area needs attention; Sam has updated Joe Kurz and Cochran Mill (for meet next fall); John Chambers is working on Bert Adams; used new maps for events this year at Vogel State Park and Harbins Park; need to look at Allatoona Creek
 - iii. Please look for new areas for Orienteering
 - iv. Permanent Courses: Need new courses at Red Top Mountain State Park – Ron Hojnowski updating; Need new courses at Sweetwater Creek State Park; Mistletoe State Park permanent courses are probably not safe now due to hurricane damage; check Richard B Russell status?

Travel Grants – reminder that we do have money allocated; and that additional donations can be made for specific areas

- e. Online Store
 - i. GAOC pays sales tax and service fee on all sales
 - ii. Comments Anna B – more people would like to order jerseys, so she will send an email to request sizes and short/long sleeve to be ordered
 - iii. More stuff? Hats? Gaiters?
 - iv. Les brought stuff that from clubhouse to give away
- f. Other business
 - i. Summer Training – look for emails announcing training opportunities. Sam is planning to hang tape at Sweetwater Creek State Park and offer maps with courses. Courses will be available for tracking on LiveLox; event will start on LiveLox tomorrow and end in September; can run same course multiple times using different names; registration is free, must sign waiver and get link to download page; blue tape – no flags; John Chambers will be hanging some tapes at Don Carter
 - ii. WMAs – Bill C suggested using WMAs for new maps, one between Fort Valley and Columbus; one near Milledgeville, one near Waycross;
 - iii. Website needs to be redone

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.