

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club (GPHXO)

Location: Boulders On Broadway, Tempe, AZ

Date/Time: Jan. 20, 2018 6-8PM

Participants: Forest Brown, Sheryl Berling-Wolff, Charles Wolff, Erik Ringnes, Gary Hickey, Ron Birks, Glenn Haselfeld, Dan Yamashiro, Jill Kyle, Lee Magnusson, David Thompson, Andy Wentzel, several additional club members and non-members

Agenda

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- Introduction
- Establish Quorum
- Info About The Club
- Reports: Treasury, Membership, Permits, Equipment
- New Business
 - New Event Sites/Outreach/Important Upcoming Events
 - Pre-registration
 - Event Fees
 - Online Membership Form
- Election of 2018 Officers
- Summary and Adjournment

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Note: in the following, the term "agreed" means unanimous approval by all Board members present.

Ron Birks opened the meeting.

A Quorum was established: we had approximately 21 attendees present, most of whom are paid members.

General Info About The Club:

- Ron Spoke about Club Goals and the various types of orienteering events we offer.

Election of Officers for 2018:

- For 2018 the Board recommended that we keep the same set of Club Officers as in 2017.

These were as follows: President: Ron Birks, Vice-President: Glenn Haselfeld, Treasurer: Forest Brown, Secretary: Gary Hickey

- The floor was opened for nominations or volunteers to serve on the Board.
- There were no nominations or volunteers.
- These officers were re-elected "by acclamation."
- This motion was seconded by Forest and Glenn.
- The motion was voted for in the affirmative by all present at the meeting.

- The Election was therefore concluded.
- Results: President: Ron Birks, Vice-President: Glenn Haselfeld, Treasurer: Forest Brown, Secretary: Gary Hickey

Volunteer Officer position appointees remained the same as 2017 also.

Special Awards were given to David Thompson and Telia Curtis in appreciation of the large number of new participants they have brought to our events. Our charter is to promote the sport of orienteering, and we really appreciate their efforts.

Forest gave the Treasurer's report. The club has sufficient funding. There is approximately \$2838 in the bank acct and there are some funds coming in from the Robbins Butte event. This is a smaller bank balance than last year at this time due to the loss of a canopy and the cost of putting on the Petrified Forest event (the Park service limited the number of participants to 50, so we did not break even on that event).

Erik talked about permits. He obtained the necessary permits from BLM and Tonto National Forest for our 2018 events. Ron Birks handles permits for events held in the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County. Glenn handles permits from the National Forest Service in the Prescott area.

Erik also kept us up to date with insurance certificates. A new certificate needs to be obtained each year for each event site.

New Business:

We are putting on a Nationally Ranked Event (NRE) at First Water on Feb 25 and two events (daytime Sprints and a Night-0) at Needle Vista on Feb 24. These are part of the Southwest Orienteering Week put on jointly with the Tuscon club. Glenn is leading the effort to put the NRE together. Several people are doing field observations so that Glenn can update the maps. Forest will set courses, and a team will vet the courses. We will need additional volunteers. Anyone who can help should please contact Glenn Haselfeld.

As of the meeting, not many people had registered for the event, such that it created some concern about the amount of money we might lose on the event. We need approximately 30 paid participants to break even and we had 18 signed up. Glenn is keeping the Board up-to-date on our progress and plan. Prior to the meeting the idea of cutting the budget was discussed. At the meeting we confirmed we will not cut the budget, we will carry on and hope that attendance picks up. If we lost money on this event, it is OK because it is important for the club to put on the best good event we can.

The club (Ron, Glen, Erik and others) scouted 4 new maps this past year. We will use them for 2018 events at Needle Rock, Sofie's Flat, Bartlett Lake and Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

We put on several Beginner's Clinics last year, and more are planned for 2018.

We will have a presentation booth at the AZ Game and Fish show March 24 and 25. Ron needs help with that.

We decided not to participate in the Grand Canyon Games in 2018.

Sheryl continues to maintain the list of paid members using the existing method and tools, and she reports related info to OUSA. Charles continues to produce the Newsletter every month. These days it has gotten larger due to more events being on the schedule.

On January 1st we began the new online pre-registration policy that was discussed at last year's meeting. There is an online registration tool now available on our website. This speeds up the registration process at events. It also reduces the amount of wasted maps and materials. To encourage pre-registration, we now charge a reduced fee for those who pre-register online.

Ron mentioned that several club members have gotten involved as course setters and meet directors. We thank the following: Lee Magnusson, Dan Yamashiro, Andy Wentzel, Jill Kyle and David Thompson. The more people know how to do this, the bigger the sport becomes.

We had two special guests at the meeting. Mike Franklin was a club member for many years, and is a former club president. He brought us some materials (maps and courses) from his time in the club. We hope to see him again. And, Tim Tablada joined us as well. Tim was also a key club member for many years, serving in volunteer board member roles, setting courses and making maps. Tim recently got involved in orienteering again after being away for over 10 years. We welcome Mike and Tim back!

The recent medical emergency that occurred at Saguaro Lake caused us to discuss our preparedness for such things. At that event, a participant from Flagstaff experienced trouble breathing and had to be driven to the nearest hospital (Honor Heaath at Shea Blvd and 92 St). Ron Birks and Dan Yamashiro performed admirably. We are happy to say our participant recovered and is doing well. This incident made us ask if we could have been more prepared. The answer is yes, we can be more prepared.

For every venue we use, we should know where the nearest hospital and urgent care centers are. We should write an emergency plan for each race location and have it posted during each race. The cell phone number of the race director or other volunteer should be available to all participants. We will also look into getting communication equipment, because areas like Saguaro Lake have no cell phone service at the start/finish area. Several club members (Ron, Dan and others) volunteered to work on this.

The floor was opened for Questions and Answers. This was concluded quickly.

The Board thanked everyone for attending and participating. Additional suggestions can be sent to the club or to Board members via email, etc.

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These Minutes submitted for approval by Gary Hickey, Secretary, GPHX0, on Jan 29, 2018.