

Membership Meeting, 1/5/2008

Lakeview Christian Academy cafeteria

Jeff called the meeting called to order at 16:15

Present: Jeff (KC0MKS), Diane(KC0TIU), Andy (KC0MKT), Randy (KC0RTX), Paul (KC0WDQ), Tom (KB0LSS), Jean (KC0ZEX), Tim (KB0OPC), Bob (KC0WCO) & Mary (KD0ANJ), Bob (KC0NFB), Lloyd (KC0SJB) & Rowena, Fred (KB0SPB), Tod Swenson, Matt (KB0KQA)

The Secretary read the corrections to minutes as posted in email from the previous meeting. Matt moved the minutes be accepted as posted/now corrected. Fred seconded, motion carried.

**President's Report:** Will be presented in the New/Old Business sections of the meeting.

**Vice President:** Still recovering from knee surgery and not present at the meeting.

**Treasurer:** Not present for the meeting.

**Net Control:** Randy reported still lots of openings, has his schedule with him if anyone wants to sign up. He reported there is one scratch for mid-distance. Phone lines are going in next week; radio antenna equipment will be installed soon also.

**Road Crossings:** Tim reported there are quite a few openings. Of particular concern at this point are Fox Farm, London, Hwy 1 and Zimmerman on the up-bound portion of the race. Tim requested he be notified if anyone knew of someone who typically volunteers and has not signed up yet.

**Checkpoint:** Jeff reported for Cory who was not present for the meeting. All checkpoints are filled with the exception of Tofte, the finish of the mid-distance race.

**Bylaw amendment:** Copies of the amendment were passed out. The amendment provides protocol for officer election in years when race is cancelled. Jeff read the proposed amendment, requested any discussion amendment. No discussion. No vote today because treasurer is not available to identify paid members/non-paid members.

## **New Business**

Jeff asked for volunteers for BARC Net Control operator for the Sunday Night Nets. Tim volunteered to do the Net held on 1/13/2008.

Jayne N0UYQ, who's coordinating the northern checkpoints with Cory, requested that Devil's Track Lake use the tactical call sign of "The Landing" for identification. **(A point of clarification: The actual turn around point of the race will happen at Trail Center.)**

T-Shirt: T-shirts from the 2007 race will be distributed this year. Be sure to provide your name/call sign/size to your volunteer coordinator.

Armbands will be used this year for identifying volunteers. One size fits all, volunteer coordinators are asked to provide a head count.

Beargrease Headquarters will be at Billy's. The physical headquarters office will move last week before race from the Skyway HQ to Billy's. Phone lines are going in this coming week. The regular main number will be forwarded to the new location with additional incoming lines; there will also be a fax line at Billy's. Internet will be available at Billy's, Pike Lake, and Finland.

**Paul/NFS Web site Article:** Paul's article about the Beargrease and its trail through the Superior National Forest will be on the Forest Service Web site; when the story becomes available there will be a link on [www.Beargreasearc.com](http://www.Beargreasearc.com) for those interested.

**HF Voice/Email:** Jeff mentioned his desire to experiment with HF voice and email during the race, to see how it functions and to include other hams in the more recreational side of the race. Due to the type of ham radio gear needed, area topography, plus additional knowledge and availability of LSAC systems, the higher bands are not useful for race. Look for an email from Jeff later this week explaining what's available.

**Todd Swenson, Staff Sergeant, Air National Guard:** The Air National Guard has been involved with Beargrease for about 10 years. The race is an opportunity to test their mobile communications equipment, including VOIP, video, data (full T1 up and down) satellite connection, with both civilian and military capabilities. Phone line inside the mobile trailer: 651-282-4420. They will have instant weather updates available, two licensed ham operators. Tactically location is called Pike Lake. Visitors are welcome, however it is best to call ahead to allow them to prepare to receive visitors and still complete their assignments, as this is considered a training maneuver for the unit.

A question was raised about the Valley Creek area covered by Air National Guard, whether it had been plowed and required volunteers? Jean, KCOZEX, reported any road that is passable requires road crossing volunteers.

#### **New Business:**

Nominations for Volunteer Coordinators and Board members were opened. The following people were nominated:

**Net Control:** Randy Scott, KC0RTX  
**Road Crossings:** Tim Davich, KB0OPC  
**Checkpoints:** Cory Long, KC0CVP  
**Board President:** Jeff Nast, KC0MKS  
**Vice President:** Loren Kuhnly, KA0TMW  
**Treasurer:** Len Lewis, KC0EPR  
**Secretary:** Diane Nast, KC0TIU

Voting for Board/Chair positions will occur at Pre-race meeting. Nominations will remain open and can be submitted via email until the pre-race meeting. Nominations may also be made at the meeting until vote is taken.

Jeff passed out printed examples of proposals for a BARC logo. Additional submissions are welcome. A vote to choose a logo will occur at the pre-race meeting.

Posters for both the 2007 & 2008 races will be distributed at pre-race meeting.

A tent has been secured for the Finland checkpoint.

The spur trail to Beaver Bay has officially been dropped from the race.

Rick KB0BDN will be the race sweep this year following the last team on the trail. It will allow volunteers to move more easily as they will be assured there are no other teams out on the trail.

The Landing will be the official turn-around point of the race.

A training session for new volunteers will be held prior to Pre-Race meeting. There is a PowerPoint presentation plus time allowed for a question and answer period. Location and time will be announced.

Still awaiting maps for the race. Beargrease president Jason Rice will notify Jeff via email when they're posted on the Web site.

The Lincoln Park Clubhouse may be a possible meeting site for next year.

Ordean Stadium (within the stadium itself) is the start of the race. There are stakes outlining the course visible now. Stop by if you wish to view the starting course layout.

Pre-race Meeting: Jeff asked for recommendations for a location for the pre-race meeting. Several suggestions were given: West End Senior Citizens 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Ave W? Buffalo House, LeGrand Supper Club (Pike Lake); Wok Inn (Proctor)

Jeff mentioned upcoming Beargrease meetings:

- 1/8/2008 and 1/22/2008 - Beargrease Volunteer meetings
- 1/9/2008 and 1/21/2008 - Beargrease board on 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, held at the Green Mill restaurant in Canal Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1719 hours.