

DVOA Winter Meeting

January 20, 2024

at

Zion Lutheran Church, Phoenixville

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome: Wyatt Riley

Wyatt welcomed everyone and mentioned that there is a schedule sign up on the table for everyone. Agendas are on the table. He had everyone introduce themselves.

- **Treasurer's Report** by John Ort (absent) Wyatt shared his report.
[Contact John for a copy.]

- **Membership Report** - Mary Frank
99 Individuals, 99 Family memberships 297.

- **Educational Update** - Mark Frank
Mark handed out the program numbers. 1009 people. Previous year we had 1100. 6 Leaders, 397 volunteer hours, we are only counting these as beginner events that are free where we don't take in income. Flashlight night was 199 people down from the previous year. Mark said there are a lot of opportunities where Parks have events that we could be partnered with. Mark's teaching in Lower Merion this spring. Hopes to be in North Penn this Fall.

- **Equipment Report** - Ron Bortz
We bought 2 new canopies this past year and replaced the old canopies. We purchased 2 Orienteering Blades. Ron said he purchased a Start, Finish Blades and spandex table covers. We are going to get some finger sticks that are wearing out. Ron suggests we look at some new SI Boxes. He will look at the costs so the executive committee can review. He said they were \$131 per box and we need 60 boxes. Sandy mentioned we should get some more SI Air cards to rent out. Tim wanted to know if there was a group coordinating getting personal SI Air batteries replaced. Mary asked Sandy if she needed a radio control, she said unless you have someone with software and more than 10 controls, no.

- **Mapping Update** - Wyatt Riley
Petr Hartman has done at least a dozen basemaps. Some are training maps and regular maps. Professional mappers, Jon Campbell updated half of the Fair Hill map for last fall. With Eric Weyman's assistance. Bob Burg completed half of Fort Washington and getting started on 2nd half this year. Vladimir is working on the US Champs maps Merli Sarnoski and updated the

Green Lane map. He's back finishing up an addition to Merli and the sprint map for the US Champs. He finished a piece of Green Lane and Haverford field checked the last corner, and he's out doing Rocky Ridge update. He may only get half of it done. Hoping he comes back largely on SVO area. Thank you to Mark Frank, Sam Kolins and Ron Barron and those others for doing updates.

- **Map Database Report** - Fred Kruesi

Petr Hartman keeps him busy he said and keeping the database up to date. Always ask Fred for the map per Wyatt. And Hand in all the updated maps. Mark said if anyone is doing an event and needs an edit, he'd be willing to fix it. Debbie Samans said she helps the State parks and wanted to know who to report a change in a trail. Wyatt said the mapping committee would be able to help fix that so tell him. Glen wanted to know what OCAD 12 version we are using. Fred said if you are sending a map to go to print, send him the map file you were using so that he can fix any issues on the map with courses he finds.

- **Permanent Course Report** - Bob Agosta

We have 24 courses. 10 were Eagle Scout. 3 are Scout Reservations that are not open to the public. There are 5 that need significant renovation as well as a pdf map on our site. Colonel Denning, Kings Gap and Pinegrove and Daniel Boone Homestead and PEEC. They are on the to do list.

We did with the Sierra club fix the Schuylkill Center update. We had one new course at Warwick Park. Jules Leonard, BS Troop 24 and we are working on Myrick update and Tyler State Park with a Scout. We act in an advisory role. If someone has time to help, tell him. Bob Fink is going to work with Tyler's Scout Michael. Colonel Denning and Daniel Boone are on the list. 2024 he wants to start an adopt a program for the membership 21 courses need to be checked at least once a year and report back to advise if labels and posts are good. Ernie – Gov. Dick, Steve A. Locust Lake, Zimmers Daniel Boone.

- **Website Status Report** - Wyatt Riley

Wyatt took it over with some help Lena is doing results and rankings. We also are getting help from Janet Tryson for doing some work too. If you would like to help and know sequel, tell him.

- **SVO Merge Report** - Rob Wilkison

Pocono lasted 10 years and SVO lasted for 30; problem was no new members and one person ended up doing the most. SVO had \$20,000 and we are getting Rocky Ridge revised. There were only a few maps that were functional. Website, accounting and now is merged.

- **Spring/Fall Schedule** - Mark Frank

Mark said a preliminary schedule is on the table. Added 3/23 Gov. Dick. Brennan Hall will do the courses. Mount Penn Brad Hall ED. Nov. 3 FC North Ernie Schubert.

- Summer Schedule - Angelica Riley

We had 13 events last year. Norristown Farm Park, and French Creek Central is on the schedule already approved. She wants to see if we can do more socials this year.

- **Advertising Report** - Julie Keim

Marketing - FB/IG Facebook gave her 90 days 1070 follower. If you see a post hit like and make a comment and that spreads to more people. Mid Atlantic Results, a dinner at Wyatts and A Event. Dinner reached the most, the JROTC post and the Teddy Bears for sale and Patriots day Challenge. She is trying to post the event earlier. She puts up notes earlier for events. Click interested.

- **2024 US Championships** - Sandy Fillebrown

Greg, Karl A. and Glen Tryson doing courses. Friday sprint, Saturday Middle and Sunday Long. Northeast of Scranton. If you are planning to come it's the Steamtown Marathon weekend. US champs with Middle and Long they are World Ranking Events. Get your housing now. There is a link to a hotel now on our site. Patty Carrigan Registrar. Need control pick up and a few more for Start. Lena and Sam Results. Patty will need someone for Registration. Parking and road crossing will be monitored. Dinner. T Shirt person. Awards. Food.

- **Uniforms Report** - Angelica Riley

- What's left? Try on & buy at the meeting

We have over \$2,000 in uniforms left. She has plenty of XXL..

- **Election of Officers & Board Member** – Wyatt.

- President, Vice President, Secretary, and Open Board Member
 - Candidates known as of Jan. 10th are Wyatt Riley, Rob Wilkison, Mary Frank, and Joey McGarvey

Asked for any other Candidates. Kathy Moss's term expired. Joey has offered to run for that position. Anyone. All agreed.

- **Orienteering USA Report** - Wyatt Riley

National Federation helps clubs across the country, has national teams. They do the insurance for all of our events. US Teams are selected from the fastest Orienteers in the Country. On the Team we have 8 different members. Paige Suhocki, Ava Suhocki, Victor Frolenko, Kirsten Mayland, Alison Campbell, Sergie Ryshkov, AJ Riley and Greg Ahlswede.

- **Ringo Award** - Tim Walsh

For the schedule, Willows April 20th he is looking for an event director and course setter. Radnor likes us to be there.

Presenting the Ringo Award: Recognizing longstanding service to the Club. Active picking up controls and active in the national events. Registration for National Event and our Website, they were seen in Scotland last Summer too. **Janet & Glen Tryson.**

- **Club Ranking Awards** - Vadim Masalkov

Congratulations to Sergei Ryzhkov and Angelica Riley for the Men's and Women's Championship for 2023. Also, congratulations to Paige Suhoki and William Sette for the Youth Men's and Women's awards. All results will be posted on the website.

- **Special Awards** – OUSA

Nate Ohrwaschel for the President's Award, Golden Service Award Petr Hartman

The Broken Compass, DVOA vs QOC we took that award home this year thanks to Joey and Ian and Sam Kolins and Stephen Pepe with their coordination. Paige Suhoki brought her whole team to come and helped us with this win.

The Dual with HVO, we held up our win at Rutger's.

- President's Cup Preview – Postponed to Summer due to freezing temperatures.

- Open Floor / Discussion – All

Joey and Ian are going to try to do some mappy hours and some socials.

Vadim said he has new compasses, see him and hand made Teddy Bears.

- Meeting Close - Wyatt Riley

8 pm closed.