

Rochester Orienteering Club
December 2013 Annual Members Meeting Minutes

Date:	December 8, 2013 @ 4:45pm
Location:	Ellison Park
Address:	Hazelnut Grove Lodge
Attendees:	33 ROC members present – a quorum was present

Treasurer's Report: About \$12,000 in bank

Savings \$ 4790

Checking \$7482

Total \$12,272

A detailed report is available for anyone to look at.

Minutes from 2012 AGM (Don Winslow/Steve Tylock, motion unanimously approved)

New Board Members: motion to elect board members approved (Lindsey Worner/Chris Joyce)

2-year terms: Rick Lavine, Rick Worner, Anne Schwartz, Bob Bundy, Carol Moran, Joel Shore

1-year term: Greg Michels, Heidi Hall

President's Report: Laurie gave a summary of the year noting many new things we did.

ROC 2013 President's Report: A Unique Year of Accomplishment

In concluding my tenure as President of the Rochester Orienteering Club and pass the torch to Steve Tylock, I reflect on the incredible accomplishments the club has made in 2013, all thanks to our dedicated volunteers' time and effort. If you have not volunteered in the past and enjoyed participating in our meets please consider stepping up in 2014.

In 2013 ROC offered a number of new and inventive activities. A total of seventeen events were held. ROC began the year reaching out to the community through social media, to offer training for both newcomers and experienced orienteers.

The season started in March with beginning and advanced O workshops. Overwhelming response led to adding a second session. The workshops included a classroom presentation, map hikes, and White and Yellow courses in Highland Park. Many participants purchased permanent maps to continue practicing on their own.

In May we had our second annual Rochester Map Adventure, an urban orienteering experience, investigating Rochester's history and trivia on foot or bike. Thanks to Dick Detwiler and Rick Lavine for many hours of mapping and miles walked to research this event.

In June, meet director Rick Worner wisely rented a small motorboat for the Canoe-O on Braddock's Bay. Inclement weather kept attendance lower than usual, and many boaters needed to be rescued by Rick due to the windy conditions. It was an exciting experience for all involved.

In July, for the first time in over a decade, Adventure-O was held at Mendon Ponds; a triathlon of foot, bike, and boat. Coordinated by Steve Tylock, participants could use any or all of these methods to explore the park and the Lehigh Valley Trail.

A new map of Genesee Country Village Nature Area was introduced in September. This mapping effort, initiated by Karl Kolva, was completed thanks to the team of Dick Detwiler, Laurie Hunt, Linda Kohn and Greg Michels. Later in the month, National Orienteering Day attendance was exceptionally high, despite relentless rain and muddy conditions, thanks to attendance by local Scout troops and school outdoor clubs.

October brought a day of training and a first-time event, the "Avalanche" at Letchworth Park. Designed by Steve Tylock, participants navigated their way down a slope where each control was at a lower elevation than the previous one. Vampire-O was also a new offering, with a costume contest, games and prizes under the direction of Sandi Willsey and Jim Pamper. This Halloween-themed event was a resounding success,

The 2013 Trail Run exceeded expectations under the direction of Brian Thomas. The run was sold out in advance, with a record number of 50k participants and almost 200 runners. Thanks to the help of many volunteers the event raised significant funds that will fund mapping efforts in the future. A Night-O capped off our regular season.

The year came to a close with our first-ever Poker-O, potluck supper and annual membership meeting at Ellison Park in December.

Other 2013 accomplishments to be noted:

Map hikes were introduced at Durand, Black Creek and Mendon Ponds. There were 170 hits for maps on the Meetup.com site.

The permanent orienteering courses were all labeled with club information and QR codes that link to the ROC website.

Eleven training activities were held throughout the summer, administered through the Meetup training site.

ROC introduced its first technical shirts with a "Running Wild" logo.

Thanks to Don Winslow the club recognizes individual efforts through the awarding of ribbons to participants.

In community outreach, Rob Stevens gave instruction to more than 100 Scouts and parents of the Pittsford Girl Scouts Service Unit. He also provided training for the RXCSF Youth Program. Member Anita Edgemon coordinated her Scout camping trip with an ROC meet, and did a training session with another Scout troop in preparation for NOD.

Social media continues to attract new members through Meetup.com (133 members), Facebook, Kids Out and About, and websites for the running and skiing community.

In 2013 ROC achieved many of its goals to reach out to a wider audience, provide quality education and events, and serve orienteers of all ages and levels of ability. Many thanks go to all of the members of the Board of Directors and the entire ROC community for all of their valued contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hunt, ROC 2013 President