



## Illinois Geocaching Association - October 2024 Board Meeting

Call to order: 6:21

In Attendance: Dee, Deb, Marnie, Panda

1. Agendas will be more 'official' and sent out before every meeting as well as starting to approve previous meeting minutes starting next meeting to make meetings more official like and minutes will be posted on our website
2. We now have money coming in, and will start a balance sheet for the next meeting to present at every meeting.
3. Marnie has been looking into bank accounts with notes on different banks. Best if at least two members have access to the bank account. Will need to open an account and then apply for 501(c)(3) which costs \$250 and gets us as a non profit with the IRS. We need the 501(c)(3) so people can deduct donations from taxes.
  - a. Looking like we will go to Fifth Third. Panda has to be on account, and needs at least one other. Deb willing as treasurer and Marnie willing as vice president.
4. First elections will be next fall, just a matter if we will have people who are interested in running for president.
5. People at the birthday bash event really enjoyed the mystery cache discussions, there was a good number of people who came ready to talk about mystery caches with some already in mind. Need to set up monthly mystery cache solving event, and a chat in ILGCA group
6. Talked about possibly creating a way for people to meet other cachers to do trips with in different areas (chat in ILGCA group?)
7. At the birthday bash, Deb's Mystery Cache classes were a huge hit, definitely need to do that again for the next birthday bash. Not many were interested in the Make a Cache/Place a Cache class. Maybe have those on the list for next year but at a request. Geocaching 101 was good as 'as needed'.
8. At the birthday bash, the panda egg hunt was a hit. Little confusion at first, make a poster or something next time?
9. At the birthday bash, greeter was a huge help. Cecily was a huge help.
10. For next year's birthday bash, maybe start at 10 and have donuts/coffee/juice for breakfast.
11. At the birthday bash, good idea having an event publish at the event as it was an excuse to at least pop in, see what was going on and sign in the log book for a smiley
12. Going the day before the bash ended up being very important, will need to do next year
13. Panda will work on strong outdoor sign stands. Wind was bad at the birthday bash which is why they weren't placed outside.
14. Next birthday bash, have balloons outside

15. Next birthday bash, maybe just focus on indoor stuff and maybe no bonfire. Some people seemed to come just for the bonfire, maybe just depending on if we get enough volunteers next year, but looking into just indoor stuff next year
16. At the birthday bash event, GIFF was a nice touch. Wasn't a huge hit but it was useful to some. Maybe make it its own section of the event next year?
17. For the dinner at the birthday bash, people seemed fine heating up the lunch food
18. Next year, should probably put the board games in the main room, never got as loud/echoey as we expected at the bash
19. Selfie Booth at the birthday bash got some use, and wasn't a huge hit but still got people there taking photos. People enjoyed the trackables by it.
20. Door prizes at the birthday bash were a hit. Caches were popular but other items such as candles were picked. Geocoins donated by the Georgia Geocaching Association were popular too.
21. Hold more events before next years birthday bash, especially CITO's and in southern Illinois
22. Before next year's birthday bash, work earlier on getting volunteers.
23. Make physical/virtual suggestion boxes for ILGCA. What events do they want to see? Things like that
24. Maybe have some extra phone chargers at the birthday bash. If you use the geocache app a lot or whatever, and we even had someone take two trains and a bus just to get to our event, it would be nice to have chargers in case someone needs it. Could have the option of person at the greeters table possibly watching people's phones if they need a charge
25. Next year's birthday bash, maybe have a list of nearby caches. Maybe suggest caches used for November's creative cache event. Also a list of child friendly caches. Maybe even have similar lists on our website
26. Next birthday bash have a pre planned event for caching trips so if we have newbies, they can join and cache with us for first hand experience with experienced cachers
27. Need to get official membership on our website figured out
28. We will create a SurveyMonkey survey to send out for the birthday bash event
29. Look into geocoins, try to get before our second birthday (pathtags too)

Next Meeting: Monday November 18, 2024

Adjournment: 8:09 PM