



Illinois Geocaching Association - May 2025 Board Meeting

Date: 05/12/25

Location: In Person

In attendance: Panda Hanscom, Marnie Mielke, and Stevie Braun

The meeting is called to order at 6:29 pm

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
 - a. Panda motions, seconded by Stevie, minutes approved.
2. Social media report by Panda
 - a. FB Page, 101 likes (up 3), and 176 followers (up 7).
 - b. 260 in FB Group, numbers are up by 13.
 - c. 13 followers on Instagram. Same as last month.
 - d. Will start giving engagement update next month
3. IRS Tax Exempt Letter
 - a. Panda has called a few times with no luck. He left voicemails but has yet to receive a call back.
4. 2024 Taxes
 - a. Marnie sent Federal through a company today and used the \$ in our ILGCA account to pay for it. Cost was \$19.99. Company was 909 Tax which is an approved by the IRS
 - b. It came back with issues stating we were not on the approved non profit list (because we haven't been approved yet). Marnie emailed them back explaining although have not received a response.
5. Website Membership Update
 - a. No official membership
 - b. Marnie looking into a Google Form as a simplistic way to just get this up and running for now.
 - c. Marnie created a form asking for the necessary info and asked the rest of the group to look it over.

- i. Need to look into protection as it could be a privacy violation if not protected in the correct way.
- 6. GeoWoodstock XXI
 - a. Received an email with lots of rules but it doesn't look like most apply. Panda will ask the contact if we need someone at the table the entire time.
 - b. We have banner, signs, pens, pathtags, rack cards.
 - c. Should make an 'about us' sign with our history? Especially so they know we are a new association.
- 7. Birthday Bash/Other events
 - a. Birthday Bash is good so far - Event in GC and FB created.
 - b. If we have more events for ILGCA between GeoWoodstock and the Birthday Bash, look at the souvenir days and host them at that time.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Update Website to take off Deb stepping down announcement
 - b. Panda will confirm if we reserved the church for a GIFF event
 - i. Would like to find another location outside of Chicago (hopefully South?)
 - ii. Marnie willing to use her CCE for this purpose
 - c. Panda working on new cacher events
 - i. Looking for places we can also have promotional events (i.e. what to learn more about caching? Talk to us!)

No other new business.

The next meeting is set for June 9th, 7pm.

It will be virtual.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm