

## **NoVAGO Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:45 p.m. via Google hangouts

### **Officers and Board Members Attending:**

Platoaddict (President), Nothereeither (VP), Pfenix (Secretary), Freddiecrs (Treasurer), Awesnap, DePhogration, SP4FUN, ZippyFinn

### **Old Business**

#### **SURVIVOR18 Series Debrief**

- Generally good feedback on the series
- The eating event was one of NoVAGO's most popular for a while
- The staggered release of caches worked well because it kept the excitement going for longer
- In the future we might want to start the series even earlier in the year?

#### **THANKS Event Debrief**

- Extremely well attended - almost 30 logged attends (not including family members)

#### **CACHETUR Event Debrief**

- The second workshop of 2018 had OK attendance, but not as much as the first one
- Plato is working with MDGPS to put together a Cachetur presentation in conjunction with the CAM kickoff event
- Plato might do another workshop in VA this year

#### **PROJECT GC Workshop Debrief**

- Led by schwandt in January 2019
- Very well attended and good feedback
- There have been requests for a follow-up event

#### **Planned GSAK Workshops**

- Rufnredy will definitely do a GSAK event (perhaps more than one) and is looking for library/meeting space near Ashburn
- Rufnredy will host the event closer in if someone can help him arrange space
- Nothereeither and Awesnap will work together to put together a parallel event, perhaps in Manassas or PWC

### **Planned GEOCACHING 101 Event**

- Awesnap will lead this event at the Alexandria library Beatley Central branch
- The event page has published
- Permission has been granted for a cache to be placed on site

### **Possible ROAD TRIP Class Event**

- Awesnap might lead a follow-up to his popular road trip class with new material

### **New Pathtags**

- Plato will contact the pathtag company to find the pathtag invoice, as it has been removed from the NoVAGO pathtag account
- Plato will pay for the new order using funds from the cashbox

### **Upcoming CITO**s

- DePho is leading the official winter CITO on February 23
- The PWC CITO is scheduled for the following week

### **Group Email List**

- Plato and HooClass will arrange the officers / board email lists so that they are not year-specific
- VPDJ is willing to help with tech administration issues

### **NoVAGO Officer SOP Handbook**

- DePho has all of the current sections

### **NoVAGO Annual Audit**

- Work on this is overdue
- Plato and Freddie will coordinate on next steps

### **New Business**

### **NoVAGO Officer and Board Changes**

- HooClass2002 has ended his tenure as Treasurer and is replaced by Freddiecrs
- Nothereether will help Freddie get access to the organization bank account
- DePho, SP4FUN, and ZippyFinn have agreed to continue as board members in 2019

- Cwillypngn is stepping down as a board member
- HooClass2002 and Schwandt will join as new board members in 2019

### **Annual Cache Awards**

- Serrabou will tabulate the nominations and votes this year, and is happy to have someone take over next year
- The manufacturing die for the award medals are good for two years - NoVAGO will need to place another order before March 2020
- The cutoff for nominations will be February 15
- Awesnap and Plato will coordinate social media posts calling for nominations

### **New Lab Caches (not for public release)**

- NoVAGO has been awarded an adventure (10 caches) by HQ
- Logging will be location specific through a new phone app
- They must go live no later than March 31
- Todo: brainstorm locations and themes

### **NoVAGO Annual Series**

- Prize coin available for sale / artwork by DePho
- For every cache found in the series by a cacher, the price of the coin drops by \$1
- Plato has created a form for potential COs to gauge interest in the series
- The series of caches will be published by NoVAGO and each cache will be transferred back to the individual COs for adoption once the series has launched

### **NoVAGO Forums**

- The legacy forums have multiple security and maintenance issues
- NoVAGO will work towards transitioning new discussions to the wordpress page
- Board will investigate ways to archive the legacy forums in a way that maintains read access

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 21 at 7:45 p.m. via Google Hangouts

Submitted,  
Pfenix (Secretary)