



AOA Executive Director's Report - 2022 Annual General Meeting

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Overview

We are excited to start 2022 by taking steps to return to sport events and programs as they were pre-COVID, hopefully leaving the restrictions behind.

To all our volunteers, board members, coaches, officials, mappers and staff – thank you for your continued support of orienteering. Your dedication, passion and many hours of time spent to organize events made it possible for our sport to operate during these difficult past years.

Annual Reports and Plans

The AOA Board of Directors had an in-person meeting to work on the 2022 and beyond strategic plan and goals to advance orienteering.

Strategic Planning, Roadmap, Grants and Reports can be found on our website. Feedback, ideas, engagement are always welcome!

- <https://www.orienteeringalberta.ca/agm-meetings.html>
- <https://www.orienteeringalberta.ca/aoa-policies--grants.html>

Funding

Despite the impacts of the pandemic, the AOA's finances are in good shape thanks to the extra grants and loan for pandemic support. Last year our funding was very similar to the years before with the main impact of the Casino Grants being far apart so needs to be stretched for longer periods.

1. **SPAR - AB Government Grant for Provincial Sport Organizations**

By meeting all the criteria outlined in the Funding and Accountability Framework we have continued to receive our Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) grant from the province at similar levels to previous years.

2. **Casino**: no new funding but using the remaining of the Casino funds.

3. **Other Grants:**

Temporary wage subsidy

Government of Alberta Covid Relief fund

City of Red Deer Community development Grant

Completed the use of the City of Red Deer grant mostly for our Outdoor Adventure Program development (\$5000). Our goal is to establish a club that will have its own orienteering programs and events in the area.

We have applied for 3 additional grants for 2022 and are currently waiting to see if we can reach more areas.

4. **Other Revenue:**

The outreach programs were reduced because of the lack of school programs but the community programs still had a good turnout.

2021 Activities in Review

Detailed report by projects and portfolios can be found in the [2021 Roadmap Report](#) on our website.

We had to modify some of our plans for the past year to work with the Covid measures and guidelines. Most of the activities were planned locally and had a comprehensive Covid-19 mitigation plans in place.

Most of the spring programs had some distractions due to lock downs, but the summer events were popular and successful. During the fall, youth & school programs as well some club activities were able to restart with operations and with a satisfying participation number.

Highlights:

- Thanks to our Club's organizers for many activities continued during lockdown in the form of online programs and individual-based GPS orienteering.
- In-person events and kid's programs, and outreach programs, were still able to do programming during the spring, summer and fall with additional covid guidelines and reduced numbers.
- "Try it!" sessions were very successful (270 new participants) and resulted in some new members engagements.
- Two coaching courses were helped with online components and in person (14 coaches trained).
- School programs were limited: only 4 outreach school programs were completed also summer camp partnership with Cochrane and Airdrie and Hela Venture was very successful.
- Mapping projects were less active but still ongoing. Thank you for Teresa W. for helping with the outreach mapping and Don B. to complete the Barrier Lake mapping project. EIOC new map near Bruderheim had to be postponed but hoping to complete it this year. Thank you for Don Riddle for the updates to the Beaver Lake map for the Alberta Championships.
- Officials' certification was moved online, huge thanks for Marion O who volunteered to administer and give guidance to the new officials.
- AOA Board completed the policy reviews to meet Alberta Government requirements for implementing policies. Safe Sport framework and other policies were all updated. Safe Sport framework can be found here: <https://www.orienteeingalberta.ca/safe-sport-framework.html>
- Collaboration project to share information and resources and support the orienteering community remains a high priority for AOA. We were involved with the OC's National Team Selection Policy workgroup, the New Members Engagement Committee and Teachers Resources planning workgroup.
- We are busy supporting the CROF 2022 events and we are excited to finally make it happen.
- Very proud of the continuous support of the new Saskatchewan Orienteering Association. Thank you for the EIOC volunteers for holding the Alberta Champs!
- The major accomplishment this year was the **Alberta Orienteering Championships held on the Beaver Lake map near Caroline, AB**. This was designated as a Canada Cup event with the purpose of training officials for upgrading their qualifications for future major events.

2021 Membership

Membership numbers for 2021 are very low because of all the program and event cancellations due to pandemic.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
FWOC membership	219	842	978	1264	1022	1089	464	869
EOOC membership	78	359	481	495	433	443	418	386
AOA program member				45	192	266	160	118
AOA day member								270
EOOC day member	515	476	326	204	352	269		
FWOC day member				29	36	75		
School FWOC				332	4020	2900	610	1065
School EOOC				2056	3083	4947	990	3338
School AOA				131	1271	1970	540	520
Total Participants	816	1684	1793	4556	10409	11959	3182	6566
						Regular members		1042

