

EDMONTON OVERLANDERS ORIENTEERING CLUB
From Annual General Meeting 2022

3. Reviewing and considering the board and committee reports

3a) President (Judy Cornish):

- The EOOO executive held 9 meetings via Zoom from December – November.
- Goals and Strategies
 - To attend to club business.
 - Determining what was possible given changing pandemic rules and restrictions.
 - Hold as many events as possible; we did hold several this year. Thanks to those who helped.
- Projects in the Works
 - Work on updating maps.
 - Looking at getting some club clothing created. Stefan is coordinating.
 - Orienteering Canada asked us to consider holding the COCs in 2023.
 - We declined their offer for 2023 but may hold it in 2025.
 - We need to train some younger officials and rejuvenate the club.
 - New officials helped at the Alberta Champs.
 - Some members received their O100 designation.
 - We plan to offer an O200 course and another O100 course next year.
 - Judy recognized members who won medals at the Alberta Championships.
- Kim Kasperski (AOA president)
 - Thanks to EOOO volunteers for holding the Alberta Champs.
 - Our strategic plan is on the AOA website. Highlights:
 - Extend orienteering to other centres in Alberta. Red Deer and Grande Prairie are in progress now.
 - Pay for forest mapping. EOOO got money this year for it. Mapping will be done for Calgary next year.
 - Developing policies on behalf of Orienteering Canada. City clubs can make use of these.
 - Bogi is involved in launching the Sport Leadership Organization - this is a sport lobby group to advocate to the government.
 - We would like to hold an in-person event next year; this year's AOA event in October was cancelled.

3b) Membership (Marilyn Edmunds):

Year	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Members	386	417	443	443	495
• # Households	142 *	159	166	152	176
• Exclusively KRW Households	30	38	35		
Juniors (under 19)	143	142	155	161	198
Between 20-55 years	188	202	216	210	233
Over 55 years	55	63	72	70	64
Median Age	38	37	38	39	36
Male to Female Ratio %	52:48	50:50	50:50	49:51	49:51
Members for a Day	0	53**	269	286	204

- *49 households were new members this year. Of those, 18 households were also KRW families.

3c) Events Coordinator (Greg Yarkie):

- Scheduling has been difficult again this year due to Covid19. Started out the year with schedule in mind but soon it was obvious that it could not be started with the opening of spring. Once again, Geraint rescued us with several training events at Dalmuir, Blackfoot and around the city parks, using the phone App MapRun6. We have continued to use this app method throughout the year.
- In July, I decided to run nine regular in-person Wednesday park events with COVID protocols (such as members only, pre-registration, staggered check-in, and declaration of health forms). The turnout for these events was about 30 to 40 at each (except when it rained!) but in a way satisfying after so long without meeting familiar faces.
- 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. There was a mini-sprints training event prior to this, to practice 3-line starts - great fun for the 28 members who joined in.
- Late in October we had a long Score 'O' at Blackfoot that was very popular with the 25 participants expressing their delight. And finally, we had a night O at Laurier Park with a few hardy souls braving the dark on the Halloween weekend.
- Personally, I participated in 21 separate events that were presented online using MapRun6, many of which were organized on short notice to those who were showing interest.

3d) Communications (Marilyn Edmunds):

- Emails were sent to members who agreed to receive them, with details about club events and notification of events outside the Edmonton region, plus other information of interest to orienteers.
- Incoming emails and phone calls were redirected as appropriate.
- The club website was kept up to date. Allison continued to maintain our Facebook page.
- Marilyn also calculated and recorded the club stats for attendance at club events.

3e) Schools Program/Kids Run Wild (Peter MacKenzie):

Schools:

- Dorothy, with volunteer help from Peter Gwinner (26 sessions), Anton Goulko (6 sessions), Drew Penner (2 sessions) & Evan Penner (1 session) facilitated 63 school/Community sessions over 52 days, most of which took place this fall.
- Twelve (12) classes took part in Multi-day programs
 - Shortest multi-day program was three sessions (9 classes)
 - Longest multi-day program was four sessions (3 classes)
- Eleven additional school sessions are currently scheduled for November/early December
 - #'s include cadet/guide sessions & 3 birthday parties

Schools Program by the Numbers:

- Total Sessions: 63
- Total Students: 3338
- Unique Students: 2674
- Total Revenue: \$11,860

Location of sessions

- Edmonton: 39
- Fort Saskatchewan: 7

- Leduc: 2
- St Albert: 7
- Sherwood Park: 6
- Spruce Grove: 1
- Stony Plain: 1

Largest School/Community Events for 2021:

- EPSB XC Race (September 21, 2021)
 - 615 total Junior High participants
 - ** Special thank you to Aleksey Goulko, Anton Goulko, Barb Abday, Geraint Edmunds, Marilyn Edmunds, Mary-Lou Hogg, Michelle Hebert & Peter Gwinner for volunteering at this event.
- Rosenthal's Haunted Hunt (October 30, 2021)
 - 623 participants (U12: 317, Teens: 6, Adults: 300)
 - ** Special thank you to Aleksey Goulko and Anton Goulko for volunteering at this event.

Promotion Events:

Free Try-it sessions (Thank you Aleksey, Anton, Drew & Peter G.)

We ran three free try-it sessions this year, unfortunately all sessions had low attendance numbers.

- Strathcona Wilderness Centre (July): 8 Participants (5 youth, 3 adults)
- Strathcona Wilderness Centre (August): 27 Participants (18 youth, 9 adults)
- Rosenthal Community League (September): 23 (18 youth, 5 adults)

Town of Morinville

Throughout May and June, the City of Morinville hosted free orienteering activities

- Youth week (May 1 - 7): 17 youth participants
- Park & recreation month (June): 57 participants (40 youth, 17 adults)

Kids Run Wild Program:

Winter KRW Programs (Thank you Anton Goulko for volunteering)

- 24 registered participants (Attendance included a total of 28 youth, 14 parents)

Spring KRW Programs (Thank you Anton Goulko for volunteering)

- 27 registered participants (Attendance included a total of 32 youth, 20 parents)

Summer KRW Camps

- 19 participants registered for Summer camps (Total Attendance: 21 youth, 4 parents)
- ** half of the July sessions were rescheduled due to thunderstorms

Fall KRW Programs (Thank you Anton Goulko for volunteering)

- 36 registered participants (Total Attendance: 42 youth, 28 parents)

Community League KRW Programs

Secord Spring KRW Program (thank you Anton Goulko for volunteering)

- Secord ran a four week program in March on Sundays
- 11 registered participants (Total Attendance: 15 youth, 8 parents)

Rosenthal Spring KRW Program (thank you Anton Goulko for volunteering)

- Rosenthal ran a 6 week program in April/May on Sundays
- 11 registered participants (Total Attendance: 13 youth, 8 parents)

Capilano Summer KRW Program (Thank you Aleksey Goulko, Anton Goulko & Evan Penner for volunteering)

- Capilano ran a 6 week program Tuesday evenings throughout July/August
- 17 registered participants (Total Attendance: 18 youth, 9 parents)

3f) Field Training:

- N/A for 2021. Angela will be doing more events post-COVID, hopefully next year.

3g) Mapping Coordinator (Geraint Edmunds):

- The plan to have Bryan Chubb map a small area at the south of Dalmuir fell through because of COVID. This was to have been funded by the AOA; EOOO received \$8,000 from the AOA for this work. After consulting with the AOA, it was decided to use the funds to purchase LiDAR data for other mapping projects.
- Our Smoky Lake maps are in need of an update to show new areas of deadfall. Those maps all predate the use of LiDAR so it is possible that LiDAR could improve the contours.
- After the positive comments received from participants in the 3/6 hour Blackfoot Score O, I decided to investigate the possibility of making a map in the Central Staging area suitable for a similar event. At a cost of \$630 our 15m Digital Elevation Model (DEM) of the whole Blackfoot Recreation Area was updated to a 7.5m DEM. This gave contours that are good enough in the open field areas to use for the map.
- Central staging area has four fields nearby, but all have over 1km of forest between the field and the parking area. I decided to get detailed LiDAR of this forested area to provide usable vegetation information with minimal field checking.
- By combining the orders for Smoky Lake and Blackfoot we were able to reduce the cost from about \$400/sq km to \$330/sq km. For Smoky Lake we bought 7sq km that was flown in 2009. For Blackfoot we bought 7.5 sq km flown in 2018. Including GST this came to just under \$5,000.
- Kim, Greg, and Stefan are now helping me to draw a 27sq km map that covers Fields 2, 3, 4 and 5, plus the forest in between them.
- The LiDAR we have for Bruderheim also shows the deadfall, but unfortunately the older lower resolution Smoky Lake data does not.
- Other mapping I have done this year included extending the Rundle Park map north to the Yellowhead bridge, georeferencing the Beaver Lake map, and other minor changes to City Park maps.
- Don Riddle did updates to the Beaver Lake map for the Alberta Championships. Dorothy has made a number of maps for the school and community league events she has put on.