

## **AOA AGM 2017: EOC CLUB REPORT**

By Peter MacKenzie– November 01, 2017

### **Officers:**

- President – Peter MacKenzie
- Treasurer – Al Nilson
- Secretary – Karen Brownlee

### **Directors:**

- Past President – Laura Milroy
- Membership – Caitlin Eidick
- Scheduler – Jim MacDonald
- Communication - Allison Bouthillier
- Mapping – Greg Yarkie
- Junior Program – Geraint Edmunds

### **Non –executive: important contributors:**

- Map Printing – Kim Kasperski
- Casino Coordinator – Garry Atchison
- Equipment/Corp Challenge – Sherry Haley
- Map Formatting – Mary-Lou Hogg
- SI Coordinator – Chris Sigvaldason

### **Goals and Strategies:**

- To develop technical, officiating, coaching and leadership skills in our club members
- To provide high-quality training opportunities for members to improve their orienteering skills
- To maintain good relationships with landowners, government, other orienteering organizations and our partners
- To increase our membership numbers and the profile of orienteering as a sport
- To host high quality orienteering events

**Events:**

- 20 Wednesday events were hosted from April to September. One event was for World Orienteering Day. Attendance was low due to the massive wind storm that raged through Edmonton that day. The iOrienteering app was used as part of the event.
- Our Forest Season opener was hosted at Morningside. This event is a great way for Edmontonians and Calgarians to meet up since the map location is between the two cities. Perhaps other future events by EIOC or FWOC could be held at more central locations. Examples: McKenzie Crossing, Malcom-Dodd ...
- From May 26-28 the weekend skills development camp was hosted for ages 5-89!! Activities were at Cooking Lake/Blackfoot PRA, and accommodation at SWC.
- Other forest events included ones at Dalmuir, Smoky Lake/White Earth, and a “GOAT” at Redwater.
- Our club hosted a Canada Day Event at Jubilee Park in Spruce Grove, and an “Orienteering Try it!” event as part of the ATB Tour of Alberta.
- Our club was part of the EPCOR Riverfest activities – hosting several orienteering events in Devon, Edmonton, and Fort Saskatchewan.
- Our Season Finale was hosted at Elk Island National Park – orienteering on a new map (Geraint and Marilyn). 33 kids and 50 adults were in attendance – orienteering on more than 10 different courses.
- The largest event EIOC put on was a score event at Rundle Park on September 28th for just under 300 Junior High students as part of the EPSB's after school cross country series (The event was postponed due to poor conditions – EPSB students ended up competing twice in the week of the O event.)

**Mapping:**

Dorothy – Skate orienteering map in January. Created at Rundle park – making use of the Freezeways built in Edmonton.

Dorothy – Voyageur Park in Devon.

Dorothy – Jubilee and Central Park in Spruce Grove.

Dorothy – West River's Edge in Fort Saskatchewan.

Dorothy – Several schools

Geraint-Redwater Natural Area

Geraint-Elk Island

Blue Lake in William Switzer Park – 2016 - We hope to use this map again, possibly for an AOA Championship.

Some minor changes to city maps were performed as the need arose for Wednesday events.

Great job by volunteers at the Corporate Challenge, Schools event, and Wednesday events.

Thanks to Dorothy for all of her leadership in schools and with Kids Run Wild, Edmonton Riverfest and Wednesday events (World Orienteering Day).

EIOC Casino held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.