

EDMONTON OVERLANDERS ORIENTEERING CLUB
Annual General Meeting
Saturday November 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM; Glenora Community League Hall

In attendance:

Marilyn & Geraint Edmunds, Alan Nilson, Wayne Best, Judy Cornish, Beth Cornish, Robert Gilchrist, Angela Pearson, Karen Brownlee, Stefan Duret, Greg Yarkie, Kim Kasperski, Dorothy Penner, Jim Stewart, Tatyana Tsoy, Sean Robitaille, Barb Johnston, , Peter Gwinner, Denys Zheltenko, Anne Bradley, Leo Dielman, Tetiana Lukashevych, Toni Kozak, Jaydn Kozak, Brian Kozak

Guests:

Nikolai Lukashevych, Ethan Kozak

Regrets:

Mary-Lou Hogg, Anton Goulko

Quorum of at least 15 adults was reached.
Stefan Duret called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

2024 AGM Agenda

1. Adopting the agenda;
2. Reviewing and adopting the minutes of the previous AGM;
3. Reviewing and considering the Board and committee reports;
4. Reviewing and accepting the financial statements for the club's general Account, setting out the Club's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities for the previous fiscal year;
5. Receiving the financial statements for the Club's Casino account, setting out the Club's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities for the previous fiscal year;
6. Receiving a draft/unaudited set of financial statements for the general and Casino accounts for the period from the beginning of the financial year to the Annual General Meeting;
7. Considering other matters specified in the meeting notice;
8. Electing vacancies in the Board of Directors;
9. Appointing Committee Chairs;
10. Appointing the Auditors for the fiscal year;
11. Volunteer appreciation;
12. Adjournment

2024 EEOC Executive

- Officers
 - President – Stefan Duret
 - Secretary – Karen Brownlee
 - Treasurer – Al Nilson
- Directors
 - Membership and Communications – Marilyn Edmunds
 - Scheduler – Jim Stewart
 - Mapping – Geraint Edmunds
 - Junior Program – Anton Goulko
 - Equipment - Greg Yarkie
 - At Large – Robert Gilchrist, Sean Robitaille
 - Past President – Judy Cornish

2024 Exceedingly Important Non-Executive People

- Map Printing and Formatting – Kim Kasperski
- Field Training – Angela Pearson
- Club Facebook page – Dorothy Penner
- Corporate Challenge – Al Nilson, CC was cancelled for 2024

Many thanks to the executive who did an awesome job again this year.

1. Adoption of agenda: Kim Kasperski, seconded by Beth Cornish. Carried.

2. Review and adoption of minutes of 2023 EIOC Annual General Meeting:

- Marilyn Edmunds, seconded by Robert Gilchrist. Carried.

3. Reviewing and considering the board and committee reports

- To be covered in individual executive reports.

3a) President (Stefan Duret):

- Planning is underway for the 2025 COCs – mapping, course planning, officials training, MOU, etc.
- 23 Wednesday meets and 3 forest events
- Many members travelled to compete at SOC, WCOC, COC, NAOC, PNWOF. Congratulations to everyone.
- Kids and Junior programs are kicking butt and continue to win awards and recognition.

3b) Membership (Marilyn Edmunds):

Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Members	239	307	329	386	417	443
# Households	110	123	142	159	166	152
Juniors	74	114	116	143	142	155
Between 20-55 years	109	136	175	188	202	216
Over 55 Years	55	57	38	55	63	72
Median Age	42	38	38	38	37	38
Male to Female Ratio %	52:48	50:50	51:49	52:48	50:50	50:50
Members for a Day	167	135	104	0	53	269

Number of different members for a day this year is 167. At least 13 of them were previous members, some from many years ago.

Many of our members used to come from Corporate Challenge. Al has been talking to the Corporate Challenge committee. They want to bring us back but it may be a different format than it used to be. Might be more of a smaller, demo, try-it type format.

3c) Events Coordinator (Jim Stewart):

Locations

- We had 22 Wednesday city park events (and one Wednesday event at Blackfoot) from 17 April until 18 Sept. We scheduled 6 forest events; however, our first scheduled forest event, at Morningside, was cancelled due to a forecast of high AQHI.
- I scheduled events to move the location around the city from week to week. I also dropped from the list locations that were least popular for reasons of safety and interest (e.g., Dawson Park). Rundle and Terwillegar Parks were used twice. Two locations were used in the Whitemud valley and three locations in the Millcreek valley. One new park location at Terra Losa was trialled with good success. Locations new last year that returned to the schedule this year were Belgravia, Glengarry, and West River's Edge in Ft. Saskatchewan.
- Three forest events took place at Waskahegan (Cooking Lake – Blackfoot Recreation Area), and one each at Bruderheim and Dalmuir (near Redwater).
- We also had two post-season events using leftover maps from summer events (Rundle Park and Whitemud North). These events ran mid-day on weekends and were restricted to club members only.

Attendance

- Wednesday city event attendance by club members ranged from a low of 25 to a high of 58 participants. Non-member attendance (aka “members-for-day”) varied from 1 to 42. Total attendance ranged from 28 to 77.
- Location did not seem to be a strong determinant of attendance. Where multiple events were run in the same or adjacent areas (Goldbar-Goldstick, Mill Creek, Whitemud, Terwillegar) there was no consistency in attendance.
- The quietest events were in July, probably due to inclement weather and people being busy doing other things. Two of these days were very hot, one was smoky and one was wet. The weather a couple of hours before an event seems to be a major factor affecting attendance.
- (Kim) There will be another committee meeting to discuss air quality around the end of November. Let her know if you have input to provide.
- The free-try-it events (Glengarry, Rundle and Terra Losa) had good attendance.
- Overall, attendance was down from pre-COVID years. One factor is the loss of exposure we gained by running a Corporate Challenge event. As CC is changing its focus from sports to games, it may not be an option for us going forward. We need to find other ways to generate awareness and interest in orienteering.
- (Robert) The Hash House Harriers might be good candidates for having interest in orienteering.
- (Geraint) We can put the club website on the control flags; this might generate interest from passers by. Dorothy says 4 families in Kids Run Wild said they found the club this way.
- (Robert) We also used to print business cards that members can hand out. Kim also prints the maps such that the website address is easy to tear off if someone asks a member for information.

Event Directors

- We had just enough event directors to put them on a full slate, although our employees, Dorothy and Elizabeth, hosted five of these events.
- We should not be relying on our employees to pick up the slack for what should be volunteer work, as they have other priorities in their job descriptions. Therefore, we need to make changes for next year. These might include:
 1. Training more O100 event directors that are willing to put on courses.
 2. Asking experienced EDs to put on more than one event.
 3. Let Jim know if you have other ideas.

4. (Dorothy) Elizabeth's events: one was a free-try-it, and two were her payment for the club covering her travel costs for the Italy event. This won't be the case next season so we would need more event directors.
5. (Kim) I'm willing to provide course feedback if requested and have made suggestions for some maps.
6. (Leo) Event directors will be in the area next year due to COCs but may also be busy with that; we don't want to burn out our people.

3d) Schools Program/Kids Run Wild (Anton Goulko):

In 2024 up to this point School programs completed:

- 186 Sessions in 62 Schools with 11,384 Participants (7,228 unique participants).
- School programs have been done in the following municipalities:
- Strathcona County
- Devon
- Sherwood Park
- Leduc
- St. Albert
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Pigeon Lake
- Beaumont
- Stony Plain
- Enoch Cree Nation
- Ukrainian Village
- Edmonton
- We have invoiced \$42,797.20 for 10,979 kids for our paid programs.

Notable Community and School Programs that the program ran in 2024:

- Edmonton Public School Board Cross Country Race
- Edmonton Catholic School Board Cross Country Race
- Cold Lake Library Summer Program
- Northern Community Teachers Conference
- Enoch Cree nations school program
- Devon Community series
- Rosenthal Community Halloween Haunted Hunt

Kids Run Wild program numbers:

- Spring KRW Program
 - 11 families
 - 17 youth
 - 15 parents
- Summer KRW Camp
 - 6 families
 - 17 youth
 - 4 parents
- Fall KRW Program

- 7 families
- 12 kids
- 13 parents

Adult Programs numbers:

- Learn to 'O': 6 participants
- Strengths and Stamina (SSO): 9 participants
- Teachers Conference: 32 participants
- Enbridge Corporate Event: 45 Participants
- Bazaar Voice: 40 Participants

Free Try-It Events:

- 7 events in Edmonton; 313 participants
- Devon: 125 Participants
- Cold Lake (2 sessions): 28 Participants

Overall Year End Summary:

- 7,228 Number of Unique Participants: Kids 7,111 and Adults 117
- 11,384 Total Participants
- 62 Individual Schools
- \$42,797.20 Invoiced Amount
- 7 Volunteers, 1 Full-time and 1 Part-time employees

Special thanks to our volunteers:

- All of the club members that make the large-scale events possible
- EPSB, ECSB, Rosenthal Halloween
 - Kim
 - Judy
 - Marilyn
 - Geraint
 - Bev
 - Al
 - Michelle

And dedicated volunteers:

- Anne Bradley
- Barb Abday
- Jadyn Kozak
- Peter Gwinner
- Tetiana L Renata
- Aleksey

Parents need to know and enjoy orienteering. We need to advertise with parents in mind.

3e) Mapping Coordinator (Geraint Edmunds):

Blackfoot

- Don Bayly continued work on the Central Blackfoot map for next year's COCs. This mapping is difficult because the vegetation and water features change a lot with the seasons. More work will be needed next year. Greg and I have been identifying some additional small trails that may be added to the map.
- I made a few changes to the map of Blackfoot Field 7A prior to the learning weekend we held there this year.

Dalmuir

- We were unable to do the mapping planned for Dalmuir because after a very long process the Federal Government approved a foreign mapper only for work in Manitoba and the Yukon and excluded Alberta.

Fort Saskatchewan

- Stefan has been working on a new map in Fort Saskatchewan. We will probably use that area for the COC Sprint event, so we plan to bring in a professional mapper to finish the map next spring.

School and park maps

- Dorothy and Elizabeth have continued to make schoolyard maps and maps of small park areas for the schools program and free try - it events.

Mapping Funding

- The forest mapping costs are being shared 50/50 with the Alberta Orienteering Association, in line with a proposed change in AOA policy.
- Dorothy has been doing some mapping outside the Edmonton area; thank you Dorothy.

3f) Field Training (Angela Pearson):

- The field training is designed to help train interested members in forest orienteering.
- Dalmuir started to be used in September when the map came off embargo.
- Angela was putting on training events at Dalmuir again this year. Events later this fall will depend on the weather.

3g) Equipment Coordinator (Greg Yarkie):

- Not too many issues with equipment this year.
- The ribbons that we ordered early this season were blue and orange. For some reason we received red instead of orange for most of the shipment; not sure if these will be as easy to see.
- Greg doesn't handle the electronics too much. Kim has the adult SI units and Dorothy has the youth ones.

Motion by Peter Gwinner to accept the executive reports. Seconded by Leo Dieleman. Carried.

Stefan made another call for executive member nominations; no responses.

4. Reviewing and accepting the financial statements for the club's general Account, setting out the Club's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities for the previous fiscal year

Jan 01, 2023-Dec 31, 2023, General Account (TD Bank)

General Acct - Account Balances - As of 2023-12-31	
(in Canadian Dollars)	
Account	2023-12-31 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Canada Trust Cheq...	79,410.69
TOTAL Bank Acco...	79,410.69
Cash Accounts	
TOTAL Cash Acco...	0.00
Asset Accounts	
TOTAL Asset Acco...	0.00
Liability Accounts	
TOTAL Liability Ac...	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	79,410.69

General Acct - Income/Expense - Last year
2023-01-01 through 2023-12-31 (in Canadian Dollars)

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INCOME	
Memberships	3,165.00
O-Pass Fees	3,020.00
Orienteering Events	966.35
Training Programs	-1,551.40
TOTAL INCOME	5,599.95
EXPENSES	
Advertising	2,323.13
Bank Charge	49.50
Computer	478.05
Equipment Repairs	57.23
Facility Rental	1,397.00
Food & Refreshments	43.00
Memberships Paid	2,710.50
Postage & Shipping	192.60
Printing - Other	80.12
Supplies	50.57
Travel Exp	467.25
Wages	2,493.63
Youth Program	1,017.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,360.27
OVERALL TOTAL	-5,760.32

5. Receiving the financial statements for the Club's Casino account, setting out the Club's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities for the previous fiscal year

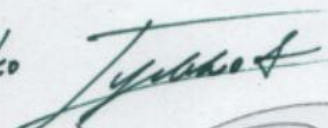
Jan. 1, 2023-Dec 31, 2023, Casino Account (RBC Bank)

Casino Acct - Account Balances - As of 2023-12-31	
(in Canadian Dollars)	
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Account	2023-12-31 Balance
Bank Accounts	
RBC Chequing	35,020.37
TOTAL Bank Accounts	35,020.37
Cash Accounts	
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00
Asset Accounts	
Accounts Receivable	9,885.00
TOTAL Asset Accounts	9,885.00
Liability Accounts	
CPP Payable	-352.90
EI Payable	-152.44
Income Tax Payable	-337.33
TOTAL Liability Accounts	-842.67
OVERALL TOTAL	44,062.70

Reviewed by: Jim MacDonald
Anton Bouliko

Casino Acct - Income/Expense - Last year
 2023-01-01 through 2023-12-31 (in Canadian Dollars)

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INCOME	
Casino Income	75,723.05
Other Income	3,150.00
School Program Income	25,662.00
Youth Program Income	1,884.75
TOTAL INCOME	106,419.80
EXPENSES	
Administrative Costs	758.12
Equipment, Program Related	11,578.94
Resource Material, Supplies	12.60
Special Program Support	5,175.78
Travel - in Province	4,005.60
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service	58,605.52
TOTAL EXPENSES	80,136.56
OVERALL TOTAL	26,283.24

Reviewed by: Anton Goulko 
 Jim MacDonald 

- Motion made by Peter Gwinner to accept the Treasurer's report for the 2023 audited general and casino accounts. Jim Stewart seconded. Carried.

6. Receiving a draft/unaudited set of financial statements for the general and Casino accounts for the period from the beginning of the financial year to the Annual General Meeting

- General Account

EOOC General Account - As of 2024-09-30	
(in Canadian Dollars)	
Account	2024-09-30 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Canada Trust Chequi...	63,862.30
TOTAL Bank Accou...	63,862.30
Cash Accounts	
TOTAL Cash Accou...	0.00
Asset Accounts	
Accounts Receivable	4,000.00
TOTAL Asset Accou...	4,000.00
Liability Accounts	
TOTAL Liability Acc...	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	67,862.30

EEOC Income/Expense

2024-01-01 through 2024-09-30 (in Canadian Dollars)

Category	2024-01-01- 2024-09-30
INCOME	
Memberships	3,025.00
O-Pass Fees	2,235.00
Orienteering Events	1,255.32
Other Inc	369.16
Training Programs	-1,910.34
TOTAL INCOME	4,974.14
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	61.50
Computer	1,127.06
Kids Run Wild	1,875.03
Memberships Paid	2,543.50
Other Exp	2,121.88
Postage & Shipping	196.35
Supplies	371.09
Volunteer Recognition	1,100.00
Wages	7,126.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,522.53
OVERALL TOTAL	-11,548.39

General

- Casino Account

EOOC Account Balances - As of 2024-09-30
(in Canadian Dollars)

Account	2024-09-30 Balance
Bank Accounts	
RBC Chequing	15,780.90
TOTAL Bank Accounts	15,780.90
Cash Accounts	
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00
Asset Accounts	
Accounts Receivable	3,535.31
TOTAL Asset Accounts	3,535.31
Liability Accounts	
Accounts Payable	-4,000.00
EI Payable	-0.10
Income Tax Payable	0.10
TOTAL Liability Acco...	-4,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	15,316.21

Casino

EIOC Income/Expense	
2024-01-01 through 2024-09-30 (in Canadian Dollars)	
Category	2024-01-01- 2024-09-30
INCOME	
Uncategorized	135.00
Casino Income	6,730.30
Other Income	3,694.41
School Program Income	20,355.00
Youth Program Income	1,631.00
TOTAL INCOME	32,545.71
EXPENSES	
Administrative Costs	128.29
Equipment, Program Related	8,333.53
Resource Material, Supplies	29.32
Special Program Support	2,584.67
Travel - in Province	2,508.45
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service	47,707.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	61,292.20
OVERALL TOTAL	-28,746.49

7. Considering other matters specified in this meeting notice

- No new business.

Stefan made another call for executive nominations. No responses.

Hearing no new nominations, Stefan made a motion to close nominations. Kim Kasperski, 2nd Jim Stewart. Carried.

8/9. Electing vacancies in the Board of Directors/Committee chairs (Officers and Directors) – call for nominations.

- No Past President listed here as Judy's 2-year term has now expired.

OFFICERS:

- President – Stefan Duret
- Secretary – Karen Brownlee
- Treasurer – Al Nilson

DIRECTORS:

- Membership, Communications - Marilyn Edmunds
- Scheduler – Jim Stewart
- Mapping - Geraint Edmunds

- Juniors, Schools – Anton Goulko
- At Large - Robert Gilchrist, Greg Yarkie, Sean Robitaille

OTHER ROLES AND COMMITTEES

- Corporate Challenge – Al Nilson
- Map Printing – Kim Kasperski
- Map Formatting – Kim Kasperski
- SI Coordinator – Kim Kasperski
- Equipment – Greg Yarkie
- Field Training - Angela Pearson

Stefan Duret declared the board elected by acclamation.

10. Appointment of Auditors

- Two Auditors needed to review the 2024 books for both General and Casino Accounts.
- One Auditor needed to review Bank Reconciliation Reports on a monthly basis.
- Anton Goulko and Toni Kozak, (with Jim MacDonald as backup) volunteered to be auditors for 2024.
- MOTION by Al Nilson to accept the auditors for 2024. Seconded by Robert Gilchrist. Carried.

11. Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers recognized: executive members, forest events, coordinators, auditors, Wednesday night directors, training. Kim also recognized volunteers for the AOA.

Wednesdays:

Jim S, Robert, Stefan, Karen, Leo, Anne, Anton, Geraint, Greg, Beth, Judy, Angela, Kim, Sean, Peter, Walter, Wayne, Al, Eugene, Jim M, Einar

Forest events:

Kim K + Mary-Lou (Morningside), Geraint (WOW, Bruderheim), Greg + Stefan GOAT

Executive - thank you!

VIP Volunteers

Schools and KRW: Peter Gwinner

Map Printing: Kim Kasperski

Auditors: Jim MacDonald / Anton Goulko

Training events: Angela Pearson

Registration: Tetiana

12. Adjournment

- Stefan Duret moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.
- Kim still needs 2 volunteers on Sunday and Monday for the AOA casino. Please contact Kim or check the registration link on the website.
- Next EOOC executive meeting TBD over email.