



# Foothills Wanderers Orienteering Club (FWOC) 2020 Annual Report

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## 2020 Year-in-Review

The Covid-19 pandemic posed some significant challenges throughout the 2020 year due to the need to cancel, postpone, or modify most of our programs and events. Despite the reduced revenues and reduced opportunities for orienteering and training, those who were able to participate in FWOC and SOGO events and training were highly appreciative of the efforts of the Club to continue to serve our mission:

*“FWOC creates experiences for everyone to explore their passion for nature, physical activity, and mental challenge. FWOC builds confident, resilient people through recreational and competitive orienteering events, coaching, training, and social opportunities in a fun, respectful, safe and environmentally friendly manner.”*

### **Some of the Biggest Challenges in 2020:**

- COVID 19:
  - Reduced membership numbers
  - Reduced events
  - Nav 101 / 201 cancelled
  - Forest Training cancelled
  - WCOC 2020 postponed to 2022
- Highly reliant on a few key people (SOGO & FWOC)

### **Some of the Biggest Successes in 2020:**

- GPS / MapRun (self-guided) courses
- Fall in-person events
- Try-It programs (*thanks Bogi!*)
- TNT training event series
- SOGO Summer Camp, Fall, and School programs
- Continued employment of key SOGO staff
- Many new faces!

Financially, FWOC ended the year with a slight loss of \$21,700 loss compared to \$9800 profit in previous year. Much of the loss can be attributed to decreased revenues from the cancellation of the events and SOGO programs for spring 2020 due to the pandemic. However, with emergency funding grants from the government and the suspension of fees paid to the Alberta Orienteering Association (AOA), we were able to keep our permanent SOGO employees employed and focused on offering modified programming as well as developing new programs such as GPS orienteering and the SOGO

Summer Camp. Fall 2020 brought the return of modified and reduced capacity programs for SOGO and FWOC and SOGO enrollment quickly filled. This is heartening to know that our programs are in high demand and serve a very important role in the health of Youth and the Communities we serve.

Looking forward in 2021, it is hard to predict what form our programs and events will take, but I am proud of this organization and its dedicated community and I am confident the Club will continue to work together towards our vision for Foothills Orienteering *“to create a community where everyone is engaged with nature, confident, and physically active through the Sport of Orienteering.*

Thank you to all the volunteers, coaches, organizers, and participants in our FWOC, SOGO, AOA, and Orienteering Canada communities that helped make 2020 another successful year for Foothills Orienteering despite all the challenges. I am looking forward to working with you to create another fulfilling year.

Tim McLaren

President

# Executive Members, Committees, & Staff

## 2020 FWOC Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Tim McLaren	<b>VP Mapping</b>	Don Bayly
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob MacDonald	<b>VP Membership</b>	Mauricio Estevez
<b>Treasurer</b>	Andree Powers	<b>VP Technology</b>	<i>vacant</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	Mardy Roberts	<b>Member at Large</b>	Carmie Callanan
<b>VP Events/Technical</b>	vacant	<b>Member at Large</b>	Kimberly landolo
<b>VP Junior Development</b>	Eduard Spelier, Charlotte MacNaughton	<b>Member at Large</b>	Jean McNaughton

## Junior Development Staff (paid positions)

<b>SOGO Program Coordinator</b>	Lenora Carbonetto
<b>SOGO Level 1 &amp; 2 Head Coach</b>	
<b>SOGO Level 3 Head Coach</b>	
<b>SOGO @School Coach</b>	
<b>SOGO Squirts Coach</b>	
<b>SOGO Program Development</b>	
<b>SOGO Access Coach</b>	

## Committees

### **Adult Training** (est. 2015)

Develop and review adult training programs for newcomers and veterans, based on the LTAD guidelines. Track participants to determine success of introductory programs in attracting newcomers.

Marsha Fehr (Chair)

Magali Robert

Finley Brandreth

Teresa Winn

### **Communications & Promotions** (est. 2016)

Coordinate the promotion of, and increase participation in, the sport of orienteering in Calgary, particularly through participation in FWOC programs and events. Communicate internally with club members and externally to the general public, including via social media.

Marsha Fehr (Chair)

Jean McNaughton

Mardy Roberts

### **Events** (est. 2017)

Plan and maintain annual calendar of orienteering events. Coordinate with other committees and clubs to create a combined annual calendar of events, avoiding conflicts as much as possible.

Bob McDonald (chair)

Karen Martino

### **Finance** (standing)

Create and maintain financial policies by which the spending of FWOC money is governed.

Andree Powers

Jean McNaughton

Mardy Roberts

Jonathan Winn

### **Junior Development** (est. 2014)

Create learning opportunities for youth in all aspects of orienteering. Guide the development and implementation of the Junior Training Program.

Eduard Spelier (Chair)

Charlotte McNaughton

Jean McNaughton

David Roberts

Karin Gerritsen

### **Mapping (est. 2012)**

Maintain, update, revise and otherwise manage existing maps. Plan future mapping projects. Support mapping training within the club.

Don Bayly (Chair)	Sylvestre Charles	Marsha Fehr	Clarence Kort
Scott Newson	Michael Svoboda	Teresa Winn	

### **Participation and Competitive Development (est. 2012)**

Review applications for event and competition support and recommend allocation of funds.

Carmie Callanan (Chair)	Andree Powers	Tim McLaren
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## Membership

Membership prices simplified:

- Adults changed from \$30 to \$10
- Juniors changed from \$7.5 to \$10
- SOGO members: 273 (incl. 26 summer camp)
- non-SOGO members: 109 adults; 39 youth (148 total)
- Total 2020 Members: 421

## Promotions & Communications

- Enhanced communication in the club through
- Monthly newsletters
- 508 subscribers
- 40% open rate
- Facebook posts
- Promoted the sport of orienteering in Calgary and area through Try It events

## Events

- Pre-lockdown early season “distanced” event on Nose Hill
- 7 GPS-style unsupervised “events” during lockdown
- 7 in-person events in Fall 2020
- 7 Try-It events
- SOGO programs & Spook-O
- 19 different people organized an FWOC event in 2020!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Series Name</b>	<b>Organizers</b>
FWOC Annual General Meeting	Meeting or Social Event	David Roberts (Host)
TNT #5 Feb 6 Canmore Park	Toonie Night Training	Emma Sherwood (Event Director)
TNT #6 Feb 13 Bowness Park + Baker Park	Toonie Night Training	Teresa (Event Director)
SOGO March Madness Try It	SOGO	Lenora Carbonetto (Event Director)
Carburn Park Unsupervised Flagged Course with Optional GPS Orienteering	Unsupervised	Tim McLaren (Course Planner)
Edworthy Park Unsupervised Course with Optional GPS Orienteering	Unsupervised	Marsha Fehr (Course Planner)
Pearce Estate Park Unsupervised Course with GPS Controls	Unsupervised	Teresa (Course Planner)
Bowness Park Unsupervised Course with Optional GPS Orienteering	Unsupervised	Teresa (Course Planner)
University of Calgary Unsupervised Course with Optional GPS Orienteering	Unsupervised	Marsha Fehr (Course Planner)
Cochrane Ranche Unsupervised Course with Optional GPS Orienteering	Unsupervised	Don Bayly (Controller), Geraint (Course Planner)
Nose Hill 14th St Marked Course with optional GPS (Android-only)	Unsupervised	Tim McLaren (Course Planner)
Baker Park Try It Event / Members' Timed SI Event	Wednesday Evening	Teresa (Course Planner), Bogi Gyorfi (Course Planner)
SI Courses Nose Hill Park Berkeley Gate	Wednesday Evening	Marion O (Course Planner), Bogi Gyorfi (Course Planner)
Sandy Beach Try It and SI timed event	Wednesday Evening	Nicki Rehn (Course Planner)
Nose Hill Brisebois : TRY IT and SI timed courses	Wednesday Evening	Clarence Kort (Event Director), Bogi Gyorfi (Event Director)
North Glenmore Park SI timed courses	Wednesday Evening	Kimberly Iandolo (Event Director), Bogi Gyorfi (Course Planner), David Roberts (Controller)
Riley Park: SI timed courses	Wednesday Evening	David Campden (Event Director)
SOGO Spook-O South (Carburn Park)	SOGO	Lenora Carbonetto (Event Director)
Fish Creek Park Hull's Wood: Timed Courses plus SOGO Youth Try-It Event	Wednesday Evening	Tim McLaren (Course Planner), Lenora Carbonetto (Course Planner), Kitty Jones (Controller)
SOGO Spook-O North (Baker Park)	SOGO	Lenora Carbonetto (Event Director)
TNT #1 Finding False Fire Hydrants!	Toonie Night Training	Marion O (Event Director)
TNT #2 HHBH/Hillhurst	Toonie Night Training	Christin Lundgren (Event Director)
TNT #3 Capri Avenue	Toonie Night Training	Don Bayly (Event Director)
TNT #4 Snowmen and Trees light tour	Toonie Night Training	Jane R (Event Director)
TNT #5 Confederation Park	Toonie Night Training	Jen Silverthorn (Event Director), Marion O (Controller)

TNT Holiday Bonus Tuscany Score-O	Toonie Night Training	Teresa (Event Director)
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## Adult Training

- Nav 101 / 201 cancelled
- Forest Training cancelled
- TNT Series successful
- 54 Registrants for series
- 13-26 members per session

## Junior Development

- Expanded to Cochrane, Bragg Creek
- Summer camp
- SOGO@Home; Sogo in your community; SOGO Beep (GPS) courses

## Mapping Committee Report

In the past it was common for the club to hire orienteers from Europe to make many of our maps, especially the larger forest areas. Then the process for getting work visas became much more complicated and expensive. In 2020, the pandemic greatly constrained international travel and even interprovincial travel. Therefore it is now more important to develop local mapping capabilities.

You can learn about mapping by downloading the Open Orienteering Mapper program, trying it out and reading the documentation. Mapping clinic notes are posted on the FWOC and AOA websites. Questions? Email [mapping@orienteeringcalgary.ca](mailto:mapping@orienteeringcalgary.ca)

2020 Paid FWOC mapping projects:

- Michael S. expanded the North Glenmore map to include the residential area between 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. and Glenmore Trail.

2020 Volunteer FWOC mapping projects:

- Teresa W. revised western parts of the Nose Hill map and did updates in Bowmont Park, Prince's Island, Eau Claire and Crescent Heights.
- Don B. produced the Leighton Art Centre and Laycock Park SOGO maps, and the Capri Avenue TNT map.
- Andrew M. produced the Garrison Woods TNT map.

2020 paid AOA mapping projects:



- Teresa W. mapped Waskasoo Park in Red Deer.
- Don B, added about 1 square km to the Lusk Creek map, and made a map of the Pass Powderkeg Ski Area in Blairmore.

Our two long term projects are updating Nose Hill and Fish Creek. I hope that between what Michael, Teresa and I have done on Nose Hill, it should be close to something that we could assemble as an updated map.

Re-doing Fish Creek is a bigger challenge, not so convenient for mappers who live in the north end of town. Fish Creek Provincial Park would like to have an updated Shannon Terrace map, but do not have any budget for that, so we can do it on a voluntary basis with some flexibility as to the schedule.

## Financials

The FWOC Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet statements for the year ending December 31 are attached to this report. The fiscal year was moved this year to end December 31, so the statements are for the period Nov 1 2019 to Dec 31 2020.

Overall, there was a \$21,700 loss compared to \$9800 profit in previous year. Looking only at the SOGO programs, there was a \$52,800 loss on \$57,600 income (vs \$4900 profit on \$158,000 income in previous year). SOGO salaries were the largest Club expense at \$83,900 vs \$129,000 in previous year.

Revenues (especially SOGO) greatly were reduced due to Covid-19 but partially offset with government programs, AOA suspending fees, and expense reductions.

The FWOC Auditors (Club Members Marion Owen and Don Merriam) did not have any reservations or recommendations for financial statements.

Prior Years Net Income and Retained Earnings:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Revenue</b>	\$145,189	\$108,474	\$149,186	\$219,330	\$251,695	\$179,838
<b>Expenses</b>	\$153,202	\$110,032	\$145,931	\$247,026	\$229,972	\$185,312
<b>Net income</b>	(-\$8,013)	(-\$1,558)	\$3,254	(-\$27,696)	\$21,723	(-\$5,474)
<b>Retained earnings</b>	\$116,175	\$114,616	\$117,871	\$145,567	\$167,290	\$156,017