

Quantico Orienteering Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2025

Call to Order

President Don Fish called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call

President **Don Fish**

Vice President **Dennis Doherty**

Vice President **Aaron Linville**

Vice President **Michael Newman**

Vice President **David & Reiko Rager**

Treasurer **David Levine**

Secretary **Beàtri Bennett**

Volunteer/Social Outreach **Sharmagh Yepremian**

Membership **Greg Lennon**

Director at Large **Matthew Knight**

Mapping **Ted Good**

Director at Large **Craig Shelden**

Immediate Past President **Jody Landers**

Others in attendance: Amy Loudon, Sidney Sachs, Francis Hogle, Jon Torrance, and Keg Good.

I. Officers & Directors Reports

— **Secretary report** – Beàtri Bennett

The meeting minutes for the 24 September 2025 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

Jody Landers made a motion to approve the 24 September meeting minutes. Aaron Linville seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

— **Treasurer report** – David Levine

David Levine shared the treasurer's report with expenditures and revenue reconciled through 30 November 2025.

- A donation to the Austin Dickey Creativity in Advocacy Fund was made in October.
- The Trial-O organizers were reimbursed for their travel expenses. \$250 was provided by QOC and \$500 from a donation from Harry Jones.
- Expenses are lower than last season due to reduced bus usage at current season events.
- One Certificate of Deposit (CD) will be renewed in mid-December at a lower rate, reflecting less favorable current market conditions.

ACTION:

- David Levine will add a note to the Budget to clarify that the 'Local Meet Expenses' budget line includes costs associated with Nationals.

Craig Shelden made a motion to accept the financial report. Jody Landers seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

— **Maryland VP report** – David and Reiko Rager

David and Reiko Rager provided updates on past and upcoming events.

Past events

Cabin John – 276 starts

Cunningham Falls – 158 starts

- Austere Medical Professionals (AMP) provided support and noted that they can support both MD and VA events. Don Fish mentioned that AMP will provide support at both Bowie and Bacon Ridge during Nationals. He also suggested using AMP at Quantico events.

Swanson Road – 216 starts

- New event directors Mary Snieckus and Hilary Maloney.

Patuxent River Park – 165 starts

- NJROTC championships were moved to York River Park in Williamsburg, VA.

Activities/Notes

- The MD storage unit is set up on automatic payment at \$150 per month. (The price increased from the introductory rate.)

Upcoming Events

Rosaryville – QOC is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Championships. The event will also serve as a practice session for the Nationals start crew.

Avalon – The event will be limited to 200 people and only advanced courses will be available. Greg Lennon requested clarification on the number of people vs number of starts, in order to update the Registration page accordingly.

The event will be limited to 200 *individuals*. Groups, including Boy Scout groups, will not be permitted. Don Fish stressed that ROTC participants should not 'level up' at this event. A ¼" of precipitation (rain and/or snow) will result in event cancellation.

Seneca Creek – The start location at Smokey Glen Farm has been confirmed.

Mar 14 – Apr 5 – A virtual Score-O in Washington, DC is being planned for availability during the off weeks over Easter; Gary Smith will update the map, and David Rager will design the course.

— **Virginia VP report** – Aaron Linville and Dennis Doherty

Dennis Doherty provided updates on past and upcoming events as well as permitting.

Past events

Mason Neck – 291 starts (329 participants)

- The event featured Trail-O and drew a record number of 130 NJROTC cadets.
- The Park Manager expressed dissatisfaction due to exceeded parking capacity, surpassing the 200-person limit, bathrooms reaching full capacity, runners on the road (should be marked as out of bounds), and the park reaching its maximum number of vehicles, requiring temporary closure to new entries. Dennis Doherty apologized to the Park Manager, emphasizing that the situation was unusual, and confirmed the club will adhere to established limits in the future, supplementing facilities with Port-a-Potties if needed. The Park Manager welcomed QOC to return to Mason Neck. Dennis Doherty mentioned that past events at Mason Neck averaged approximately 170 participants.

Lake Fairfax – 290 starts (380 participants)

- The Mountain Bike-O (MTB-O) event was successful with great weather and record of 37 MTB-O starts.
- Two new events directors: Justin Green and Mike Tyson.

Prince William Forest Park (Pine Grove) – 235 starts (304 participants)

- The government opened in time for the event to proceed, and the weather was excellent.

Activities/Notes

- The VA events for this season are on track to generate over \$11,000 in profit, driven by reduced bus and Port-a-Potty expenses and record attendance.
- The VA storage unit is set up on automatic payment at \$77 per month.

Upcoming Events

Event Directors and Course Setters have been assigned to all upcoming events.

Don Fish noted that one leg of the Mason Neck map passed through the Ranger's house. For future events at Mason Neck, signage should be provided to remind participants that olive green shading, in addition to checkerboard shading, indicates out-of-bounds areas, running on the road is prohibited, and no legs should pass through the Ranger's property.

ACTION:

- Greg Lennon will ensure that the Registration page for the Manassas event restricts registration to 200 participants.
- Aaron Linville will inform Greg Lennon of strategies to control the number of participants at the Manassas event, such as setting a maximum per course, restricting groups or ROTC participation, etc.)

— Membership, Website, Registration, & Communication – Greg Lennon

Membership – observed a small increase in membership.

Website & Groups.io E-Forum – The Drupal 11 website rebuild is ongoing. The AI-enhanced chatbot is currently disabled; while it was well received by newer users, some long-standing

members expressed reservations. Board members who are available to assist with testing the new site before year-end are encouraged to contact Greg Lennon.

A Google Workspace has been established as a repository for QOC documents. The *US Nationals 2026* directory contains folders for Overall, Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 event and is shared with all the core organizers.

A new webpage on [LIVELOX](#) has been added to both the legacy (D6) and new (D11) Drupal websites. LIVELOX will be used in conjunction with RouteGadget. Mike Dvorsky will maintain LIVELOX and will set it up at all events.

Registration/Announcements – A new JROTC-like group (Northern High School and Calvert County) has been attending events without registering. Don Fish, Greg Lennon, and Valerie Meyer are providing guidance on the registration process and emphasizing the importance of registering for events.

A "Mark Your Calendar" email regarding volunteer opportunities for the 2026 Nationals was distributed from Don Fish to Groups.io forum subscribers. The US Nationals website (<https://www.uschamps.org/>) is also available from the OUSA and AttackPoint websites.

— **Publicity** – Sharmagh Yepremian

Post event meet-ups/Mappy Hour – Post-event socials are on hold until year-end. A decision is still pending on whether to host a social gathering on the Saturday of US Nationals, as well as a volunteer appreciation happy hour following the event.

Volunteering – Volunteer recruitment efforts have started for US Nationals. The Lake Fairfax event had two new event directors (Justin Green and Mike Tyson) and the Swanson Road event was directed by Mary Snieckus and Hilary Maloney (who both directed an event once last season).

Social Media

Facebook – 2.6K followers (organic growth) – increased by 100 since last meeting.
Instagram: 1.9K+ followers (organic growth) – increased by 100 since last meeting.

Facebook and Instagram activity indicate a steady level of engagement among followers. In contrast, engagement from non-followers shows consistently higher spikes, particularly throughout September and October, suggesting that content is effectively reaching and resonating with a broader audience beyond the existing follower base. Overall, 59.5% of views are attributed to followers and 40.5% to non-followers, reflecting expanded audience reach this season.

By content type, multi-photo posts (event photos) account for 73.8% of total views, making them the strongest-performing format among both followers and non-followers.

Increased interaction with adventure racing organizations and participants has also contributed to growth in interest and viewership.

QOC's Google profile data indicates a decline in visits leading into October, followed by a rebound in November. While online reach does not directly correlate with month-to-month attendance, strong digital visibility likely contributed to solid turnout in both October and November.

— **Mapping** – Ted Good

Mapping season is in full progress.

Craig Shelden received updated sensitive area designations for Prince William Forest (PWF) and those have been incorporated into the maps for course setters. Two categories are defined: AVOID and EXCLUDE. AVOID areas should be avoided, when possible, though incidental passage is acceptable; any controls placed in these areas must be attached to trees, with no stakes or posts inserted into the ground. EXCLUDE areas are strictly off-limits for checkpoint/control placement, and course legs must not pass through these zones.

Mapping updates are:

Ted Good

- *Bacon Ridge*: Started doing final field check of Bacon Ridge for NRE.
- *General Highway Corridor Park*: Mostly Finished Model Area map for US Nationals/NRE Long model course. They added a Disc Golf course since it was last used for a Summer Series event.
- *Lake Fairfax*: Created/Converted Lake Fairfax to a Mountain Bike map for the Mountain bike event held there.
- *Hemlock Overlook*: Converted Hemlock map to current symbol set.
- *Lake Occoquan*: Minor drafting updates for Lake Occoquan as per course setter.
- *PWF*:
 - East of Scenic Loop: Addressed 3000+ drafting issues
 - Copied sensitive areas to all three PWF maps.
 - Started field checking on area North East of Scenic Loop. Processed new (2022) Lidar for north area of Camp 1/4 and dealt with contours in LIDAR so it would attach to the current maps.
- *Annapolis*: Minor additional area to Annapolis Maryland map.

Dennis Doherty

- *Lake Fairfax*: Did updates. Completed conversion to Mountain Bike Map.

Massey Bartolini

- *Beverly Triton Park*: $\frac{3}{4}$ done with this map. This is his first mapping project.

Gary & Ginny Quam

- *Fountain Head*: Continue to update the Western most area of Fountain Head that previously had never been field checked.

Sam Listwak

- *Seneca Creek*: Completed conversion of Seneca creek to current mapping symbols.

John Blaisdell

- *McKeldin*: Updated the new trails system at McKeldin. Ted did the OCAD drafting. Will be used for upcoming McKeldin event.

Nadim Ahmed

- *Wheaton*: Updating the Wheaton map where he will be course setting.

Christopher Puin

- *Rockburn Park*: Started making updates to Rockburn County Park that borders Avalon in Patapsco State Park. This was his first mapping project.

The club has contracted Jon Torrance to continue mapping PWF. Jon Torrance will focus on completing the inside scenic loop first (Turkey Run Ridge) then move to the South East area of Camp 1/4 map. Ted Good will do the North area of Camp 1/4.

Next, Don Fish provided an update on the Izaak Walton League site visit attended by himself, Greg Lennon, and Sam Listwak. The League's board is eager to proceed with having QOC map their facility. Don Fish has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the club's proposal for review by the League. The proposal includes a 10-year commitment from the League to allow QOC to hold bi-annual events. Events will be planned for mid-winter, following the conclusion of hunting season.

Ted Good recommended that the proposal should include provisions to ensure course setters have access to the site for future map updates.

Nadim Ahmed has volunteered to undertake the mapping, with expenses reimbursed for field checking. Ted Good proposed that Sam Listwak might also be interested in mapping this area.

II. Other Business

— Stock Donation to QOC – Francis Hogle

A QOC member has offered to make a stock donation to the club. Francis Hogle provided an overview of the required process. David Levine will work with Francis Hogle for assistance/guidance as needed.

— Mid-Atlantics Update – Jody Landers/Don Fish/Greg Lennon

The start crew will rehearse for US Nationals at this event. Aaron Linville is managing the relays.

— 2026 US Nationals update – Craig Shelden/Ted Good/Don Fish

Craig Shelden provided an update on the readiness status at Anne Arundel Fairgrounds. Don Fish reminded Jon Torrance that we need to steer clear of the pollinator gardens at University of Maryland. Don Fish provided an update on overall logistics.

— Future NREs – Ted Good

Ted Good noted that the next National Ranking Event (NRE) is tentatively scheduled for 2028 at Turkey Run Ridge and Prince William Forest. Discussion also included hosting a Masters Championship (two-day classic event). These events require a committed timeline to ensure maps are updated promptly.

Don Fish confirmed support for the NRE in early November 2028.

— **Report on Trail-O Event at Mason Neck – Don Fish**

Although the Trail-O event was successful, the club does not plan to hold additional Trail-O events at this time. World Trail Orienteering Championships 2027 (WTOC) are scheduled for November 2027 in Los Angeles.

— **Subcommittee to discuss park access issues – Don Fish/Dennis Doherty**

The Board agreed to defer consideration of a subcommittee due to ongoing club commitments.

III. Adjourn

Jody Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Linville seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 Apr 2026 @ 7 pm via Zoom.

Minutes submitted: Beàtri Bennett