

Quantico Orienteering Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026

Call to Order

President Dennis Doherty called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call

President Dennis Doherty	Membership Greg Lennon
Vice President Aaron Linville	Mapping Ted Good
Vice President Matthew Knight	Volunteer/Social Outreach Sharmagh Yepremian
Vice Presidents David & Reiko Rager	Director at Large Mike Tyson
Vice President Michael Newman	Director at Large Mary Snieckus
Treasurer David Levine	Immediate Past President Don Fish
Secretary Beàtri Bennett	

Others in attendance: Francis Hogle, Jody Landers, Amy Loudon, Sidney Sachs, and Jon Torrance.

I. Vote on Appointed and At-Large Board Positions

President Dennis Doherty thanked the members who volunteered to serve on the Board, and Jody Landers echoed his appreciation on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Dennis then presented the proposed appointed and at-large Board members: Greg Lennon (Membership Director), Ted Good (Mapping Director), Sharmagh Yepremian (Publicity Director), Mary Snieckus (At-Large Director, Maryland), and Mike Tyson (At-Large Director, Virginia), and requested a motion to approve the appointments.

Don Fish made a motion to approve the appointed members of the board. David Levine seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

II. Officers & Directors Reports

— **Secretary report** – Beàtri Bennett

The meeting minutes for the 1 April 2026 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

The Board discussed and approved a change to the meeting minutes approval process. Going forward, meeting minutes will be distributed for review and online voting within two weeks of each meeting, replacing the current practice of approving minutes at the subsequent Board meeting, typically held three months later.

ACTION:

- *Beàtri Bennett will distribute the meeting minutes for review and subsequent online voting within two weeks of the meeting.*

Don Fish made a motion to approve the 1 April meeting minutes. Mike Tyson seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

— **Treasurer report** – David Levine

David Levine presented the Treasurer's Report, with expenditures and revenue reconciled through 31 May 2026. The board reviewed the financial report, noting continued profitability and increasing balances despite seasonal declines in membership renewals and fewer events. Revenue totaled approximately \$118,710 and expenses approximately \$95,260; both were below projections due to a couple of events being cancelled earlier in the year because of weather and safety concerns. David confirmed that the club's fiscal year runs from 1 September through 31 August.

The board discussed options for moving the club's CD investments from Bank of America to higher-yield accounts. Francis Hogle offered to assist with setting up a Fidelity account if the board elects to proceed.

Mike Tyson made a motion to accept the financial report. Aaron Linville seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Don Fish noted that the bank signature authority should be updated to add Dennis Doherty as an authorized signer and remove himself as a signer.

Greg Lennon made a motion to direct our Treasurer, David Levine, to establish a Vanguard account for the Quantico Orienteering Club with appropriate mechanisms to transfer funds from other accounts to and from the newly established Vanguard account. Mike Tyson seconded the motion. Dennis Doherty and Ted Good abstained. The motion carried.

Greg Lennon noted that timing for establishing the new account was intentionally omitted from the motion. David Levine may choose to align the account setup with the maturity of the Bank of America CDs, with the first CD expiring in late July.

ACTION:

- David Levine will evaluate options for establishing a new investment account and consult with Francis Hogle as needed.
- David Levine, Dennis Doherty, and possibly Don Fish, will visit Bank of America to update the bank signature authority by adding Dennis Doherty as a signer and removing Don Fish as a signer.

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

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

Past events

Wheaton – 175 starts (11% DNF)

Blockhouse Point – 148 starts (6% DNF)

Patuxent River Park – 188 starts (11% DNF)

- 50th Beer Chase and annual meeting and election of officers.

Activities/Notes

- Maryland has 16 events scheduled for next season; still recruiting for a few more Course Setters and Event Directors.

Upcoming Events

Reviewed the 2026/27 schedule.

- Don Fish coordinated with Patriot, Patuxent and Calvert ROTCs to manage the Cunningham Falls, King's Landing, and Swanson Road events.
- Reiko Rager noted that four events will use shuttle services; Gambrill, Blockhouse Point, King's Landing and Charles Branch. It is anticipated that a new parking lot will be available in time for the Bacon Ridge event in the Spring, eliminating the need for shuttle service.
- Charles Branch is not suitable for beginner courses; likely will only have Orange and above courses. Permitting is still in progress.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the venue for the NJROTC Championships scheduled for 21-22 November.
- Don Fish reported speaking with Michael Dickey regarding the Rogaine event at Gambrill. Michael expressed a desire to repeat last year's model of using two continuously running shuttles, as it provides access to additional terrain. To break even this year, the registration fee will be increased.
- Dennis Doherty reported on a cost analysis conducted with Mike Newman regarding shuttle service costs, based on last season's participants. They concluded that the club's budget will remain positive even with shuttles required for approximately six events (not including Bacon Ridge since the parking lot should be completed on time).
- Greg Lennon informed the group that the MORE mountain biking organization is adding trails in Charles Branch, which may allow for White/Yellow course options in the future.
- Don Fish supported Charles Branch replacing Avalon as an 'Advanced Only' event, since Avalon is not on the schedule this year.
- Virginia VPs approached Great Falls Park management in Virginia as a potential event location. Greg Lennon expressed interest in also contacting Great Falls, Maryland, but suggested first seeing how discussions with Virginia progress. The Board discussed whether to pursue both Virginia and Maryland or focus on one location for this season. Don Fish agreed with Greg Lennon to pursue the Virginia park this year and revisit the potential for Great Falls, Maryland if the Virginia effort is successful.
- Mike Newman reported challenges securing the Manor Pavilion at Cunningham Falls, and the team discussed potential alternatives including reaching out to Mike Millen from Austere Medical Professionals, for assistance.

— **Virginia VP report** – Aaron Linville and Matt Knight

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

Past events

Morven Park – 150 starts (212 participants); Low DNF rate – 7%

- Possible site for future night-O or MBO.

Pohick Bay – 150 starts (212 participants); Normal DNF rate – 15%

Ball's Bluff – 136 starts (209 participants); Moderately High DNF rate – 19%

- Attendance was lower than expected, possibly due to Mother's Day.
- A missing control flag contributed to the high DNF rates (26% for Brown, and 55% for Red).

Quantico – 81 starts (93 participants); High DNF rate – 37%

- Attendance was lower than expected, possible due to the check-in process, the event being on a Saturday, the unseasonably hot day, and competing Spring activities.
- The group discussed the unusually high DNF rate (60% for Brown, and 45% for Orange). Greg Lennon inquired about whether a map update might be needed. Aaron Linville confirmed that the course setter, Charles Carrick, had not identified any issues with the current map. Aaron Linville and Greg Lennon noted that the high DNF rate was largely attributable to the event being held too late in the spring, resulting in poor visibility due to vegetation conditions that differed significantly from those reflected on the map vetted earlier in the year.

In response to Francis Hogle's inquiry regarding the state of the deadfall, Ted Good reported that downed debris was not a significant issue; however, the map could benefit from vegetation updates in certain areas, particularly along field edges.

Aaron Linville confirmed that the event will be moved to an earlier date next season to mitigate similar issues.

Don Fish noted that the check-in process was significantly improved for this year's event.

Activities/Notes

- The Balls Bluff and Quantico events incurred losses, but overall event operations remained profitable.

Upcoming Events

Reviewed the 2026/27 schedule.

- Virginia has targeted 14 events for next season; still recruiting for a few more Course Setters and Event Directors.
- Venues have been approved for half of the events, with reservations in progress for the remainder.
- Positive feedback from the Great Falls, VA permit office with a final decision expected in November/December 2026.

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

Membership – No significant changes.

Registration/Announcements –

Registration activity typically slows during the summer months. Greg Lennon reported that both automated and manual processes are in place to identify individuals who register as members but do not have current memberships. He noted that these instances are generally the result of registration errors or overlooked membership renewals and are not a significant concern, but that he monitors and follows up on such cases as needed.

Tracking Device Feedback –

Greg Lennon reported that he has researched several GPS tracking solutions and would like to test three comparable systems, including LiveloX, at selected Summer Series events to evaluate their performance under real-world conditions. The battery-powered devices provide real-time location updates at one-minute intervals.

Potential benefits include enhanced participant safety, improved monitoring of individuals on the course for extended periods and addressing parental concerns regarding junior participants (since cellular coverage is not always available throughout course areas). The initial plan is to maintain four to five trackers for distribution to participants as needed. The trackers may also be useful for spectator viewing at competitive events.

Greg Lennon made a motion for him (Greg) to spend up to \$500 to purchase and test three GPS trackers, including LiveloX. Mike Tyson seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

— **Publicity** – Sharmagh Yepremian

Post event meet-ups/Mappy Hour

- The season-end volunteer appreciation social at Caddies had its largest turnout to date, with more than 40 volunteers from both Nationals and the regular season.
- The next season-end volunteer social is planned for 5 or 6 June 2027. Reminders will be distributed after the date is confirmed.

Social Media

- Facebook has 135 new follows with 133.9k views, 5.6k content interactions and 718 link clicks.
- Instagram has 303 new followers with 95.8k views, 3.9k content interactions and 65 link clicks. *Note:* Instagram only allows clickable links through stories, not through posts.
- Google Business Profile had 1.785k views and 55 link clicks.

Social media reach does not correlate directly with month-to-month attendance; however, sustained online visibility helps attract new participants and encourages repeat attendance.

— **Mapping** – Ted Good

Ted Good presented several orientation notes for the incoming board members:

- QOC has a master map baseline file that catalogues all maps used by QOC. The file includes details such as map location, scale, mapper, update status, map type, area size,

ownership of the master copy, parking lot capacity, and availability of facilities including shelters and bathrooms for each event venue.

- The club operates a program under which QOC members are paid \$10 per hour for field checking. Program details, including the pre-approval process, are available on the [Field Checking](#) page on QOC web site.
- The OCAD Sketch tool has been replaced by an OCAD app that enables map drafting on a mobile phone using the device's GPS. In addition to field checking, the app may be used by course setters to verify control locations.

The mapping clinic was less successful than anticipated, with limited participation in mapping work. Ginny and Gary Quam, Massey Bartolini, and Christopher Puin were among the few who completed some mapping. Ted Good is considering a follow-up clinic in the fall and plans to assign starter projects to build experience before participants work on existing QOC maps.

Ted Good will remind course setters of Keg Good's course consulting services.

Mapping Updates

Ted Good

- *Bacon Ridge*: Mapped area not previously done before March NRE.
- *PWF Camp 1/4*: Completed about 3 sq/K.
- *Fountain Head*: Drafting updates from Gary & Ginny Quam's field checking.
- *Gunston Hall*: Converting/redrafting to 1:15,000 so that the map joins seamless with Pohick.
- *Greenbelt*: Made minor updates for the Summer Series.
- *University of Maryland*: Cleaned up map issues identified during the NRE and planning to update the southern half of the campus. The latter is a good activity for the summer. (Mapping is not typically conducted during the summer due to heat, dense vegetation, and limited visibility. However, sprint maps, minor updates and field checks to trails and streams, as well as maps prepared for the Summer Series continue through the summer months.)

Gary & Ginny Quam

- *Fountain Head*: Continued updating the westernmost area of Fountainhead, which had not previously been field checked, using the new OCAD app.

Nadim Ahmed

- *Wheaton*: Completed the entire Wheaton map updates.
- *Bethesda*: minor updates to downtown Bethesda map and other summer series maps.
- *Seneca Ridge*
- *Lake Needwood* – land fill extension: 160 acres opening in November 2026 or Spring 2027. Will start adding to the existing map after the public opening. The area will be managed by the Department of Environmental Protection, not Montgomery Country Parks.

Sam Listwak

- *Little Bennett*: Converted the map to the current symbol set and is examining LiDAR for vegetation updates.

Mike Dvorsky

- *Charles Branch Natural Area*: Will map a new area by Rosaryville which used to be Girl Scout property.

Professional mapper (Jon Torrance)

- *Prince William Forest*: Completed Turkey Run and started on Camp 1 & 4. Completed 2.1 sq/K as part of his current contract.

Greg Lennon asked whether the Bacon Ridge map could be expanded to include the 500+ acres in Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. Ted Good noted that off-trail orienteering is not currently permitted in the park, although future access may allow mapping of portions of the area. Greg Lennon reported that mountain bike trails are being developed, including a connection to Bacon Ridge, which could potentially support MTB-O activities; Ted Good remarked that it will be a loop trail with limited navigational complexity.

Greg Lennon reported that he and Nadim Ahmed are discussing map updates to the Black Hill area.

Don Fish noted that there has not been an update regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted to the Izaak Walton League.

ACTION:

- Don Fish will follow up with the Izaak Walton League to ensure they respond to his communication.

Next QOC National Ranking Event (NRE)

Ted Good stressed the need for the club to confirm a date for the next QOC NRE, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2028 (October/November). The plan is to bid for the U.S. Masters (two-day classic) and use Prince William Forest Park (Turkey Run Ridge and Camp 1 & 4 maps). He recommended Veterans Day weekend. The group agreed, and Don Fish will place 11-12 November 2028 on the OUSA calendar to reserve the date.

The embargo period for new maps is one year, while existing maps are subject to a shorter embargo. Consequently, Turkey Run may be used this season, although it is not currently on the QOC 2026/27 schedule, as Happy Land is being used instead.

ACTION:

- Don Fish will place 11-12 November 2028 on the OUSA calendar for the NRE event.
- The Board needs to identify areas (by Fall 2026) for the next NRE (following the 2028 event) to ensure mapping efforts are scheduled in a timely manner. Dennis Doherty will add this item to the next board meeting agenda.

III. Other Business

— **Revisit charge of \$2 for extra maps** — Aaron Linville

Aaron Linville proposed eliminating the \$2 fee for additional course maps for participants who have already registered and completed their first course, subject to approval by the Event Director and ePunch team.

Greg Lennon reminded the group that the Event Director's handbook and website need to be updated to reflect the new policy.

Aaron Linville made a motion to rescind the \$2 fee for a second course for a person who has registered and completed their first course, with consent from the Event Director and ePunch team, and if there are enough maps available. Greg Lennon seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried.

ACTION:

- Sharmagh Yepremian will review the Event Director handbook and update if needed.
- Greg Lennon will update the relevant portions of the QOC website to reflect the new policy.

— **Grants for USOC**

The group discussed donations to USOC.

Greg Lennon made a motion that QOC donate \$2,000 to the National Foot-O team, to use as they wish, and \$500 to the National Trail-O team. Aaron Linville seconded the motion. Ted Good opposed the \$500 to the Trail-O team. The motion carried.

Don Fish asked whether there was concern that the budgeted amount was \$2,000 while the motion specified a total of \$2,500. It was noted that the budget can be amended accordingly.

Jody Landers noted that these donations support the long-term development of the sport of orienteering. As a successful club, such contributions benefit both the organization and the sport overall by enhancing future opportunities for competition and providing broader support for the orienteering community.

ACTION:

- Dennis Doherty will add an agenda item to the first board meeting in 2027, stating that QOC will make next season's donation in Q1 2027 to ensure that USOC can allocate the funds accordingly.

— **Tracking devices purchase request** – Greg Lennon

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting during the Membership report.

— **Reusable map case options** – Matt Knight

Matt Knight researched several reusable map case options but did not identify any suitable for orienteers, as all available options were too thick. He proposed to:

- continue evaluating the use of Tyvek paper, and

- discontinue the practice of sealing the maps in plastic bags next season and instead make map cases available at the end of registration tables for participants who wish to use them. Also encourage participants to bring their own map cases or re-use the plastic map cases for future events.

The board agreed to implement the latter change without a formal vote.

ACTION:

- Aaron Linville will inform Valerie Meyer to no longer put maps in the plastic map cases.
- Aaron Linville and David Rager will ensure that the MD and VA meet kits are stocked with map cases, staplers, and non-ferrous staples.

— **2026/27 Operating Budget** – David Levine

David Levine presented the provisional budget for FY2027. The group reviewed, discussed and updated the budget items where needed.

Although the budget reflects a deficit, Jody Landers reminded the group that the Board increased fees several years ago to build a financial surplus for strategic investments, including mapping projects. Annual budgets are not expected to be balanced every year and a surplus may be used to fund such initiatives.

Beàtri Bennett made a motion to approve the provisional budget, with the understanding that adjustments may be made as additional information becomes available. Greg Lennon seconded the motion. Ted Good opposed. The motion carried.

ACTION:

- David Levine will provide a detailed break-down of the budget categories (e.g., details of the Local Meet Expenses, Meet Equipment, Mapping and Volunteering) to the board members before the next meeting, allowing members to review the details.
- Dennis Doherty will add an agenda item to the next board meeting to revisit the approved provisional budget.

— **2026/27 Event Schedule** – MD and VA VPs

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting during the respective VP reports.

— **Formation of a subcommittee to explore volunteer compensation options** – Don Fish

A subcommittee chaired by Don Fish, with Matt Knight and Sharmagh Yepremian, will develop a proposal for Board consideration and comment, with submission targeted for the next meeting. Anyone interested in joining the subcommittee should reach out to Don Fish.

ACTION:

- Dennis Doherty will provide Don Fish with a charter outlining the scope and objectives for evaluating volunteer compensation options.

IV. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10.10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 September 2026 @ 7 pm via Zoom.

Minutes submitted: Beàtri Bennett

Approval Record: These minutes were approved by unanimous email vote on 7 July 2026.