



VOA Annual General Meeting

Monday, 9 May 2005
VicHealth, 15-31 Pelham St., Carlton

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendance: 30

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

1. Apologies

Ian Dodd, Mandy Hennessy, John Sheahan, Tom Norwood, Mark Valentine, Rex Niven, Dianne & Peter Searle.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The minutes were read.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Kathy Liley/Ruth Goddard. Carried.

3. President's Report

- The World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships were clearly the big event of the previous year, and Adrian Jackson's Victory in the Men's Middle Distance event was the highlight. Thanks extend to all those who helped to run this major event.
- VOA membership has risen 16% in two years, but bush orienteering attendances are poor in 2004.
- The survey of the members has shown interesting and useful results.
- Athlete development will be a focus of the Board during the coming 12 months.
- Thanks to Pat Miller and Tina Smith for their work on the Board over the previous 2 years.

4. 2004 Annual Report

- The financial report has again been unable to be included because of delays in finalising the figures. We will therefore need to defer acceptance of this part of the report until another date.
- The accounts will show a cash-loss of approximately \$20 thousand. This was brought about by the distribution to clubs of proceeds from the 2003 Australian Championship Carnival being held over into this year. The result is no cause for concern.

- The World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships operated at a loss of approximately \$6 thousand. This loss was mainly due to a higher than anticipated cost of drug testing.

Motion that the Annual Report (with the exception of the financial report) be accepted. Barry Hart/Blake Gordon. Carried.

5. Life Member

- Laurie Niven was nominated by the Board for life membership.

Motion moved Blair Trewin/Peta Whitford. Carried.

6. President's Awards

- To Peter Creely (Bendigo Orienteers) – in recognition of his exceptional efforts in establishing and operating email bulletins on behalf of Victorian orienteers.
- To Stan Gurman (Dandenong Ranges Orienteering Club) – to recognise his catering after winter street orienteering events, and the social atmosphere this brings to these events.

7. Proposed amendments to the VOA Constitution

1. Eligibility to enter Victorian Championship events

Presently an Australian orienteer is required to be a member of a state or territory Association in order to enter a Victorian Championship. The exception to this is where the Championship is in a format designated to be “developmental.” At present, a format cannot be designated as being developmental if it is part of the foot orienteering discipline. The proposal was to remove this proviso, with the intention that park/street orienteering might be designated as being “developmental.”

Wording of amendment

Delete the final sentence of the existing 14.4.4, which currently reads:

14.4.4. The Council may determine that certain disciplines are “development” disciplines, and that entry to and participation in the Individual Championships in those “development” disciplines may be provided to non-members, on the payment of a non-members fee determined by the Council. No Foot Orienteering Discipline shall be so determined.

Moved that the constitution be amended as proposed. Jenny Sheahan/Wally Cavill. Carried with more than 75% of the vote.

2. Eligibility of paid officers of the Association to become members of the Board and vice versa

The purpose of these amendments is to allow members of the Board other than the President to hold a paid position with the Association or to receive funding from the Association. There is no immediate intention to appoint any Board member to a paid role, but this amendment allows it to be done. The *Associations Incorporation Act* precludes a Board member from voting on any matter in which they have an individual interest.

Wording of amendments

- (a) Delete the underlined words from 10.12.1:

10.12.1. No member of the Council or Board shall be appointed to any salaried office or office of profit within the Association except as specified in Clause 11.7, or shall hold any transmissible or assignable assets in the Association for personal gain or profit.

- (b) Delete provisions dealing with employment (underlined) from 11.7:

11.7. The Council shall have the power to agree to reimbursement of members of the Association for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Association. The rates and limits of such reimbursement shall be set by the Council or the Board. The Council shall also have power to agree to payment of members of the Association, other than members of the Board, for performing certain duties on behalf of the Association.

- (c) Introduce a new clause 11.9, 'Employment':

11.9. The Council shall have the power to agree to the employment of members of the Association, other than the President, or other persons to perform certain duties on behalf of the Association'

*Moved that the constitution be amended as proposed. Tina Smith/Peta Whitford.
Carried with more than 75% of the vote.*

8. Election of Office Bearers

- Two nominations were received by the deadline:

Treasurer – Ruth Goddard
Vice President – Ian Dodd

As these were the only nominations received for these positions, they were both declared to have been elected.

(Rob Edmonds took the chair for the election of the President).

- Blair Trewin was nominated for President by Barry Hart & seconded by Russell Bulman. He was elected unopposed.

(Blair Trewin then resumed the chair)

- Warwick Williams was nominated as Secretary by Laurie Niven and seconded by Neil Barr. He was elected unopposed.
- No nominations were received for the second Vice-President position.

9. Guest Speakers

- Hugh Cameron (Vice President IOF) Developments in international orienteering.
- Neil Barr (Bendigo) The changing social landscape in rural Victoria.
- The president proposed a vote of thanks to each of these speakers for their thought provoking presentations.

10. General Business

- Nil.

Meeting adjourned 9.50 PM to a date and place to be fixed for consideration of the annual financial statement.

Meeting recommenced at Glenluce following the conclusion of the Maxi 3-hour event, at 2.30 PM on 31 July 2005.

4. 2004 Annual Report (continued)

The financial report had been circulated at the Council meeting on 28th July, and more widely via the e-bulletin.

Motion that the financial report be accepted. G. Hudson/P. Yeates. Carried.

Meeting closed 2.35 PM