



VOA Annual General Meeting

Monday, 8 May 2006
VicHealth, 15-31 Pelham St., Carlton

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendance: 32

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

1. Apologies

Bruce Arthur, Laurie Niven, Kathy Lilley, Tom Norwood, Peter Searle, Neil Barr, Mark Valentine.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The minutes were read.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Blake Gordon/Lindsay Thomas. Carried.

3. President's Report

- Blair is standing down after 10 years on the Board.
- VOA membership has risen 20% in three years.
- Park/Street orienteering has been the big growth area in that time, although MTBO has also grown, allowing us to host a World Championship and produce a World Champion.
- 5 major events in 5 years has taxed our resources, but now we have the opportunity to breathe until the 2009 Australian Championships carnival.
- 10 years ago the Association's finances were a concern, but now we have suitable reserves to sustain any shocks.
- Thanks to fellow Board members past and present.

4. 2004 Annual Report

- Ruth Goddard acknowledged the help she had received from Ian Dodd with the accounts during the year.
- The accounts show that we essentially broke even for the previous year.

Motion that the Annual Report be accepted. Lindsay Thomas/Barry Hart. Carried.

5. Life Membership

- Lindsay Thomas was nominated by the Board for life membership.

Motion moved Russell Bulman/Ken Moore. Carried.

6. President's Awards

- To Barry Hart (Yarra Valley) – for his many contributions over the years, most recently in setting up the participation database.
- To Geoff Hudson (Nillumbik Emus) – for the most outlandish time to send an email concerned with the administration of the sport (2.46 AM!).

7. Proposed amendments to the VOA Constitution

1. Restriction on the ability to benefit from the “15 month membership” provision

To give effect to Council's decision to restrict eligibility for the 'membership valid until the end of the following year' provision to new members, it is necessary to amend clause 7.5 of the VOA Constitution. The clause currently reads:

7.5. Subscriptions paid within three months before the due date shall be deemed to be valid until the end of the following year.

It is proposed to amend this to read:

7.5. Subscriptions paid within three months before the due date by currently financial members, and those joining the Association for the first time, shall be deemed to be valid until the end of the following year.

Motion that the constitution be amended as proposed. Claire Brownridge/Russell Bulman. Carried with more than 75% of the vote.

2. Passing of authority for employment of staff from the Council to the Board

Council recommended at the February Policy Day that the authority for employing people on behalf of the VOA be shifted from the Council to the Board. This requires an amendment to Clause 11.9, which currently reads:

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.

It is proposed to replace 'Council' with 'Board' in this clause.

Motion that the constitution be amended as proposed. Peta Whitford/Barry Hart. Carried with more than 75% of the vote.

8. Election of Office Bearers

- Before the elections, Warwick Williams presented Blair Trewin with a framed photograph on behalf of the Board and members, by way of thanks for the enormous contribution he has made to Victorian orienteering, most recently as President, but in many other ways since he first moved to Victoria.

(As he was not standing for re-election, Blair Trewin retained the chair for the election of office bearers).

- No nominations for the Board positions were received by the deadline.
- Ian Dodd was nominated from the floor for President by Peta Whitford & seconded by Sheila Colls. He was elected unopposed.
- Warwick Williams was nominated from the floor for Secretary by Ruth Goddard and seconded by John Sheahan. He was elected unopposed.
- Ruth Goddard was nominated from the floor for Treasurer by Ian Dodd, seconded by Barry Hart. She was elected unopposed.
- No nominations were received for the two Vice-Presidents positions.

9. Guest Speakers

- Rune Olsen (Danish elite orienteer) Developments in international orienteering.
- Julie Sunley (Development Officer, Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club) The changing social landscape in rural Victoria.
- The President thanked each of these speakers for their interesting and entertaining presentations.

10. General Business

- Peta Whitford screened a short film regarding orienteering that has recently been received. The VOA had no editorial input into its making, but it is available for use by members or clubs.

Meeting closed 9.40 PM.