



## **VOA Board Meeting**

Friday, 21 January 2005  
Goddards' house, Ivanhoe

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Blair Trewin, Ruth Goddard, Tina Smith, Pat Miller, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

#### **1. Apologies**

Peta Whitford.

#### **2. Minutes of December Board Meeting**

- Minutes failed to include dates for coming meetings and record of the Board's decision regarding SportIdent upgrading. Amended minutes will be circulated with the January minutes.

*Motion that the minutes be accepted with the above qualifications. RG/TS. Carried.*

#### **3. Business Arising**

- Concern expressed that certain items on the VOA website are out of date. Are they being brought up to date?

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Finance**

- Report received.

##### **4.2 Promotion & Development**

- There has been a lack of reports from the VicHealth projects. Peta will see that this is rectified by the Council Policy Day.
- The Public Liability Insurance certificate for 2005 is in hand already. This is a remarkable result.

**Action: PW**

### **4.3 Park/Street Orienteering**

- The Autumn-Spring Program is now prepared and will shortly be published.
- Participation overall appears to be a little up this year, although results are mixed.

### **4.4 Participation Working Group**

- One meeting has been held so far. This was essentially a brain-storming session about what information we believe we need to gather. A report is attached.

### **4.5 National League**

- Report was not received.

### **4.6 SportIdent**

- Bruce Paterson is still negotiating with Sweden to organise the initial control upgrade.

### **4.7 Deaflympics**

- Report received.
- Event was not a VOA event.
- Program was very successful, although numbers of participants were not huge.

### **4.8. Correspondence**

- Banyule Council “Give it a go” sports day is on again. The Board felt that this was not a worthwhile opportunity, and we will not be taking part this year.

## **5. Policy Day – Finalisation of Agenda**

- Proposed agenda received.
- Items added – Council approval to complete SportIdent upgrade and policy regarding parental consent to participate in park/street orienteering.

## **6. Proposal – “Sledge” Support**

- Proposal to support entrants in the M21A “Sledge” class at Easter 2005 received from Dick Barker.

*Motion that the entry fees for Victorian entrants in M21AS at Easter 2005 be paid by the VOA. PM/RG. Carried.*

## **7. Proposal - National League Support**

- Paper received from Bruce Arthur proposing financial support for the Victorian team to the WA NOL weekend.
- 2005 is the first time that a NOL weekend has been conducted in WA not linked to Easter or the Australian Championships.
- Agreed that this is a matter for Council. BT will prepare a more comprehensive proposal.

**Action: BT**

## **8. MTBWOC Map Options**

- Paper received setting out 3 options for the future use of the MTBWOC maps.
- Option 4 is to retain the maps in VOA ownership, potentially to keep them available for a NSW style specialist MTBO club.
- Paper needs to include costings from Dick Barker/Blake Gordon before going to Council.
- Prior rights of clubs need to be recognised, either by offering them first/last right of refusal to purchase maps, first option to use each year or a payment for the base mapping.
- The Board will not make a recommendation to Council.

## **9. Member Protection / Working with Children Bill**

### Working with Children Bill

- Summary of bill to State Parliament prepared by BT.
- BT will prepare a submission to Government regarding the Working with Children Bill.

### Member Protection Policy

- Each State needs to appoint a member protection officer in line with the new OA Member Protection Policy. This person requires a deal of training, but will hopefully never be needed. We can potentially share an Officer with (a) another state, or (b) another sporting group in Victoria. PW to look at options.

**Action: PW**

- We need to create a register of people who have complied with the vetting requirements of the policy. This could also be a register of accredited controllers, coaches, etc.
- Vetted officials will also need to complete a “Prohibited Persons Declaration.”

**Action: PW**

## **10. Fixtures**

- Updated fixture received from Tom Norwood. EU, BG and AW local events have been added, as well as the Metro events

*Motion to endorse the program as it currently stands. TS/RG. Carried.*

## 11. Other Business

- Controllers' Course is light on for numbers. Clubs need to promote the course.
- We need to advertise for a new VOA treasurer.
- Turkish orienteers are running an ANZAC event. Notice is too late for this year, but the Board suggests OA write to the Turks suggesting that a similar event be staged next year which, hopefully, a number of Australians will attend.

**Action: WW**

Meeting closed 9.10 PM.