

Victorian Orienteering Association

Board Meeting

Friday 19 January, 2007

7.00 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Centre

Minutes

Present: Ian Dodd (chair), Debbie Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Blair Trewin, Peta Whitford
Meeting opened 7:30pm

1. Apologies - Warwick Williams
2. Minutes of December Board meeting - moved as amended, Ian Dodd, seconded Blair Trewin
3. Business arising from these minutes (and not covered elsewhere)
 - the date of the April board meeting has been changed to Friday April 27
 - ID wrote to AWOC re levies for their Nail Can Run event and to confirm that the Board has approved their 2007 fixture
 - OA insurers have been asked to clarify whether the existing policy covers the Nail Can run. If there is an extra premium on the policy, that should be passed on to the AWOC club directly
 - ID responded to NE re their request to use Crocodile Reservoir in the 2009 Australian Championships carnival, explaining that this will be considered once a decision is made about the location of the carnival
 - The 2007 public liability insurance certificate has been received. Cover was increased to \$20M. BT to post on VOA website and notify clubs
4. Reports
 - 4.1. *Finance*
 - RG has prepared the profit and loss and balance sheet to 31/12/06. Schools finalised. Surplus of \$3,500 lower than the expected \$10,000. Fewer early membership payments.
 - ID asked RG to prepare an item by item comparison of 2006 to budget for Strategy Day
 - 4.2. *Promotion and development*
 - the permanent course at Brimbank Park has been installed

- Wilderness Shop buying night will be Wed June 6

4.3. Park/street

- Attendances are slightly higher than last year. Mondays up 20%, Tuesdays up 10%, Wednesdays down 20%, Thursdays same. Net increase approx 4% cf same time previous year
- Schools do not need a pre-Christmas competition. Schools comp will commence 2nd week Feb and run for 5 weeks

4.4. Bush

- BT has controllers in place for all 2007 events that require them
- See items 5 and 6 below

4.5. MTBO

- 103 attended first summer series event at Lysterfield Park. Entries slow for Mirboo but picking up

4.6. Correspondence

- Warby Range SP draft management plan 2006 received from Parks Victoria, permits orienteering. "Seasonally closed tracks" would not impact on 2009 carnival if area used. BT to write a submission in support of the DMP, request clarification on "infested" areas and express interest in use for a major event in 2009

5. Finalisation of age/course groupings for 2007

The following clarifications were made to the age/course groupings table for 2007:

- 50+B will remain on the Easy course, to maintain the status quo as closely as possible (option exists for competitors to enter 40-49B if they want a Moderate course)
- Course 2 will remain for M17-20, with a review before 2008. An "Open Long" category will be added so other non-elite age groups can compete on course 2 at Long events
- All references to "middle" will be changed to "medium"
- Badge events follow the new age/course groupings
- The Vic Middle Distance Champs will follow the "Short" event groupings
- The Vic Long Distance Champs groupings need review - BT to do
- The Vic Relays groupings have not changed

The closing date for entries for Vic Champs is currently four weeks prior to the event. Proposal to go to Council that this should be changed to "the closing date for entries for the Victorian Championships will be at the organisers' discretion".

6. Options for 2009 Australian Championships carnival

Thanks to Neil Barr for the work he has done in preparing the Options paper, which provides three broad options. These options will be put to Council on Strategy Day

for a decision. The Board will not make a formal recommendation at this stage. However, of the three options, the Ballarat/Stawell option is considered high risk due to fragmented land ownership, and is furthest from the World Masters carnival location. The Bendigo/Castlemaine option is the easiest option and provides a good map legacy, but the area was used for Easter 2006 so may be less attractive. The Bendigo/Wangaratta option (carnival split between Bendigo for the first part, then Benalla/Wangaratta for the final weekend) is good logistically.

Other points to consider:

- Chiltern/Eldorado maps would be good for Easter 2012
- Stawell area is a possibility for 2015 as a long lead time is needed to negotiate with landowners
- Map financing options need to be discussed by Council (clubs to finance? VOA to finance then sell?)

7. Statistics collection

- Barry Hart is currently updating the participation database and will continue to do so for the time being (work commitments permitting). BT agreed to collect the stats required for OA

8. Review of Operational Plan

- ID to review the 2006 Plan with input from BT and other Board members as required. Aim is to review 2006 and update 2007-10 forward plan to present to Council in February

9. Strategy day agenda

In addition to the normal reports, the following items will be on the agenda for Strategy Day. Clubs will be invited to submit further topics/papers before finalising the agenda

- 2009 Carnival
- Operational Plan
- Safety plan
- Provision of water at events
- OVic - requirement for February issue

The Club Directory will be reviewed for any items that need updating.

10. Other business

- The Australian Sports Commission now offers the General Principles component of the Level 1 Coaching course online, at no cost. The sports-specific component is now the only part requiring attendance

- Rosie Dalheim (MFR junior orienteer) featured in "The Age" article about summer holiday activities
- John Sheahan has asked whether BK can delay payment for its Registered Officials memberships until later in the year. RG to respond that Registered Officials need to be paid for at the time they apply for membership
- PW has a possible guest speaker for the AGM on "handling the media in emergency situations". She will investigate further
- BK has offered to award the Winter Classic trophy to the winner of an event/events of the Board's choosing in 2007. Agreed to award it to the winner of the Kooyoora Badge event, then review for 2008
- OVic February issue/Coming events - Dion Keech to be asked to prepare at least a flyer to publicise Feb/March events. ID to investigate the proportion of VOA members who receive the weekly e-bulletin

The meeting closed at 9:45pm