

# Victorian Orienteering Association

## Board Meeting

Friday 18 January, 2008

7.00 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Centre

### Minutes

Present: Ian Dodd (chair), Debbie Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Bruce Arthur, Peta Whitford, Warwick Williams.

Meeting opened 7:15pm

#### 1. Apologies

- Nil.

#### 2. Minutes of December Board Meeting

*Motion that the minutes be accepted. Bruce Arthur/Debbie Dodd. Carried.*

3. Business arising from these minutes (and not covered elsewhere)
  - Silva Awards – Bruce to prepare nomination for Jim Russell for the coaching award.
  - Blair to be contacted by ID to see if a formal nomination is required for him to stand again for OA Director (Finance)
4. Reports
  - 4.1. Finance
    - \$30k 2<sup>nd</sup> VicHealth payment was received at the end of 2007. It has made the 2007 results look brilliant, but will result in a consequential substantial shortfall in 2008.
    - Ruth has had a second go at the 2008 budget, and it will be put to the February Council meeting.
  - 4.2. Promotion and development
    - Parks Victoria permits are still very slow in coming.
    - Adam Scammell will be limited in his availability for school groups this year, but Peta has lined up Malcolm Owen for a certain amount of work.
  - 4.3. Park/street
    - Attendances match 2007 on all nights except Thursday, and this is building.

- Will be watching the effect of the Western Thursday Series on the Northern Series numbers.

#### 4.4. MTBO

- Good crowd (~95) at first summer series event at Lysterfield.

#### 4.5. Bush orienteering

- SI review draft paper circulated by Bruce Arthur. For Council meeting at Macedon. Ian Chennell has taken on the “quick win” items from this.
- Other Bush items will be reactivated when Blair Trewin is back in Australia.
- Fixture on web site is only up until April. This is as far as Bruce has found time to type in so far.

#### 4.6 Correspondence

- OA data request for 2007 has arrived. WW to handle.

### 5. Strategy Day agenda

- Usual reports, inc. Roch (Junior development), Jim R (2009 carnival), Bruce (Nuggets), Dion (Adventure Series)
- Revised 2008 budget
- Funding for Vic Secondary Schools Team
- SI sub-committee
- Ted van G’s review of the mapping officer role
- Safety
- 3 yr financial strategy
- Major events schedule
- Christmas 5 days
- State Series format discussion – pre-entry, pre-marked maps, etc.
- Awards – inc. proposal for new event management award.
- **NOTE:** Papers are to be sent to the President for distribution by 7 February.

### 6. Research project update

- No more response to ads seeking a researcher to conduct this work. Glen Budge is the preferred candidate. Ian Dodd is working with Glen to get this project going.

### 7. Victoria/South Australia Challenge

- The Victorians are hosting this year as part of the Eureka Challenge. The South Australians have asked for an extension on entry dates.

8. Christmas 5-Days 2008 and 2009
  - Some discussion of potentially running the 5 days 2008 at Creswick. A definite decision will be required by Easter.
9. Board positions
  - Ian, Bruce, Ruth are planning to renominate for next year. Debbie is interested in being Secretary, so we are looking for a new Vice President.
10. Contract for Roch Prendergast
  - Draft contract agreed for putting to Roch.
11. Other business
  - Nil.

The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.