

VOA Council Meeting

Sunday 18 February 2007

Macedon Primary School, Macedon

Present: Ian Dodd (President), Debbie Dodd (Vice-President), Peter Yeates (DR), Bruce Arthur (MFR), John Sheahan (BK), Jenny Sheahan (BK), Ruth Goddard (Treasurer), Barry Hart (YV), Peter Beggs (TK), Lois Ewels (CHOC), Peta Whitford (VOA), Blair Trewin (Imm. Past President) Blake Gordon (EU), Jim Russell (BG), Neil Barr(BG), Julie Sunley(TK), Sean Sunley (TK).

Apologies: Warwick Williams (Secretary), Peter Cusworth (MTBO), Peter Jackson (MFR).

1.	Meeting opened at 9:35am	Action
2.	Minutes of October Council and January Board meetings One typo in Council minutes 4.6 should read "passed" not "massed" to OA. Council Minutes - Moved BT/PB Accepted Board Minutes - Moved ID/RG Accepted	
3.	Business Arising from Minutes B. Hart re: AWOC Nail Can Hill event; should the numbers be used in the participation database ? No	
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Correspondence tabled</p> <p>Promotion and Development tabled</p> <p>Bush sub-committee: Controllers for all events for 2007 Some have expressed interest for 2008 For carnival in 2009 a Level 3 controller is required soon John Sheahan thanked Kathy Liley for running top quality Level 1 Controllers course. BT requested list of all VOA controllers</p> <p>Park and Street Attendances in 2007 are UP 3% on 2006 Average 570 participants per week Monday nights 100+, Tuesdays 133 (top of 181 record) Wednesdays down 18% now 150 used to be 180 Thursdays 68 up from 67. There is a need to analyse participation figures to estimate % of people who are new comers.</p> <p>Regional Summer Series- Wyndham (new series) 10 people. Weather has been extreme. Macedon between 8 and 20 new families. Weather has been extreme. Bendigo averaging 35 Proposal for a Geelong Series to be run by Robyn Sunderland in November 2007, on a Thursday evening. Finances for Park and Street; the central banking system is working well. \$14,800 income: \$8700 disbursed to Clubs. 238 orienteers took out season tickets. 9 orienteers took out the season ticket for all 4 days! There are some access / permit issues with local councils and Parks Victoria re-casual bookings. Tabled Winter Series fixture – accepted by Council</p> <p>Mountain Bike Summer Series going well, after 3 events numbers up by 35% compared to 2006. (245 competitors) MTBO Navigator 4 hr event at Mirboo North 82 riders. Plan to grow this event by furthering attempts to attract riders from outside Orienteering community. Research is being done re relevance of VOA membership for MTBO'ers. Qld have set up a new MTBO Club which could be a model to follow.</p>	<p>KL</p> <p>DD</p> <p>PC/BG</p>

	<p>Reports continued/</p> <p>SportIdent VOA has SI sticks version 6 (\$90), also selling some ex-hire ones cheaper. Ordering from overseas is ad hoc. Individuals can order on line themselves. Jim Russell researching cost to set up a "training set" for BG. Let Ian Chennell know if clubs want orders.</p> <p>Website Geoff Hudson has set up an interactive 'Coming Events' section – which is easy to use and is good. Bruce Arthur suggested the need to have a 'news' section on home page like OA 's. No immediate action was planned but BT made comment re States sites coming under OA.</p> <p>Participation Barry Hart made short report: 2004 – 5 no. of participants 21,000. 2005 – 6 will be ready by 23 February 2007. Julie Sunley commented on Rugby's "Sports ware" program - to email to PW. Peter Searle's database could include Coaching and Controlling information.</p> <p>Finance Ruth made a special thank you to the help she has received from Ian Dodd and Debbie Dodd in preparing the levy and fees forms and for the work with BAS's and preparing figures for the Auditor Profit and Loss statements – Ruth drew attention to an overpayment which occurred with the Easter payments to Clubs. Clubs have been overpaid by 25%. Ruth apologies for this error. Letters requesting repayment will be sent shortly.</p> <p>Pie Charts by Ian Dodd: Ian has established 2 pie charts illustrating the "Dissection of Income and Outgoings" for VOA and its Clubs. They are easily read and very visual. They will appear in print in next O Vic. Ian reminded clubs that following their AGMs they need to notify PW of new list of office holders and send ID copy of annual accounts.</p> <p>All Reports accepted - Moved ID/LE Passed</p>	<p>BH JS</p> <p>RG</p>
5.	<p>2009 Aust Champs Carnival Neil Barr presented 3 options which had been researched: 1 – Western Vic near Stawell 2 – Castlemaine 3 – Bendigo and Wangaratta Agreed that 3 is the preferred option, bearing in mind this event will be followed by World Masters in NSW, so international orienteers need to be catered for, especially in regard to new locations to encourage them to travel to Australia. VOA would like ALL clubs to be involved. It was moved to form an "Advance Organising Committee". Jim Russell to lead the committee. Discussion re: mapping - should the VOA or Clubs own the maps. Maybe some clubs would be willing to 'sell' their maps to another club for this carnival? Suggested that the committee involve Chris Norwood as a "mentor" because he did such a good job in 2006. Ian Chennell should also be involved as SI expert.</p>	
6.	<p>Club Competition rule changes Re: electing which is your club for Rockhopper points-</p> <p>ID proposed a "club of first choice" being the club that is stated as such on the VOA Annual Membership Renewal Form. Otherwise it is assumed that your club is the one nominated in your first race of the season. This choice will remain unchangeable until the start of the next season.</p> <p>ID to draw up wording for VOA Membership renewal form and supply to Peter Searle. Moved ID/JR Passed</p>	ID

7.	<p>Victorian Championship rule change BT moved that the rule changes approval be delegated to the VOA Board upon recommendation/advice from the Bush O sub-committee. Agreed.</p> <p>Discussion arose – Can the Sprint Champs be open to the broader community not just elites? ID recommended it be open to a broad range of age groups. NB commented it was a good idea and that it follows suggestions from OA technical officer Andy Hogg. Further discussion is required. BT to draft ideas and disseminate to interested parties</p>	BT
8.	<p>NOL 2008 Funding for NOL - Bruce Arthur recommended the SA and NSW events be funded for petrol and accommodation. (\$2,500) BA requested uniforms be 50% subsidized all the time and not on a reducing scale to 25%. (JR confirmed the ruling- "No uniform; No funding") Both recommendations moved - ID/BA Passed</p> <p>NOL events - It was agreed that VOA will bid for a round of NOL for 2008. EU keen for the March 7/8 weekend to be made a 'feature' weekend. EU one day and a combined effort by CHOC,DROC and TK for second day? VOA Needs to nominate a Level 3 controller. The interested Controller is currently Level 2; OA to be requested to set up a flexible opportunity to allow for Level 3 accreditation soon. BA to draft the bid. Motion - VOA to support the bid ID/BA Passed</p>	BT BA
9.	<p>Communication DD offered the following researched statistics: The VOA membership has about 519 individual members. The O Bulletin goes to 374 email addresses. 31% of recipients are not VOA members (this includes a number of interstate orienteers). 64% of VOA members/families get the bulletin; 36% do not use or have email? There was much discussion based around the idea of dropping the February issue of O Vic (only 1 page of coming events), perhaps dropping all O Vics in hard copy and having electronic newsletters. Consideration was given to how cost effective is O Vic, verses how effective are the e-bulletins. ID displayed different items from SA and NSW. Nothing was resolved. It was agreed for PW to produce the small Bush Orienteering sheets as per 2006.</p>	PW
10	<p>Water Discussion took place re water being the responsibility of the orienteer to supply and carry vs the organising club responsible. SA has trialled a 'carrying' water policy. The Uppills in SA to be contacted for comment. VOA will actively encourage orienteers to be responsible for their own water needs especially water for post competition rehydration.</p>	ID?
11.	<p>Strategy and Operational Plan: review and update (Business Improvement Plan) The BIP is a requirement of SRV for VOA to receive funding. Issues arising- <u>Orienteering maps being used by outside organizations</u> (VRA/Adventure Racing). There is a need for VOA clubs to come on line and sell their maps for 'whatever the market will bear". Maps are NOT to be given away free, especially when the outside organizations use and sell the maps at great fees to their competitors. Clubs need to be more savvy. Neil Barr has established a Mapping Costing Template which he is happy to distribute. VOA may need to provide guidelines for Clubs? <u>There is a great need for the VOA to fill its 2 vacant Vice-President positions.</u> Much lively discussion re how and the need to target appropriate people. <u>Club representatives at VOA Council meetings</u> To ensure clubs give the appropriate priority to the provision of representatives at VOA meetings the following motion was put: Council requests the Board draft a proposed rule change such that clubs that do not have a representative attend a Council Meeting will lose a significant number of Rockhopper Trophy points. Moved ID/BH Passed.</p>	ID/Board
	Meeting finished at 3:30pm	