

**2008 VOA Strategy Day**  
Macedon Primary School, Macedon  
**Sunday 17 February 2008**

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome; Attendance & Apologies**

Present: Ian Dodd Deb Dodd, Greg Tamblyn, Peter Cusworth, Rob Edmonds, Ruth Goddard, Lois Ewels, Peta Whitford, Barry Hart, Fiona Fell, Don Fell, Laurie Niven, Roch Prendergast, Peter Beggs, Warwick Williams, Neil Barr, Bruce Arthur, Jim Russell.

Apologies – Kathy Liley, Henry Post.

**2. Minutes of October Council and January Board meetings**

- October Council meeting - add Bruce Arthur to the list of attendees.

*Motion that the minutes be accepted with this amendment. Lois Ewels/Greg Tamblyn. Carried.*

- January Board meeting

*Motion that the minutes be accepted. Ruth Goddard/Deb Dodd. Carried*

**3. Business arising from minutes (and not covered elsewhere)**

***October Council minutes***

- We need to have bush fixture for the year sent out as well as on the web site. ID to follow up.
- The special General Meeting amended the constitution wrt the quorum for General Meetings and entries from schools members at Victorian Championships.
- Ted van Geldermalsen is not yet ready to report on his mapping officer review.
- Bernie Shuttleworth will coordinate winter park/street series
- Still no club has agreed to run the Victorian Sprint Champs for 2008.

***Board***

- Blair T has been nominated for Director (Finance) & Blake G for MTBO chair in OA. Hugh Cameron will not renominate as chair of the Events committee.
- PV permits are a constant niggle. The Board is still monitoring, but has not yet determined that the matter needs to be escalated.
- The Victoria-South Australia challenge will be held at the Eureka Challenge event.
- We still need another Vice President for 2008 AGM

**4. Reports**

**4.1 Correspondence**

- No report received.
- Premiers Active Family Challenge is promoting orienteering as one of its included sports.

**4.2 Promotion and development**

- Report received.

- Since the report was prepared – Peta has been to an SRV funding meeting concerning funding from SRV for next 2 financial years. We are a Category 2 sport. In the “Business Improvement Plan” category we are now able to apply for \$20k/year, up from \$10k. The other suitable category for us to apply for funds is “future directions” providing funding up to \$25k/yr. SRV is looking for “partnerships” as the basis for applications. Applications due 21/3.
- Peta has purchased a JWOC DVD for sharing. Contact Peta for a loan.

#### **4.3 Bush Sub-committee**

- Report received.
- OA policy is that badge events will have pre-entry, pre-set start times and pre-printed maps.
- The SI system requires that you have pre-entered times OR start from the box. The two start methods cannot be mixed. EoD is therefore not an option for events where start times are pre-set.
- There are problems with printing detailed maps digitally. We have stacks of offset printed maps of many of these places that need using. (1) pre-entry is not hard (+/- prepayment); (2) preset start times are much harder to organise; (3) pre-printed maps is of variable difficulty.

*Motion that both Badge events from 2008 and badge and state events from 2009 shall offer pre-entry. NB/JR. Carried.*

*Movtion that Badge events have pre-printed maps and to encourage pre-printed maps at state series events. JR/BA. Carried.*

#### **4.4 Park and Street Sub-committee**

- Attendances almost identical to last year. Phil Giddings is doing a great job in getting new people out.
- Winter fixture is in preparation for publication in early March.

#### **4.5 MTBO Sub-committee**

- Inconsistent numbers at summer Saturday evening series, varying with weather and location.
- MTB NOL series is starting this year
- Looking to go to much more on-line entry as this is standard for MTB not O events. (Note that OA is looking to offer a standard online entry system).

#### **4.6 Communications/Website**

- Report on Adventure Series received.
- Dion has asked for funding for prizes associated with the Duo series. Delegated to Board to liaise with Dion.
- Report on OVic received
- Dion has asked for \$150/issue for a colour cover on OVic. VOA not willing to pay
- He has also asked for \$1,500 for a digital SLR. Will apply for grant money

#### **4.7 2009 Carnival committee**

- NB is putting the interim 2009 carnival website together.
- The relevant landowners at Wangaratta have agreed to host the Australian Championship events.

#### **4.8 Junior Development**

- We should look at getting more Victorians into the national junior squad. We have only 4 at present.
- Roch will be looking to improve communications with all juniors and to build the juniors into an identifiable social network.
- Roch would also like to see a designated coach in each of the clubs. He believes this is an important step we need to take.

#### **4.9 Finance**

- End of year figures for 2007 look really good due to grant money for 2008 turning up at the very end of 2007. This is obviously an artefact, and will need to be borne in mind in interpreting 2008 figures.
- The legacy fund diminished by \$2,500 during 2007 and had \$3,500 put in to it, therefore expenditure was \$6k.
- Key numbers are cash on hand and budgeted surplus/deficit.

#### **5 Major Events**

- Paper received from Debbie Dodd
- Looking at running the 2011 national carnival shared with NSW & ACT (only contributing 2 events – Oceania middle & long champs, not running the show), then we would run the 2013 Easter. The cycle from 2015 would return to the standard cycle. This was OK's at the December OA conference. The Council generally agreed that we could do this. We need to clarify the status of the Middle distance event.
- Invitation is also open to run the 2008 Xmas 5-days. There was general support for a bid if a coordinator can be found.
- There is some discussion that Tasmania might seek to host a 2013 World Cup event or 2015 World Champs.
- VOA is applying to host NOL events on the 2009 March long weekend. YV & EU have agreed to run the events. We will also have the NOL rounds associated with the Australian Championships in 2009.

*Motion that the Council supports this bid. BA/ID. Carried.*

- Neil Barr will approach Peter Creely about making a trophy for the Junior Mens NOL division.

#### **6 Event Management Award**

- OA is introducing an award of this type. ID proposes having a Victorian version of this award. This proposal was accepted by consensus.

#### **7 SI Improvements**

- Paper received. The 21 actions proposed in the paper were addressed as follows:
  - 1-7 Ian Chennel to continue to implement the "quick wins;"
  - 8 Purchase and install new batteries in old SI units – agreed, look at high quality batteries. Ian C to arrange or delegate.
  - 9 The old SI units need appropriate storage boxes. Ian Chennel to arrange or delegate. The meeting believed that we are not able to confidently get the full set of SI gear down to car boot size
  - 10 The meeting was not convinced that we should create two mixed sets of old and new boxes.

- 11 It was felt that we are not yet ready to use rego data capable of being stored on new version SI sticks.
- 12 Ian C to make sure we have 3 functional USB master units. Before Ian C sends in an order, some clubs may wish to buy their own (@ ~\$150/each).
- 13 Ian D will ask Bruce P if he would be willing to create a suitable operating manual. Laurie N volunteered to edit.
- 14 The non-USB laptop is in need of replacement. Ask Ian C to replace it with a good quality second hand unit, and (if the battery problem is not in that computer, can he replace the battery in the other laptop?). Ideally these should have similar configurations (operating system etc), and will network wirelessly.
- 16 If clubs want to buy their own gear, a printer is the most useful item to acquire.
- 17 Ian C will set up a generic event file as a basis for use by organisers.
- 18 We have about 40 hire sticks in use. This is enough, but, just.
- 19 The archive file can be put on the web to give people the opportunity to correct their details.
- 20 Jim Russell to test the deep-cycle battery. Ian C to replace it if necessary. (Note that there is a deep-cycle battery in the street O gear, which can be made available for double-header bush weekends).
- 21 Ian C to check the current results printer and if it is broken, get a new one.

## 8 NOL 2008

- Paper received.
- The paper proposes a funding package to help Victorian orienteers to represent Victoria at the non-Victorian, non-championship NOL weekends. Also 2 x elite training camps. Looking for accommodation subsidy & to continue 50% uniform subsidy.

*Motion that the funds proposed in Bruce A's paper be allocated. BE/ID. Carried.*

## 9 Technology for High Performance Orienteering – Bruce Arthur

- Bruce Arthur ran through and demonstrated (as far as practical) a range of technologies available to assist development of high performance orienteering:
  - WinSplits – allows analysis of splits data. Comes as a website and as downloadable software;
  - Route Gadget – runners can map their actual route on an electronic copy of the map. If you send a GIF file plus Condes & OE2003 file for an event to (eg) Neil B, he can put it up for you, but make it soon as possible after the event if you want anyone to view it;
  - GPS watches – track runners route as well as heart rate, speed etc. Can download onto Route Gadget. The VOA has 5 of these which Bruce A looks after and is keen to share around. It can give you a running update on how you are going against previous runs;
  - OTrack – enables downloading of data from the GPS watches in the field and mapping of routes;
  - Attack Point – Training discussion board;
  - World of O – Orienteering news site;
  - Catching Features – An orienteering game which simulates running through the forest.

## 10 Safety/Water

- BK paper proposed that water provision on courses be phased out.
- OA rules state when water should be placed. These rules have been adopted by the VOA. All national level events (badge & higher) must abide by the OA rules.

*Moved that VOA competitors are encouraged to take water on all bush orienteering courses. ID/GT. Carried.*

*Moved that the rules be changed so that water for competitors use need not be provided at the start or finish of events which are not on the national calendar. ID/GT. Carried.*

## **11 Financial Strategies & Junior Funding**

- Existing funding seems to be diminishing. There is the cake stall (~\$1000/yr) and the Cyclic Navigator. There used to be events coordinated by Blair which were run by the juniors.
- Fiona Fell proposes running a 3 hour “Maxi” event to raise money for juniors.

## **12 Strategy & Operational plans review/update**

- Held over to next Council meeting.

Meeting closed 4.50 PM