



## **VOA Board Meeting**

Friday 11 March, 2005  
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Blair Trewin, Ruth Goddard, Peta Whitford, Pat Miller, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 7:20 PM.

#### **1. Apologies**

Tina Smith.

#### **2. Business Arising**

- The VOA submission regarding the *Working with Children Bill* has been made.

#### **3. Reports**

##### **3.1 Promotion & Development**

- PW is assisting Video Education Australasia with the making of a video about orienteering.
- We have budgeted to replace the office computer this year (\$3,000). PW to look at what we need in this regard.

##### **3.2 Finance**

- Report received.

##### **3.3 Bush O Sub-Committee**

- Start interval for State Series events is an issue for the sub-committee.

##### **3.4 Park/Street Orienteering**

- Report received.

### **3.5 MTBO Sub-Committee**

- Nothing specific to report.

### **3.6 Website**

- Transfer of website to new host has occurred.

### **3.7 SportIdent**

- Control upgrade is underway. The first of 4 batches of controls has been dispatched to Sweden.
- We have a critical shortage of hire sticks. When we have upgraded the controls, we will be able to offer a trade-in scheme for those upgrading to the new SI sticks to build up the hire pool.

### **3.8 Athlete Development**

- Nothing to report.

### **3.9 Correspondence**

- Letter received re “Companion Cards”. These allow the carer of a disabled person to attend events at no extra charge. We already do this in practice, so we will sign up formally.
- Letter from Budget re “Budget Buddies” program. One only usage to date. We need to promote this more!

### **3.10 Participation**

- 16 Victorian “Sledgers” going to Easter. Dion Keech is organising them.
- Barry Hart is making excellent progress developing a participation database.

*Motion that the reports be accepted. RG/PM. Carried.*

## **4. Orienteering Australia AGM**

Kathy Liley and Blake Gordon will be renominating for their positions. The Board endorsed these nominations. BT to advise Dave Lotty.

**Action: BT**

Easter meeting attendees for VOA:

AGM:	BT & RG
High-Tech:	Bruce Paterson
MTBO:	Kathy Liley (or nominee)

Coaching: Jim Russell  
Schools Liaison: BT  
Technical: Neil Barr or Peter Jackson  
Devt. & Participation: Sheahans  
Mapping: Alex Tarr

AGM Papers:

- Nothing controversial on agenda.
- Silva Award – 2 nominees; Blake Gordon & Jeffa Lyon.
- No need for a Board position on any matter for discussion.

## 5. VOA Operational & Strategic Plans

### Items not achieved for 2004 Operational Plan

- Car pooling to events - Can we set up a web-based method of allowing competitors to pool?
- Sponsorship – It was felt that we lack volunteers to chase sponsorship more than we lack money.

### Performance indicators for 2005 +

No. of accredited controllers	maintain <i>status quo</i>
Membership numbers	aim for + 20 per year
Participation by category	aim for several % increase per year

- BT to update plan for 2005-2008 & circulate draft prior to April Board meeting for formal adoption at the Board meeting.

## 6. National Orienteering Day Promotion

- 3 events are scheduled – an EU bush event and 2 park/street events in Melbourne.
- All clubs should be sharing the promotional effort.
- Look to promote the day in local papers.

## 7. Fixtures

*Motion that the training camp 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March be added to the fixtures. PM/RG. Carried.*

## 8. MTBWOC Maps

- YV & MF have jointly bid for the Old Quartz Hill map. BK & TK have jointly bid for the Bells Reef maps. These two bids include the previous rights holders and will thus have priority.

- NE & EU have jointly bid for the Maryborough map. As there is no previous rights holder, we will need to wait until 31/3 to see if another bid is made.

## **9. 2005/06 Grants**

- We are now in the third year of a 3 year funding cycle.
- There will need to be a full grant application made next year.
- Small grants may be on offer:
  - “volunteering” grants – could engage someone to run course setting or SI courses for clubs.
  - “Go for your Life” program – PW to check where this program will fit with other VicHeath programs long term.

## **10. VOA Survey Site**

- Free access is available to a web based survey site for surveys up to 10 questions & 100 responses. The paid version is unlimited for \$20 per month.

*Motion that we take a 3 month subscription for our current survey. PM/RG. Carried.*

## **11. Expansion of Administration Officer Position**

- The Treasurer’s job is becoming too time consuming. We need to consider whether we should be paying for some of the work to be done. The constitution presently prohibits Board members from paid employment with the VOA. The best solution may be to allow a future Treasurer some paid hours. BT will draft a proposal for a suitable constitutional amendment.

## **12. AGM**

- The following nominations are expected for next year’s Board:
  - President: Blair Trewin
  - Vice Pres: Ian Dodd
  - Treasurer: Ruth Goddard
  - Secretary: Warwick Williams
  - This leaves one Vice President to be found
- Guest speakers – potential speakers were discussed.
- The constitution requires entrants in championships to be members of their state association, except for in “developmental disciplines.” At present this is just MTBO. It is proposed to exclude MTBO and include Park/Street O as a “developmental discipline”
- The Agenda and constitutional amendments will need to be finalised after March 31<sup>st</sup> & circulated by email &/or post.

### **13. Junior Sport Policy**

- We may need a Junior Sport Policy in future to apply for SRV funding.
- Any policy should fit with the national OA policy structure.
- This is on the OA Easter agenda.

### **14. Map Intellectual Property Issues**

- Deferred to June Council

### **15. Free-Event Voucher Scheme**

- This scheme is operating at Park/Street events. Newcomers get a voucher to allow them to enter a second event free. Should we extend the scheme to bush events?
- BT will prepare a proposal for June Council.

### **17. South Australia / Victoria Challenge**

- The 2005 challenge worked really well, but it hasn't always been so.
- Some changes are proposed to keep the event strong:
  - The event should always be between Melbourne and Adelaide.
  - Visiting states should nominate their teams one week in advance OR teams might be selected as the first  $x$  finishers in each class.
  - Visiting teams to be required to contest at least 10 classes.

### **18. Victorian Sprint Championships – Future Structure**

- This event fits best within the Park/Street structure, but we should look for some particular interested individuals to take carriage of the events.

### **19. Membership Policy for Championships**

- Council will need to address (a) whether all participants in championships should continue to be required to be VOA members, and (b) whether MTBO should continue to be a “developmental discipline.”

### **20. Appointments – Vacancies:**

- Vice President,
- MTBO sub-committee chairman,
- Park/Street sub-committee chairman &
- Schools team manager (Mandy Hennessy?).

## **21. Other Business**

- The bush-O brochures are in and need to be distributed.

Meeting closed 10 PM.