



VOA Board Meeting

Thursday 15 March, 2007
Goddards', Eaglemont

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ian Dodd (chair), Debbie Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Blair Trewin, Peta Whitford, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 8:30 PM.

1. Apologies

- Nil.

2. Business Arising

- Nil.

3. Reports

3.1 Finance

- \$8,000 has been moved out of the Schools account into the general fund.
- Four clubs received larger distributions following Easter 2006 than they were entitled to. 2 clubs have returned the overpayment, but 2 have not.

3.2 Correspondence

- Jenny Maklin is offering to advertise community events on her parliamentary website. Although she is probably only interested in events in her electorate, other members, particularly in Bendigo and Ballarat may offer a similar opportunity.

3.3 P & D

- The new office is now likely to be occupied after Easter.

- Our application for a VicHealth “Linking” project grant went in last Friday. Six partnerships have been set up ready to go if the grant is received. Notification is due May 21st.
- The OA National Development Conference is on 25 & 26 May.in Canberra. Peta W. will attend for the VOA.
- New brochures in .pdf form are now available on the OA website (orienteeing brochure, sponsorship guide and media kit).
- WE need to make sure that we use up the “Athlete Development “ component of our SRV funding. Peta is concerned that this is not happening.

3.4 Park/Street Orienteering

- Attendances are almost identical to last year in total, but the distribution between series has shown some variation.
- The winter series of events is prepared and ready to go.

3.5 Bush Orienteering

- The first bush-O double header for the year attracted 100 runners on the Saturday (EU Challenge), and 185 on the Sunday (SS 1). The Sunday attendance in particular was excellent.
- The Bush-O Sub-Committee met on 11 March. The primary outcome was the recommendation that the Board adopt new rules for each of the sprint, middle and long distance events. The sprint rules have been drawn up from scratch. They provide for 7 age classes to be run. For 2007, the long and middle distance championships will retain 5-year age classes.
- The long distance rules did not include rules relating to embargoed areas and the encouragement of organisers to offer “enter-on-the-day” courses. It was proposed that these be incorporated in the form in which they appear in the middle distance rules.

Motion that the sprint, middle and long distance rules accepted by the Bush-O Sub-Committee be adopted with these amendments. B Trewin/I Dodd. Carried.

3.6 MTBO

- 75 entries have been received for the Oceania MTBO championships in Albury/Shelley, but none of them are New Zealanders.

4. VOA Representatives for OA Easter Meetings

- Ian & Debbie Dodd agreed to be the VOA Councillor and Delegate respectively at the AGM.

Technical Neil Barr or Blair
High Tech
Coaching Jim Russell
MTBO
Development
Schools Steve Bird or Mandy Hennessy
Mapping Alex Tarr

- Other spots to be filled by Ian D.
- There appears to be little complex or controversial on the AGM agenda

5. Final Draft of Strategic and Operational Plans for 2007-2010

- The budgets have been revamped from previous drafts based on work by Ruth G.
- A few more numbers are required to finish off the plans.

6. Loss of Rockhopper Points for Clubs not Sending Reps to VOA Council Meetings

- The February Council meeting requested the Board to investigate this idea.
- The Board asked for more information from the Statistician for consideration at the next meeting.

7 Other Business

- The new VOA office telecommunication arrangements will allow us to revamp our email arrangements, piggy-backing on the Parks Victoria system. This is likely to be faster, and possibly cheaper than using our Netspace addresses.
- Geoff Hudson has arranged a short course to train additional people to enable them to contribute to the VOA website.
- The room has been booked for the VOA AGM. The guest speaker will be Dean Allen-Craig, regarding handling the media. The 2006 financial statements e with the auditors. The meeting will start at 7.30 PM. The Secretary will need to prepare a flyer and an agenda.

Meeting closed 10.30PM.