

Victorian Orienteering Association

Board Meeting

Friday 14 March, 2008

7.00 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Centre

Minutes

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

Meeting opened 7:10pm

1. Apologies

- Bruce Arthur.

2. Minutes of February Council Meeting

- Noted that Fiona Fell in fact proposed a maxi-STREET-event.

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

- Nil.

4. Reports

4.1. Finance

- Too early in the year to have a worthwhile YTD/budget comparison.
- \$2.3k owed to Mandy Hennessy from 2007 was not paid until 2008.
- One club is behind in its levy payments.
- The 2007 books are with the auditor.
- 5 hire SI sticks are not able to be found and will be written off.

4.2. Promotion and development

- Peta has drafted our funding application to SRV, focusing on marketing MTBO, continuing the athlete development project and improving technology (SI equipment).
- Peta also noted that Canoeing Victoria runs a range of personnel development courses which they would be happy to include VOA members.

4.3. Park/street

- The new bar-codes on punch cards are making it quick to identify if any competitor has failed to return. Thanks to Ian Davies for his development work on this.
- Park/street's deep cycle battery is available for double header bush-O weekends to avoid having to recharge the battery overnight.

4.4. MTBO

- The Board offered its thanks to Peter and Carolyn Cusworth for their work on the MTBO summer series.

4.5. Bush orienteering

- The bush-O sub-committee met at Mt Beckworth on 9/3.
- It was discussed that the Victorian Relays might be run without age classes.
- The sub-committee intends to review Victorian maps for the quality of their terrain and their mapping as a basis for allocation of future events.
- It was decided that middle distance age classes should match long distance age classes, but without the AS classes.
- The 2008 Victorian Sprint Championships will be run by Eureka at the Ballarat University.

4.6 Correspondence

- Yarra Bend Park managers are seeking public comments on future sporting use of the park.



5. Grant Applications

- See P & D Report
- Application to be supported by our 4-year strategic plan.

6. Research Project Update

- Still no progress.
- Ian is still pursuing options.

7. SI Update

- Ian reported that batteries and laptops appear to be OK. As previously noted, a second battery is available as required from Park/Street.
- Ian believes that the SI/OE system is satisfactory, but that there is a lack of depth of understanding of the system as a whole.

- We do need an extra laptop.
- The big hardware decision we face is how many new boxes to buy and when?
- Some clubs may buy their own printers and start/finish boxes.

8. Christmas 5-Days

- 5 clubs have put up their hand to run a day each.

Motion that Victoria offer to host the 2008 carnival with Warwick Williams as carnival coordinator. WW/ID. Carried.

9. Board positions

- Ian to approach Julie Sunley re catering for the AGM.

10. OA AGM Papers

- There was nothing on which the Board was required to take a position.

11. OA Technical Meetings – VOA representatives

- Suitable Victorian representatives were identified for each meeting. Ian to approach these people.

12. Nomination for Life Membership

Motion that Blair Trewin be proposed to the AGM for life membership. RG/ID. Carried.

13. Other Business

- There was concern expressed that certain members of the Victorian Nuggets may not be VOA members, particularly where they may have moved away from home and are thus no longer covered under family memberships. Ruth to chase up.
- Annual report to Peta by 12th May. Contributions will therefore need to be with the Secretary by 2nd May.
- Level 1 coaching courses consist of 8 hours of general principles and 8 hours of sport specific training. We could link with canoeing to take part in general principles training that they run from time to time.

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.