



VOA Board Meeting

Thursday, 21 April 2005
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Meeting opened 7:20 PM.

1. Apologies

Nil.

2. Minutes of March Meeting

Motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. PM/RG Carried.

3. Business Arising

Nil.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance

- Report received.

4.2 Promotion & Development

- We need an incident *pro forma* to keep track of incidents such as injuries or lost competitors. We recently lost a competitor at a school event at Macedon.
- Peta has continued to talk with the organisers of the Anaconda Multi-Sport Event. The exact role they wish the VOA to play is still unclear. Peta will continue to liaise with them.
- Orienteering is now registered as a “Companion Card” sport. This means that carers of disabled entrants should be allowed free entry to events when accompanying a disabled person.
- The new Outdoor Recreation Centre at Westerfolds Park is now scheduled to be completed at the end of June 2006.

4.3 Bush Orienteering

- No report received.

4.4 Park/Street Orienteering

- Approximately 80 people attended the 2 hr event at Terara Park. There were over 100 people at the first of the Autumn series events.

4.5 MTB Orienteering

- No report received.

4.6 Orienteering Australia AGM

- From 2008, all Australian foot-O championships will be run as part of a single carnival. This will work well now that the Middle Distance Championships will be offered in all age classes.
- Funding for NOL teams was approved. We can expect the first money this year, to be used as each state sees fit.
- Some concern was expressed over the standard of some Melbourne Park/Street maps (why is this an OA issue?). When we finalise the mapping standard, this should address this concern.
- The OA budget projects a deficit in the years 2005 to 2007. This is due to the up-front increase in costs associated with annual World Championships, but the phased implementation of income measures. This is an issue for the annual conference.

4.7 SportIdent

- The first batch of controls for upgrading is still in Sweden.

4.8 Easter 2006

- The mapping program has had to be revised to take account of Alex Tarr's availability. This again points out the need to develop more high level mappers.

4.9 Correspondence

- Report received
- We will nominate Adrian Jackson as VicSport Male Athlete of the Year, although in an Olympic year, the competition will be very strong.

Action: PW

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

5. VOA Strategic & Operational Plans 2005-8

- The operational plans have few changes from last year. New items are:
 - Member protection
 - The participation working group
 - Sledge
 - Planning for athlete development
 - NOL support
 - 2012 Australian 3-days (appears in the 2008 plan).
- The plans assume continuation of the same level of Government support. This is not, of course, a given.

Motion to accept the plans. TS/PM Carried.

6. Fixtures – Additional Event

- YV want to run an additional event at Mt Robertson on 22 May.

Motion that the event be included in the 2005 fixture. RG/TS. Carried.

7. MTBO WOC Map Allocation

- We have received one bid for each map.
- BK has indicated informally that they consider the price too high, but nothing has been heard formally.
- There is also concern that the price of the Old Quartz Hill map was based on a substantially larger WOC trial than is now expected.

Motion that the map sales be approved at the prices calculated by Kathy Liley except that with respect to Old Quartz Hill, YV be offered two alternatives: (a) to postpone purchase of the map until after the WOC trial with VOA handling the WOC trial finances and the price being reduced accordingly, or (b) to purchase straight away at the original price. RG/TS. Carried.

8. Life Membership Nominations

- Only nomination received was for Laurie Niven.

Motion that Laurie's nomination be put to the AGM. PM/RG. Carried.

9. National Orienteering Day

- DROC has undertaken substantial publicity for their event.
- Bob Mouatt has circulated a template press release for local use.

10. Participation Survey

- All respondents who were not bush orienteers gave reasons other than lack of interest for not participating in bush events.
- The concept of holding “double-header” weekends for more remote events was strongly supported. The very poor attendance at the recent Chiltern State Series event suggests that it requires two bush events to get the people to travel.

11. “Free Event” Voucher Scheme

- A scheme of this sort presently operates in the Western Summer Park/Street Series. The vouchers are fairly freely distributed to anyone who may wish to try the events.
- Extending the scheme to a wider application raises issues that its current operation does not. It is intended that these will be addressed in a paper for the October meeting of Council.
- We should look for evidence that the scheme is succeeding in the Western Summer Series.

12. Appointments

- Adam Scammell will be the assistant coach of the schools team. Thanks to him for taking this on.
- We still need a second Vice-President and chairs of the Park/Street and MTBO sub-committees.

13. Other Business

- OA National Development Conference – PW to attend. We are entitled to send a second representative if anyone has a contribution to make. A big issue will be reviewing the draft National Junior Sport Policy.
- AGM & Annual report – reports are coming in. The venue is organised. In the event that BT is late (flying in from Perth), RG will be the alternate chair.
- Foot O WOC trials – will consist of two stand alone events and one as part of the Little Forest State Series event. The events should attract VOA levies at the State Series level (subject to checking this with Jim Russell) (Note that it has subsequently been agreed that the stand alone events will be run through the VOA).
- Budget Buddies – The code number for VOA bookings using this scheme has changed. Geoff Hudson needs to be advised.
- YV Beginners Coaching – Ruth has had about 12 attending and is pleased with progress.
- More formal thanks will be offered at the AGM, but the Board recorded its thanks to Tina Smith and Pat Miller for their efforts whilst on the Board.

Meeting closed 9.15 PM.