

**Victorian Orienteering Association**

**April Board Meeting**

**Thursday 17 April, 2008, 7.00 p.m.**

**Outdoor Recreation Centre, Templestowe**

**Minutes**

Present: Ian & Debbie Dodd, Bruce Arthur, Ruth Goddard, Peta Whitford, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 7.20 PM

**1. Apologies**

- Nil

**2. Minutes of March Board meeting**

- A large asterisk was inadvertently left in the minutes. This has no significance.

*Moved that minutes be accepted. ID/RG. Carried.*

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

- The VOA accounts for 2007 have now been audited.

**4. Reports**

**4.1. Finance**

- We expect significant office expenses soon. OA magazine invoice is also set to come in.
- We have \$150k in the bank.

**4.2. Promotion and development**

- Canoeing Victoria are very keen for us to join in with their training sessions. See P & D report.
- Shelley Maher of VicHealth is willing to come and speak to the Board or Council about attracting and keeping members. Look at asking her to October Council meeting.

**4.3. Park/street**

- Winter series attendances have been particularly good so far.

**4.4. MTBO**

- First State Series at Mirboo North had 70 attendees.

- The Australian team selection trials will be at the Victorian Championships this weekend.

#### **4.5. Bush orienteering**

- Junior squad activities at events are being organized for members of last year's schools team. Roch is looking at offering place-getters at the Victorian School Championships the opportunity to attend a training camp. He is also considering seeking sponsorship to help with costs.
- 3 Victorians have been selected in the JWOC team.

#### **4.6 Correspondence**

- VicTalent grant received for the Neves.
- VicHealth 'Active Clubs' grants have been received by EU & AR.
- Draft Kooyoora State Park management plan received – generally supportive of orienteering  
([http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources07/07\\_2113.pdf](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources07/07_2113.pdf)).
- Draft Recreation & Tourism Access Plan for Great Otway National Park not received but is available on the Parks Victoria website  
([http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources07/07\\_2113.pdf](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources07/07_2113.pdf)). There is the barest mention of orienteering on p24.
- Draft Darebin Parklands Plan is out for comment. It is favorable to orienteering  
([http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page\\_Id=3302&h=1](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=3302&h=1)).

### **5. SRV grant applications**

- 3 projects applied for – (1) DuO, (2) athlete development project and (3) improving technology. Advice of success or otherwise is expected in the middle of May. Thanks to Peta for her work on the application.

### **6. Research project update**

- Rob Preston has taken the job on. Expects to be finished by 30 June.

### **7. SI update**

- No report received.

### **8. Christmas 5 Days 2008**

- Still awaiting clubs to nominate their contacts. Will organize a meeting when known to kick things off.
- Ad to be placed on the website, as well as in the OA magazine. **Action WW.**

**9. Support for Victorians selected in WOC teams**

- The Board generally supported continuing the \$600 support for WOC, JWOC & MTBWOC team members, and the “mutual obligation” approach.

**10. Nomination for Life Membership**

- Nomination for a life member was discussed.

*Motion that this be approved. ID/RG. Carried.*

- Julie Sunley is organizing AGM catering. Peta will arrange spot prizes to encourage participation.

**11. Prospective 08-09 Board members**

- Debbie Dodd is standing down. Warwick Williams would like to step down. Several potential candidates were discussed and will be approached.

**12. Website content**

- Bruce Arthur has been working for the last year to improve the website, but he still feels it has some way to go. He would like to see a broader range of news and views presented. Current site is good as a repository for static info, but the dynamic front page stuff needs to be improved. We could potentially put the front page on the OA site and link back to the existing VOA site. ID to advertise for “reporters” to provide current content. BA to review potential to put front page on OA site.

**13. Publication of photos taken on Parks Victoria land**

- ID has received advice that any *commercial* photography on PV land requires a permit. This may include publication on any website. This advice was noted.

**14. Fixture update – AMAZE-ing Ballarat**

- EU now want to run this event on November 29<sup>th</sup>. This date shift was approved.

**15. Other business**

Results of OA AGM.

- No president was elected.
- Victoria & ACT are to work out between them who will organize entries for the 2011 national championship series.

- ASC Board will be replaced next year. This will throw funding from this body back into the melting pot, which could be good or bad.

Entries forms for next long & middle distance foot-O championships should be in the next OVic magazine. **Action – organizers.**

Meeting closed 9.45 PM.