



VOA Board Meeting

Thursday, 26 May 2005
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Blair Trewin, Ruth Goddard, Ian Dodd, 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. RG/WW Carried.

3. Business Arising

Adrian Jackson has been nominated for the VicSport Athlete of the Year award.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance

- No report received.
- Handover from Tina to Ruth will happen in the next week. Tina is handling the 2004 report and cash flow statement.
- Ian will set up MYOB for Ruth.

4.2 Promotion & Development

- Victorian Secondary Schools Championships were attended by 703 students and were extremely successful.
- National Orienteering Day was a limited success. We had 6 to 8 newcomers at the Brimbank event.
- Peta believes we have an understanding with the organisers of the Anaconda multi-sport event that we will set a course for them on a cost-recovery basis.
- Sue Key has expressed willingness to run the Macedon Ranges street series again next year.

- Office computer – Peta needs a new PC & would like a cheap 2nd hand laptop essentially to run Powerpoint presentations. Peta was delegated to make a purchase within the \$4,000 budget, in consultation with Blair & Ruth.
- ADSL is available at the Outdoor Recreation Centre. The board approved Peta to get connected.
- Peta proposed getting a corporate credit card. She will investigate this further & report back.
- “Coming Events” calendar: Robyn Sunderland has had trouble getting timely information for this and is somewhat browned off. Blair to remind clubs of the need for timely provision of information.
- Nillumbik want to make the Maxi 3 hour a “schools event.” Before endorsing this, the Board would want to be assured that the event would particularly cater for an interschool competition.

4.3 Park/Street Orienteering

- Winter event attendances are very strong.
- Ian Stirling has accepted Chairmanship of the Park/Street sub-committee.
- Summer series attendances were somewhat down in the northern, eastern and southern series, but only of concern in the East (15 to 20% down).
- There is some potential to reallocate grant money to help series if it can be well used.
- In 2005/6 summer the regular series will finish before the Commonwealth Games, and separate events will be scheduled for that fortnight.
- The Park/Street subcommittee is considering a proposal to offer discounts for the purchase of a seasons ticket by a person for more than one of the series. It is not clear how much this cost or how much benefit could be gained. Ian will work out how many people would be effected and report back.

Action: Ian Dodd

- It was also discussed that revenue from seasons tickets could be received and distributed by the VOA. It was generally felt that GST would make this too complicated, due to the VOA and Bayside being the only clubs registered for GST. Ian agreed to look at centralising seasons ticket through DROC.

4.4 MTB Orienteering

- No report received.

4.5 Bush Orienteering

- No report received.
- Sub-committee to meet next Sunday at Little Forest event.

4.6 Easter 2006

- Tom Norwood is making good progress on the promotion of this carnival.

4.7 SportIdent

- The first batch of controls for upgrading is still in Sweden.
- Because of this, Sunday of the Queens Birthday weekend will need to operate as a non-SI event.

4.8 Participation Working Group

- Group is to meet next Tuesday after the Moonee Ponds street event.

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

5. Correspondence

- Parks Victoria has advised of a review of their management plan preparation process. Peta will attend a meeting to discuss this on 29th June.

6. National Orienteering Day

- The Eaglemont event had great success with newcomers. It was supported by an article published in the local newspaper.
- OA support for NOD was less than we had hoped. This was probably due to key figures being very heavily involved in the Easter carnival. The day was, nevertheless a useful idea.
- 3 Victorian events was probably one too many.

7. 2006 Fixtures

- The use we make of the Queen's Birthday weekend is an issue. AWOC has expressed interest in using that weekend as have Yarra Valley and Bendigo expressed interest in having a Kooyoora weekend. The membership survey has highlighted peoples preference for double-header weekends at these more remote locations, and the Board supports this idea. On balance, the Board believed the Queens Birthday weekend should be used for events in north-east Victoria, and that another weekend be found for a Yarra Valley/Bendigo double-header at Kooyoora and Bendigo.

8. Victoria – South Australia Challenge

- The South Australians have indicated their acceptance of the Victorian proposal for revising the format of this event with the variation that the minimum number of classes to be contested be set at 8 rather than 10.

9. Use & Distribution of VOA Databases

- Paper by Blair received.
- The Board approved the thrust of Blair's paper.

10. June Council Agenda

- The big issue will be the recommendations of the Participation Working Group.
- Multiple season's ticket discount proposal for Summer park/street series.
- Reporting back on the "Club Development Network" implementation by clubs.
- Report regarding the potential for the use of waivers.

11. Other Business

- Coming meetings dates:

Council	17 th June
Board	28 th July
Board	25 th August
Board	15 th September
Council	21 st October
Board	25 th November
Board	9 th December (tentatively)

- Peta believes we need new and better warning signs to warn of runners/cyclists on roads. She will organise an order for same on behalf of clubs.

Meeting closed 9.50 PM.