



VOA Board Meeting

Thursday 25 May, 2006
Goddards', Eaglemont

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ian Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Blair Trewin, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

1. Apologies

- Peta Whitford.

2. Minutes of April Board Meeting

Motion that the minutes be accepted. Ruth Goddard/Blair Trewin. Carried.

3. Business Arising

- Dion Keech has confirmed that he is willing to take over editorship of the Ovic journal as from the September edition. Thanks to Dion and to Ken Dowling for his work over the past year or so.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance

- The current P & L report shows a surplus ytd of \$57k. This will be cut by ~\$40k when the distribution of Easter profits to clubs is made. This is likely to be in several months.
- One club still owes the VOA all of last year's levies.
- Ian Dodd is still considering whether and how we need to make provision for long service leave.

4.2 P & D

- Newcomers data cards are being inconsistently used. At Peta's request, these have been listed for discussion at the July Council meeting.
- Peta has asked for a rise in the kilometre for travel allowance from 55c to 56c per kilometre, to reflect the increased cost of fuel.

Motion that the kilometre rate be increased from 55c/km to 56c/km. Blair Trewin/Ruth Goddard. Carried.

4.3 Park/Street Orienteering

- The last Park/Street Sub-committee meeting made two in-principle decisions:
 1. All park/street maps will be available for all series. The Park/Street Sub-committee will nominate the maps to be used for each series. (Ian Stirling has already prepared such a list).
 2. For summer 2006/07, all revenues from the 4 Melbourne series will be paid into a common bank account, from which they will be distributed proportionately to the number of events run by each club. This will mean that no VOA or OA levies will be collected until the end of summer.
- Collection of the new OA per capita levy from the 06/07 series has been programmed for discussion at the July Council meeting.

4.4 MTBO

- Blake Gordon submitted an application for VOA support for the staging of an event at Shelley (~ 60 km east of Wodonga) in April 2007. The event is proposed to be a selection trial for the World MTBO Championships 2007, the Victorian Championships and the Oceania Championships. Blake also proposes to apply to make this a World Ranking Event.
- The Board agreed to make such an event the Victorian Championships for 2007, and authorised Blake to approach OA on behalf of the VOA with a view to getting the other elements of the event endorsed.

4.5 Bush Orienteering

- Blair Trewin is to convene a meeting of the bush orienteering sub-committee for the Queen's Birthday weekend to consider the future of the bush orienteering calendar. Blair will chair the meeting.

4.6 SportIdent

- Kevin Maloney has indicated that he is not interested in selling SI sticks. The VOA will therefore offer these for sale, although orienteers can order their own directly from the manufacturer at <http://www.sportident.se/english/default.aspx>. We will order 10 at a time and offer v.5 sticks at \$45 each and v.6 sticks at \$90 each.
- Ian Dodd will ask Ian Chennell to write a paragraph for the e-bulletin and to order 5 of each version of the SI cards for initial stock.

Action: Ian Dodd

4.7 Correspondence

- The Department of Justice has acknowledged our annual report and constitutional amendments.

5. Funding for WOC Team Members (Foot & MTBO)

- It was agreed that we would continue to support members selected in Australian teams for world championships, who request assistance from the VOA, with a grant of \$600 each.

6. Funding for “Bushrangers” Team Members to compete in New Zealand.

Motion that a subsidy of \$100 each be paid to VOA members participating in the “Bushrangers” team to compete in New Zealand in June. Blair Trewin/ Ruth Goddard. Carried.

7. Coming Meetings – Council and Board

- Board Thursday 22nd June
- Council Friday 21st July
- Board Thursday 17th August
- Board Thursday 21st September
- Council Friday 27th October
- Board Friday 24th November
- Board Friday 15th December

8. Development of Council Agenda

- As it had been decided to postpone the next Council meeting from June to July, the need to finalise the agenda for this meeting has been likewise postponed.
- At this stage agenda items are:
 - 1 In-principle decisions of the Park/Street Sub-committee
 - 2 Collection of the new OA levy from 1st January 2007
 - 3 Use of data cards for newcomers
 - 4 Draft fixtures for 2007

9. Other Business

- Blair circulated a paper some time ago regarding the future structure of the VOA website. He received precisely no feedback from this.
- The Board endorsed the implementation of the proposals contained in that paper under Blair’s direction.

Actionm: Blair Trewin

Meeting closed 9.20 PM.