



VOA Board Meeting

Thursday 22 June, 2006
Goddards', Eaglemont

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ian Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

1. Apologies

- Blair Trewin, Peta Whitford.

2. Minutes of May Board Meeting

Motion that the minutes be accepted. Ruth Goddard/Ian Dodd. Carried.

3. Business Arising

- Dion Keech will edit the next edition of the OVic journal due in September.
- SI action items from the May meeting are still pending (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.)

4. Reports

4.1 Finance

- \$9,000 Easter levy has been paid to OA. A further \$11,000 was sent to OA as our affiliation fee.
- One club still owes the VOA all of last year's levies.
- It is expected that the Easter pool for distribution to clubs will be approximately \$60,000. Distribution is likely to take place within the next month.
- No news yet from SRV regarding our funding application for next year.

4.2 P & D

- Good news regarding access to Cardinia and Wellington Chase. Apparently "parks are for the people," and Parks Victoria would welcome applications to stage events.

4.3 Bush Orienteering

- The Bush O subcommittee met in Albury over the Queens Birthday weekend.
- Decisions of the subcommittee are summarised in the paper by Neil Barr.
- The Board noted and will consider further a proposal that seeking of permission for the conduct of events in Victoria could be centralised in the VOA.

Motion that Jim Russell be asked to establish and chair an advance organising committee for the Australian Championships Carnival for 2009. Tasks of the advance organising committee being to (1) appoint a carnival organiser, (2) propose locations for key events and approach relevant land owners/managers for permission, and (3) establish the preliminary structure of the carnival. Ian Dodd/Ruth Goddard. Carried.

4.4 MTBO

- No report received.

4.5 Park/Street Orienteering

- No report received.

4.6 Correspondence

- The Bendigo Orienteers newsletter includes a draft safety plan focussing on procedure in the event that a competitor does not return at the end of an event. The Board asked to be kept informed of the development of this draft, with a view to putting a similar proposal to the July Council meeting for statewide application.

Action: WW

5. Agenda for July Council Meeting

- Four items were listed for Council at the May Board meeting:
 - 1 In-principle decisions of the Park/Street Sub-committee (Debbie Dodd to prepare paper)
 - 2 Collection of the new OA levy from 1st January 2007 (ID to prepare paper)
 - 3 Use of data cards for newcomers (ID to lead discussion)
 - 4 Draft fixtures for 2007 (Steve Peacock to be invited to attend the meeting and lead discussion)
- Dianne Shalders has requested that the meeting be rescheduled to avoid a conflict with “fox-hunting.” It was decided to leave the date unchanged.

Action: WW to advise Diane Shalders

- Additional items listed:
 5. Bendigo’s safety plan (WW to prepare paper)
 6. Possible NOL events for Victoria for 2007 (WW to write to clubs)
 7. Ratification of Bush O subcommittee decisions (ID to find discussion leader)

6. Review of pay rate, mileage allowance and long service leave entitlements of VOA staff

- Noted that where staff are earning less than \$55,000 per year, the Work Choices legislation imposes new requirements to keep records of the hours worked by staff for a 7 year period.
- We need to clarify our long service leave obligations and make provision for these.

Action: ID

- Several questions arose concerning the setting of wages and mileage allowance which need to be clarified with Peta Whitford before a decision on the levels of these for 2006/07 can be set.

Action: RG

- It was agreed that the new rates (when set) should apply from 1 July.

7. Other business

- None raised.

Meeting closed 9.40 PM.