



## VOA Council Meeting

Friday, 21 July, 2006  
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Peter Searle (BG), Dianne Searle, Peter Beggs (TK), John Ewels (CH), Laurie Niven (NE), Peter Jackson (MF), Russell Bulman (YV), IanDodd, Debbie Dodd (DR), Dianne Shalders (BK), Peta Whitford, Bruce Arthur, Tom Norwood (EU), Warwick Williams, Blake Gordon, Ruth Goddard.

Meeting opened 7:20 PM.

#### 1. Apologies

Bruce Paterson, Blair Trewin, Ian Stirling.

#### 1. Minutes of February Council Meeting and June Board Meeting

*Motion that the February Council minutes be accepted. I Dodd/R Goddard. Carried.*  
*Motion that the June Board minutes be accepted. I Dodd/R Goddard. Carried.*

#### 3. Business Arising

Nil.

#### 4. Reports

##### 4.2 Promotion & Development

- SRV funding for 2006/07 has still not been announced.
- The Galway schools program is meeting with success – the Schools team to WA has 3 members and 2 reserves from these schools.
- The foundations have been laid for Recreation House to replace the ORC.
- We are about \$3,000 short on funds for the Schools team as a result of the cancellation of the Cyclic Navigator event.

#### **4.6 Correspondence**

- VicSport has called for nominations for their awards. It was felt that Adrian Jackson was unlikely to win as he had not actually won a major event, despite ranking no.1 in the world.

#### **4.3 Park/Street Orienteering**

- Fixtures for next summer should be printed by the end of September
- Unofficial training sessions on Monday evenings have been started.
- This winter's attendances are strong.

#### **4.4 MTB Orienteering**

- It is proposed that AW run the 2007 Victorian Championships at Shelley in May, which will double as selection trials for WOC. Approval is being sought for this to be an Oceania Championships and a World Ranking Event.
- The Cyclic Navigator event had to be cancelled as the Wombat Forest is closed to events until the week after the proposed date. This was not advised by DSE until too late to reschedule.

#### **4.1 Finance**

- Balance sheet and P & L statement were presented.
- Easter expenses have been finalised.
- Allocation of Easter profits proportionally to event income seems to produce inequitable results. It was proposed that allocating profits proportionally to competitor numbers would produce a more equitable split of profits between clubs. This would lower the allocation to each of the clubs which ran the "3-Days" events by about \$1,000 in favour of the clubs which ran the supporting events.

*Motion that the Treasurer be asked to develop more options to equitably allocate the Easter profit and report back for decision at October Council. B Gordon/P Searle. Carried.*

- The Treasurer may make an interim distribution before October Council, holding back sufficient funds to allow Council a range of options.

#### **5. "In Principle" Decisions of the Park/Street Sub-Committee**

- 3 "in principle" decisions have been taken:
  - Clubs are allocated events to run based on club member participation rates from the previous year.
  - Revenues will be pooled and distributed to clubs proportionally to number of events run by the club.

- Results are to be posted on the VOA website. Thanks to Geoff Hudson for providing the scoring software.

## **6 Collection of New OA Levy**

- The levy is to be 20c/head on all events from 1 January 2007.
- VOA park/street levies have already been set for next summer.
- There are 3 options:
  - No change – VOA absorbs the levy
  - Revise the levies
  - Levy the park/street revenue pool before distribution to clubs.

*Moved that option 3 be adopted with the VOA levying 20c/head from 1 January 2007 before distribution of the revenue pool. I Dodd/R Bulman. Carried.*

## **4.5 Bush Orienteering sub-committee**

- Andy Hogg's paper on proposed revisions to the format of state championships and badge events was noted.
- Neil Barr's paper summarising decisions at the Albury meeting of the Bush O sub-committee was presented. The sub-committee made 3 recommendations:
  1. That the existing age based State Series competition be replaced by a system with age based handicaps on kilometre rates.
  2. That there be a 2 stage process for allocating State Series events: initial interest followed by confirmation when key event officials are nominated.
  3. That competition rules be amended to allow drinks to be placed at locations other than control sites, providing they are clearly marked on maps and are placed so as not to influence route choice.
- There was extensive discussion of the best means of adding interest to the State Series competition, before recommendations 1 and 2 were deferred for further work by the Board before returning the issues to the October Council meeting.

*Motion that recommendation 3 be adopted. ID/RB. Carried.*

## **7. Data Cards for Newcomers**

- These are agreed to be a good idea, but are being under-utilised. Peta Whitford wants to encourage clubs to do so. A reminder will be placed in the E-Bulletin and in OVic.

## **8. Draft Fixtures for 2006**

- Discussion was deferred as Steve Peacock was overseas.

## **9. Bendigo Orienteers Safety Plan**

- The Safety Plan prepared by BG was presented to the meeting. This includes:
  - Emergency contacts & procedures
  - Safety rules for competitors
  - Basic 1<sup>st</sup> aid notes, and
  - A recommended search procedure.
- It was noted that we need to match policy to practice, particularly with respect to carrying of whistles and having 1<sup>st</sup> aiders on site.
- Warwick Williams undertook to draft a VOA safety plan for discussion at the October Council meeting.

## **10. NOL Bid for 2007**

- OA has called for bids for one weekend of NOL competition for 2007. This is the 1st weekend in May, and is to also be used as WOC selection trials. It is expected that Tasmania will bid, and it is proposed that Victoria also put in a bid.
- OA is looking for a park sprint event and middle and classic distance events in fast forest country.
- Bruce Arthur and Warwick Williams have prepared a bid for MF to run the sprint at Melbourne Uni or Darebin Parklands, EU to run the Middle distance at Petticoat Gully and YV to run the long distance at Creswick Diggings.

*Motion that the bid presented by Bruce be approved for submission on behalf of the VOA. WW/BA. Carried.*

## **11. Other Business**

Nil.

Meeting closed 10 PM.