



VOA Council Meeting

Thursday, 21 July, 2006
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Westerfolds Park

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ron Fredricks, Peter Cusworth, Peter Beggs (TK), Lois Ewels (CH), Laurie Niven (NE), Dion Keech (MF), Russell Bulman (YV), IanDodd, Debbie Dodd, Peter Hobbs (DR), John & Jenny Sheahan (BK), Peta Whitford, Bruce Arthur, Blake Gordon (EU), Warwick Williams, Rob Edmonds, Ruth Goddard, Stephen Peacock.

Meeting opened 7:20 PM.

1. Apologies

Bruce Paterson, Blair Trewin.

2. Minutes of February Council Meeting and June Board Meeting

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

3. Business Arising

- Constitutional amendment re AGM quorum. Ian Dodd will arrange an extraordinary General Meeting to consider this. Peta Whitford also proposed a constitutional amendment to remove the limit on the number of discounted entries to any given event based on a single school's membership. The meeting was happy for this amendment to be proposed to the same EGM.
- The placement of water on courses is still under consideration.
- Can Neil Barr's map costing template be widely distributed? WW to distribute with the minutes.
- Ian Dodd is intending to form an informal discussion group to work through mapping issues.

4. Reports

4.1 Promotion & Development

- SRV funding for 2006/07 has been set at \$30k for one year only.

- The VicHeath grant of \$40k + GST is for 3 years. It will be split 2/3 in Bendigo and 1/3 in the western suburbs.

4.2 Finance

- Ruth has been busy spending F07 grant money - \$8k from SRV and \$9k from VicHealth.
- The investment account has been drawn down substantially. Grants to JWOC & WOC competitors have been a major expense. This has not yet been debited to the Legacy funds.
- Delay in Ruth receiving club levy returns makes it hard for her to calculate and pay the OA levy. Clubs: please try to be prompt!

4.3 Park/Street Orienteering

- Average attendance at the Iceberg Series has been 86, varying from 50 to 104. The Saturday series is averaging 63 competitors. Sunday events have attracted 110 to Woodlands and 107 to Yarra Bend.
- Summer 07/08 fixtures are progressing.
- A new 6 event series around Weribee is proposed on Thursday nights as a newcomers series. Julie Sunley is co-ordinating this.
- The fixtures are likely to run to 3 A4 sheets this year, rather than 2.
- The proposed Geelong series is looking doubtful.

4.4 Bush Orienteering

- The sub-committee met in March and approved rule changes. The next meeting will be after the Victorian Club Relays and will consider:
 - Age classes
 - Master maps, and
 - Controllers for 2008 events.
- The committee for the 2009 Aussie Champs carnival met in Dubbo. Most clubs have had an event allocated to them. The carnival is presently planned to start in Bendigo, and finish in Wangaratta, hopefully leading people on towards WMOC in Lithgow.
- The Vic Nuggets won 3 of the four NOL divisions this year, and came second in the remaining division.
- This excellent outcome was helped by VOA funding support, strong management input and hosting our own round of the NOL.
- The average age of Nuggets members is getting younger. This is a very positive development.

4.5 MTBO

- The 06/07 summer series was again popular.

- 5 Victorians were selected in the WMTBOC team, but sadly only 2 will be able to attend.
- Victoria will host the first round of the new National MTBO League next year.

4.6 Correspondence

- 2 major public land management plans have been received. The adopted version of the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park plan, which is generally favourable to orienteering, and the Proposed Forest Management Plan for the Bendigo FMA. This latter plan says very little about orienteering, but will need to be responded to because of the critical importance to orienteering of the areas affected.
- An accident report was received from John Sheahan regarding Jim Russell's accident at Sailors Diggings. There was some debate about the value of whistles. It was agreed that organisers of all events need to plan for emergencies.

Moved that the reports be received. B Arthur/B Gordon. Carried.

5. Confirmation of Sub-Committee Chairs

- Blair Trewin, Peter Cusworth and Ian Stirling have all indicated their willingness to be reappointed.

Moved that the incumbents be reappointed. Laurie Niven/Bruce Arthur. Carried.

6 Australian Masters Games, Geelong, February/March 2009

- EU & NE may be interested in putting something together, although the time of year is not ideal. EU will make further inquiries.

7 Grant Funded Programs

GRANT	SOURCE	F 07	F 08	ONGOING?	USE
BIP*	SRV	\$10k	\$10k	No	Office
SDS*	SRV	\$10k	\$10k	No	
FDP*	SRV	\$10k	\$10k	No	Research on junior/senior transition
PICSAR*	VicHealth	\$25k	\$40k	Yes, 4 years	Linkages – Bendigo & western suburbs
JD*	YV/DR(?)	-	\$5k +	Yes, 3 years	Aim to build up junior ranks

* see explanation on next page

BIP Business Improvement Plan

SDS	Sports Development Scheme
FDP	Future Development Project
PICSAR	Participation In Community Sport & Active Recreation
JD	Junior Development

- A substantial part of the allocated money will be spent employing Jim Russell with the PICSAR programme in Bendigo - \$34k.
- We need to find suitable people to work on the other projects – proposals are welcome.

8. Fixtures

- Bush O fixturing for 2008 has commenced. Steve Peacock presented the first framework draft, showing the major events.
- Bids are being taken from clubs for other events - to Steve P by 18th August. The fixture will be filled “top-down” from the major events to the lesser events.
- There are 3 long weekends in 2008 – Labour Day, ANZAC Day and Queen’s Birthday.
- We are aiming for 8 or 9 State Series events and 2 championship events.
- Multi-day events seem to be boosting numbers. “Sunday Specials” also seem to be successful.
- We should consider a couple of events emulating the adventure racing format.

9. Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance

- OA has negotiated a D & O policy which covers all Association and club officers. The VOA’s share of the cost is \$650. Clubs need to declare that they no of no existing liability and advise the insurer of their turnover. AW, NE and BK are still to provide their F06 financial reports to the VOA.

10. Other Business

OVic

- A series of unfortunate events caused the mail out of the recent edition of OVic to run late. These should be sorted out by the next edition.

Data Projector

- DROC has purchased a data projector and is willing to make this available to other clubs who may need it for a particular event.

ORC

- The ORC meeting room is available for orienteering groups free of charge. Contact Peta to make a booking.

Portable GPS units

- The VOA has acquired 5 portable GPS units which can be carried while running and downloaded onto an electronic copy of the map after the event. This is useful for training. Bruce Arthur is the keeper of these, and may be contacted by orienteers wishing to use them. Further details are on the “High Performance” page of the VOA website.

Meeting closed 10.05 PM.