



## **VOA Board Meeting**

Thursday 28 September, 2006  
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Ian Dodd (chair), Debbie Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Blair Trewin, Peta Whitford

Meeting opened 7:10 PM.

#### **1. Apologies**

- Warwick Williams

#### **2. Minutes of August Board Meeting**

*Motion that the minutes of the August Board meeting be accepted. DD/BT. Carried.*

#### **3. Business Arising**

- SI sticks – 10 version 6 sticks are on order.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Finance**

- The balance sheet includes \$42,000 of Easter money not yet distributed to clubs. Current P&L shows a \$23,000 surplus, however there is \$42,000 to go out, and \$25,000 from Vic Health grants to come in, leaving the position around break-even.
- Budget: The projected deficit is approx \$10000, however the figures on grant income vs expenditure need clarification. Aim is to have deficit of no less than \$5000.

*RG to finalise budget figures for Oct Council meeting.*

- Easter distribution – Ruth's examination of map costs by clubs was inconclusive, so the original arrangement for distribution will be recommended to Council in October. EU have requested a small increase to cover the extra work they did.

*RG to discuss further with Tom Norwood.*

- Fees and levies: Reference to maximum event fee to be removed. Increases in line with CPI. Discussed simplification of club affiliation fees by removing one level, but decided to leave as is.

*ID to prepare fees and levies paper for October Council.*

*Motion that budget and fees and levies reports, subject to minor changes as discussed, be recommended to October Council meeting. Carried.*

## **4.2 P & D**

- New Outdoor Recreation centre at Westerfolds is progressing well and due for completion in Feb 2007.
- The MTB schools champs were the largest MTBO event held to date in Australia.
- SRV requires a business operational plan

*BT to prepare. PW will follow up on information from the SRV forum.*

- A permanent course is being built at Brimbank Park. \$2000 grant money is available for summer series, for promotion, maps etc.

*PW to discuss with Ian Stirling*

## **4.3 Park/Street Orienteering**

- No report.

## **4.4 MTBO**

- Summer twilight series is planned.
- Vic Champs to be held in November.

## **4.5 Bush Orienteering**

- Paper detailing 3 models for future event format – status quo, Tasmania or Queensland - to be put to October Council meeting for a decision.

*BT to prepare paper.*

## **4.6 Correspondence**

- Email received from Don Fell re a 3-event series to be held on Saturday evenings in the Werribee area. Board approves in principle but clashes with MTB summer events to be minimised.

*Motion: that approval be given for a 3-event series to be conducted in the Werribee area over summer. BT/ID. Carried.*

*ID to respond to Don Fell.*

**5. 2007 Fixture**

- Discussed dates for Vic Champs and clarified some questions. Fixture needs to be finalised in time for endorsement by Council in October.

*DD to forward information to Steve Peacock*

**6. VOA Awards, End of Year Presentations**

- Final event to be held at Macedon (BK). Presentations to include OY awards, service award, Rockhopper awards, and course setting prizes for bush and MTB (park/street to be awarded later in the year). Prizes will be a \$50 voucher to be used either at the O-gear shop, Melbourne Bicycle Centre, or a Park/street season ticket.

*DD to find out if Blake Gordon can arrange the same OY prizes as last year*

**7. October Council Meeting Agenda**

To include the following items:

- Budget and fees/levies recommendations (RG/ID)
- Bush event format (BT)
- Athlete development strategy (BT)
- Safety plan (WW)
- Easter money (RG)
- Employment of a “permits official” (ID)

*WW to prepare agenda.*

**8. OA Development Meeting (& others?) in WA**

- ID & DD will attend Development Meeting.

**10. Athlete Development Strategy**

- Priorities are conducting a level 1 coaching course early in 2007, and a junior talent ID camp (September?) Appointment of a State Coach (a remunerated

position) would allow these and other development activities in the strategy to be coordinated.

*BT to approach Jim Russell re taking the position of State Coach.*

**11. OA Conference Representatives**

- ID will attend the OA December Conference in Canberra. One other Victorian representative can attend.

**12. Draft Event Safety Plan**

- Taking shape but needs further work.

**13. Other Business**

- Mandy Hennessy requested a \$2500 advance to covers schools team expenses in WA. Approved.

Meeting closed 9.45 PM.