

# **VOA Council Meeting**

Friday, 21 October 2005  
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Blair Trewin, Russell Bulman (YV), Ian Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Peter Beggs (TK), Debbie Dodd (DR), Lois Ewels (CH), Peter Jackson (MF), Peta Whitford, Jenny & John Sheahan (BK), Warwick Williams.

Meeting opened 7.20 PM.

**1. Apologies:** Bruce Paterson (AR), Dianne Shalders (BK), Peter Cusworth, Ian Stirling.

### **2. Minutes**

It was noted that Laurie Niven was not present at the July Council meeting.

*Motion to accept the minutes of the June Council meeting – Ruth Goddard/Ian Dodd.  
Carried.*

*Motion to accept the minutes of the September Board meeting – Ian Dodd/Ruth Goddard.  
Carried.*

### **3. Business Arising**

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Finance**

- Report received.
- YTD we are in surplus, however we are projecting a year-end deficit of approximately \$6,000.
- We need to consider the applicability to us of the Super Choice legislation. Ian Dodd suggests that each time we employ someone, it be referred to him for evaluation in this respect.

##### **4.2 P & D**

- Club Development surveys are underway for BG & AW. Other clubs still to complete are BK, CH, MF, NE & TK. Deadline to Peta is 30/3/06.
- VicSport “Active Clubs” grants are available, targeting poorer areas. AR & TK are looking into these looking for sunshades, sports injury prevention and equipment. Forms available next week. Deadline 9/12/05.
- 7 orienteers are enrolled for the VOA 1<sup>st</sup> aid course. There is still room for another couple.

## **NOL report**

- Report received.
- We need to purchase more Nuggets uniforms. Council was happy for this to be done.

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

- Report received.

### **4.5 Bush Orienteering Subcommittee**

- A current list of accredited controllers was tabled (39 members) with 4 additional level 1 controllers in the pipeline.

### **4.4 MTBO**

- MTBO shared a booth with Rogaining at Federation Square on “Ride to Work Day.” It is hard to measure the success of this.
- Adrian Jackson is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world and Alex Randall 7<sup>th</sup>. These are remarkable achievements. Blair Trewin is to write to these two on behalf of Council acknowledging this.
- The 2006 MTBO fixture is in place.
- 4 low key summer events are scheduled near Melbourne on weekday evenings. This is a new program.

*Motion that the VOA levy on these events for the first year be set at the Country Local Event rate. Peter Jackson/Russell Bulman. Carried.*

### **4.6 Orienteering Australia**

- The Victorian representatives for the OA conference will be Blair Trewin and either Ruth Goddard or Peter Jackson.
- OA has lost \$60,000 per year in Federal funding.
- There was an OA meeting in Melbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to recommend action to address this budget shortfall. A recommendation to end subsidisation of the OA magazine has already been approved by the OA board. Other recommendations are to be considered at the December conference.
- The cost of the OA magazine will therefore rise by \$5 per subscription in 2006.
- It is proposed to roll the 5 part-time paid positions at OA into 2, reducing the salary budget from \$66,000/yr to \$40,000/yr.
- OA does not intend to support an Australian on the IOF board after the expiry of Hugh Cameron’s term in 2006.
- There may be a small OA levy on all events, not just national and badge events to increase revenue from members.

#### **4.7 SportIdent**

- All of the VOA's new SI controls ( ~ 110) will be despatched from Europe next week.
- New sticks will then be available to go with these. New sticks will cost ~\$40 each. We can then offer a trade in scheme to rebuild hire stocks.

*Motion that VOA offer new generation sticks at \$40 each with a trade in value of undamaged old sticks of \$10 each. Peter Jackson/Russell Bulman. Carried.*

#### **Website**

- OA is offering states to piggy-back on the new OA website. This may have some advantages, but we have just spent a fair amount of effort on moving to a new provider. The question will be given further consideration by the Board.

#### **4.8 Membership & Participation**

- Report received.
- Most participation categories are up on 2005. The bush-O state series was down 8%, but the 2004 numbers were boosted by including 2 days of the QB3 carnival which attracted a lot of NSW and ACT orienteers.
- Memberships are up a little on 2004.

#### **4.9 Easter 2006**

- Report received.
- Sponsorship is proving hard to come by, perhaps because the Commonwealth Games sports are capturing more than their fair share of attention.

#### **4.10 Correspondence**

- Sportscover (insurers) are offering 5 \$1,000 grants to grass-roots amateur sporting clubs. Applications close 11<sup>th</sup> November and can be made on-line at [http://www.sportscover.com/sp\\_criteria.html](http://www.sportscover.com/sp_criteria.html).
- DSE has notified us of their "East Wombat Forest Clean-up Program on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting felt that the idea had merit, but that the notice is too short. Lois Ewels undertook to attend. The Secretary will write to DSE in these terms.

*Motion that the reports be accepted. Peter Jackson/Lois Ewels. Carried.*

#### **5. 2006 VOA Budget & Fee Recommendations**

- Proposed budget projects a surplus for 2006 of \$11,500, based largely on a projected net revenue of \$10,000 from the Easter carnival.
- The budget includes renewal of the Sport & Rec and VicHealth grants for 2005/06 at the same level. Only VicHealth is confirmed.

- It is proposed that VOA controller fees be ended.
- Membership fee increases essentially reflect the increasing cost of OA magazine subscriptions.
- Event levies and club affiliation fees are increased roughly in line with inflation

Discussion:

- Offering multi-year membership subscriptions was discussed, but not felt to be important.
- Membership subs payment by direct debit was felt to be more valuable. The treasurer will continue to chase this up.

*Motion that the budget and fee/levy recommendations as proposed be passed. Debbie Dodd/Ruth Goddard. Carried.*

*Motion that controllers fees be scrapped. Ruth Goddard/Ian Dodd. Carried.*

The appropriate levy for Vic ARDF events was discussed. The appropriate levy was agreed to be as follows:

- If the event is being run in conjunction with another event, then the levy will be the same as for the other event.
- If a person is participating in the ARDF event as well as the other event, only one levy is payable.
- If an event is only an ARDF event, the appropriate levy is the “Other Bush Event” rate.

## **6. Grant Funded Projects**

- There is potential to seek a new grant from VicHealth to develop park/street orienteering in the Dandenong/Cranbourne area. Peta Whitford is investigating.

## **7. Future Championship Events - Organisers**

- Organising clubs were sought for unallocated major events in the period 2006-2008. The following commitments were received:

MF 2006 & 2008 Vic sprint champs, 2008 Vic long distance champs

EU 2006 Vic MTBO long distance champs

NE/EU 2006 Vic MTBO middle distance champs

BK 2007 Vic long distance champs, 2007 Vic relays

YV 2007 Vic middle distance champs, 2008 Vic relays

DR 2007 Vic sprint champs

- NE will be approached to hold the 2006 Vic middle distance champs.

- Remaining events are 2008 Vic middle distance champs, the 2007 & 2008 Vic MTBO long distance champs and the 2007 & 2008 Vic MTBO middle distance champs. Offers to host these events will be gratefully received.

#### **8. Victorian Teachers' Games**

- Council is happy to have orienteering as a part of these games. Rob Edmonds to take the lead with this.

#### **9 Other Business**

- VOA receives various requests for promotion of external events (eg Oxfam Trailwalkers). Council felt that it was OK to promote not-for-profit things of this sort in the e-bulletin. The Board will look again at the advertising policy for OVic.

Meeting closed 9.50 PM.