



VOA Council Meeting

Friday, 27 October, 2006
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Viewbank

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Neil Barr (BG), Peter Beggs (TK), Lois Ewels (CH), Bruce Arthur (MF), Christine Sinickas (YV), IanDodd, Debbie Dodd (DR), Greg Tamblyn (BK), Peta Whitford, Warwick Williams, Ruth Goddard, Blair Trewin.

Meeting opened 7:10 PM.

1. Apologies

Peter Cusworth, Russell Bulman, Ian Stirling.

2. Minutes of July Council Meeting and September Board Meeting

Motion that the July Council minutes be accepted. I Dodd/D Dodd. Carried.

Motion that the September Board minutes be accepted. R Goddard/I Dodd. Carried.

3. Business Arising

- The Weribee street-O program is to go ahead in February.
- 4 nominations have been received for the VOA service award.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance (other than Budget)

- The P & L report shows a current surplus of \$18k for this year. Major items to come are the distribution of \$42k Easter profit, receipt of \$25k from VicHealth, grant money from SRV and significant event levies due from clubs. We are expecting a small final surplus.

4.2 P & D

- 2006 Active club grants are being offered by VicHealth. Applications close 16/3/07. These grants must be applied for by clubs, rather than the VOA.

4.3 Park/Street Orienteering

- No report received.

4.4 MTB Orienteering

- Report received from Peter Cusworth.

4.5 Bush Orienteering

- The bush sub-committee has met and considered changes to the state series program. These are covered in item 6 below.

4.6 Orienteering Australia

- The OA December conference will focus heavily on marketing and promoting the sport. There is unlikely to be many items requiring Victoria to take a position to the conference.
- The new OA 20c/head/event levy starts on 1/1/07. This levy will be built into the VOA levies on clubs and massed on to OA by the VOA.

4.7 SportIdent

- The recent order for SI sticks has been received by the VOA and will be on-sold to members at cost.

4.8 Membership and Participation

- Expected report was not received.

5. Budget 2007

- The budget projections assume that the levels of the SRV and VicHealth grants continue at the current level. Neither of these is certain.
- \$11k has been allocated for Peta Whitford's long service leave.
- OA levies are just passed through, and do not appear as part of the budget.
- We need to confirm any VOA implications from the Shelley MTBO weekend in March '07.
- Most fees and levies for next year have been calculated essentially as 2006 levy + CPI + OA levy.

Motion that the Budget, and the fees and levies be accepted as tabled. G Tamblyn/C Sinickas. Carried.

6 Bush Event Formats

- A series of 11 recommendations was received from the bush sub-committee concerning the format of the bush orienteering program in 2007 and beyond.
- Principal proposal is for the number of State Series events to be reduced to 8 or 9 (including championships)
- It is proposed that the existing low key series would be extended to make up a second tier set of events (ie the Bendigo Club Championships, the Eureka series and metro bush events).
- It is recommended that the age class system be retained, but with some consolidation in the younger age classes.
- The 2 moderate courses will be reduced to 1.
- The length of the classes currently run on courses 1 to 3 will be varied from event to event as long, medium and short formats.
- Fixtures for 2007 are to be finalised in the next week for endorsement at the November Board meeting.

Moved that the recommendations of the bush sub-committee be accepted. N Barr/D Dodd. Carried.

- There is in consequence a need to harmonise the levies to be charged across the second tier events. It was agreed that all such events should be levied at the country local event levy.
- It was noted that Neil Barr has resigned as chairman of the bush sub-committee. Blair Trewin offered to take on this role.

Motion that Blair be endorsed as chairman of the bush sub-committee. R Goddard/N Barr. Carried.

7. Athlete Development Strategy

- The strategy has been somewhat revised to reflect the following developments:
 - we now know that we have a grant
 - Jim Russell has been approached to be State Coach and seems likely to accept the role.
 - Jim has also indicated that it would be a priority of his to organise a level 1 coaching course
 - Talent ID camp and junior coaching are also priorities
 - The women's coaching weekend will be integrated into the overall strategy
 - The Melbourne University club may not eventuate, but the allocated funds can be well used in developing our junior NOL team.

Motion that the Council delegate the Strategy back to the Board and Jim Russell for implementation. B Trewin/L Ewels. Carried.

8. Event Safety Plan

- The draft plan was considered by the meeting.
- It was noted that SI controls have the potential to be interrogated to see who has punched them as an aid to tracking a lost competitor.
- An evacuation from fire on a non-TFB day is unlikely to be too great an emergency.
- Basic emergency information should be at registration at all events.

Motion that the plan be delegated back to the Board for finalisation. W Williams/I Dodd. Carried.

9. Easter Distributions

- An initial distribution of \$4 per competitor has recently been made to clubs.
- NE and YV map costs were paid out of the Easter kitty.
- The contrast between the cost of a brand new map and a remap is very significant. It was noted that in future the relative cost of new mapping cf remapping should be taken into account in pricing events and distributing profits.
- EU has submitted a request that the club's allocation from Easter be increased as their initial undertaking did not include the Middle distance Championships and the Fiddlers Green relay.

Motion that an extra \$415 be allocated to EU, that the remaining Easter profit be allocated to clubs as previously agreed, and that a vote of thanks be offered to BJ Johnson for her efforts as Easter treasurer R Goddard/B Trewin. Carried.

10. Employment of a "Permit Official"

- The idea of employing an official to centralise the obtaining of permits by orienteering clubs from land managers seemed to be a popular one at the July Council meeting
- There is no interstate precedent
- The idea lapsed as it was not generally felt to be necessary.

11. Other Business

- Vic Chix: Kathryn Ewels, Kirsten Fairfax and Ilka Barr were robbed of most of their gear shortly after arriving in WA for the Australian Championships.

Motion that the VOA recognise their loss by donating a new Victorian O-suit to each of them R Goddard/I Dodd. Carried.

- Bruce Arthur has been working with an Age sports reporter who is keen to follow up on Hanny Alston's WOC win, and couple it with some contemporary

orienteering news. Bruce is endeavouring to set up some good publicity for the sport by this means.

Meeting closed 9:40 PM.