



VOA Council Meeting

Friday, 12 October, 2007
Outdoor Recreation Centre, Westerfolds Park

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ian Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Nicola Dalheim (MF). Peta Whitford, Blake Gordon (EU, MTBO), Russell Bulman (YV), Blair Trewin (Bush-O), Lois Ewels (CH), Greg Tamblyn (BK), Ron Fredricks (NE) Debbie Dodd, Warwick Williams, Rob Edmonds, Neil Barr (BG), Peter Beggs (TK).

Meeting opened 7:30 PM.

1. Apologies

Peter Cusworth, Bruce Paterson (AR).

2. Minutes of July Council Meeting and September Board Meeting

July Council minutes need the date amended to read "21 July 2007."

Motion that the July Council minutes be accepted with this amendment. B Arthur/B Gordon. Carried.

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

3. Business Arising

- The Special General Meeting is to be held on 20 October, following the Middle Distance Championships.
- Neil Barr's map-costing template was not distributed as promised. W Williams to fix this omission.
- Ted van Geldermalsen is reviewing the Mapping Officer role and will report to Council.
- Directors & Officers insurance is now in place.
- Job description for Junior Development Officer is to be advertised in E-bulletin and on OA & VOA web pages.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance (Other than Budget)

- Approximately \$14k of income has been received since the reports were generated.
- SRV grant money is overdue. The figures will look better when this arrives.

4.2 P & D

- No written report received.
- Active Clubs grants are open for applications.
- DVD of JWOC is available for borrowing from P Whitford.

4.3 Park/Street Orienteering

- No written report received.
- Sub-committee met last Tuesday. Ian Stirling is continuing as chairman, Tina Smith is Treasurer.
- Looking for a new Winter Series coordinator.

4.4 MTBO

- Report received from Peter Cusworth.
- Summer Series brochure has been printed by Ken Dowling.
- National MTBO series starts next year. M & W 20 & 21 classes have been approved for competition, but looking to offer other age classes as well.
- MTB JWOC starts next year. OA is not likely to fund an Australian team, but Blake is hoping that a couple of Australian riders may compete anyway. The event is to be held in Poland at the same time as the senior MTBO World Championships.
- A manager is needed for the Victorian MTBO team. Blake would welcome any volunteers.

4.5 Bush Orienteering

- Report received.
- Proposed guidelines were put forward for master maps at Victorian events.

Motion that the proposal be amended by changing point 3 to read “Master maps are to be at the same scale as, the same colour as and of ...” and that the proposed guidelines be adopted with this amendment. B Trewin/B Arthur. Carried.

- A proposal was also put regarding the structure of State Series events for 2008:
 - Age classes to be aligned with other states in 10 year block up to 55 then in 5 year blocks;
 - To vary course lengths for M35;
 - To remove age classes from B standard courses.

Motion that the proposals for the 2008 State Series structure be adopted. B Trewin/N Barr. Carried.

- Split printing at SS events has been a problem – a backup system may be justified. There are also problems with passing the SI gear between event organisers. G Tamblyn, B Arthur, N Barr and I Chennell to look at options.
- The 2008 fixture includes the “Adventure Series” – endurance style events that can be promoted amongst adventure racers. A coordinator is needed for this series.

4.6 Correspondence

- The Management Plan for the Greater Bendigo National Park has been received.

5. Budget 2008

- Ian Dodd gave a presentation on factors underlying the VOA budget:
 - Only 31% of income is readily controlled: club affiliation fees (3%), memberships (9%) and event levies (19%);
 - It is easier to grow income than to cut expenditure;
 - As a general rule, expenses grow faster than CPI.
- The meeting decided not to remove the SI levy on local events, and no interest was shown in providing a reduced levy where only a part of the SI gear is used.
- It was clarified that one SI levy is payable per team for team events.

Motion that the Budget be agreed with these variations and clarifications, and that a discussion of other financing options be scheduled for the February Policy Day. B Trewin/R Goddard. Carried.

Motion that the State Series levy be \$5.50. B Arthur/N Barr. Carried.

Motion that the Large Club Affiliation fee be \$750. B Arthur/N Barr. Carried.

That the other levies be as proposed. I Dodd/B Trewin. Carried.

6 SI local levy

- Already considered as part of budget discussion.

7. 2008 State Series Structure

- Already considered as part of Bush-O Sub-committee report.

8. 2008 Bush Orienteering Fixtures

- BK has yet to decide what type of event they wish to run on 29 July.
- The meeting recorded its thanks to Steve Peacock for his work in bringing the fixtures together.
- No club has yet been allocated the Sprint Championships (BK and DR are both interested). The sprint should be run at Melbourne University.
- There is a gap in the fixtures in October before the Victorian Championships.

Motion that the Urban Enduro has been shifted from 9 November to 26 October. B Arthur/L Ewels. Carried.

- Council delegated finalisation of the bush-O fixtures to the Board.

9. Guidelines for Master Maps

- Already considered as part of Bush-O Sub-committee report.

10. E-Bulletin usage guidelines

- There have been some non-VOA events publicised in the bulletin.
- There is a policy for advertising. We need to publicise this.
- The message is that we need to think twice before we post non-orienteeing adverts on the e-bulletin (especially if they clash with a VOA event).

11. Other Business

- BK proposed that the VOA acquire a generator and a printer capable of printing pre-marked maps on an as-required basis at events. They have undertaken to bring the proposal back fully developed and costed at the next Council meeting.

Meeting closed 10:35 PM.