



## **VOA Board Meeting**

Thursday 15 December, 2005  
Goddards', Ivanhoe

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Blair Trewin, Ruth Goddard, Ian Dodd, Warwick Williams

Meeting opened 8:30 PM.

#### **1. Apologies**

- Nil.

#### **2. Minutes of November Board meeting**

*Motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. RG/ID. Carried.*

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

- Nil.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Finance**

- Report received.
- We are still running a small surplus for 2005

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

- Report received.
- Peta had a very positive meeting with Vic School Sport, who will even provide 3 people to help at the Schools Championships.
- The exec. summary of the "Partnerships for Health" evaluation report is recommended reading.
- Our 6-monthly report to SRV has been submitted.

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

- The southern and northern series are not drawing very large numbers, but the eastern and western series continue to power ahead.
- A draft winter fixture is now in hand.
- A lurk exists where a person can join the VOA in the second half of each second year (at the reduced rate) and getting membership discounts on two summers of street O from 1 1/2 year's membership. This will be monitored to see if abuse is a problem.
- Studley Park management have asked for \$1.40 per head to allow orienteering in their park this year. The general feeling is that we should pay without protest and hope that this idea does not spread.

### **4.4 Bush Orienteering**

- A few rule amendments are being discussed by the sub-committee. Recommendations in this regard are likely to be brought to the next Board meeting.

### **4.5 Mountain Bike Orienteering**

- The summer series is due to start soon.

### **4.6 Athlete Development Working Group**

- The first meeting of this group was held last week.
- It is hoped that recommendations will be able to be put to the February policy day.

### **4.7 Correspondence**

- 2 VicTalent grants have been notified to the VOA – Jasmine and Morton Neve (others may have been notified to clubs).
- Member Protection Officer training is being offered by SRV on 20 & 21 February by SRV. We still need to appoint this officer. Position to be advertised in the e-bulletin.

*Motion that the reports be accepted. RG/ID. Carried.*

## **5. Orienteering Australia Annual Conference**

- Summary report received.
- Kathy Liley will not be seeking re-election as the OA Director (Finance). Blair is considering offering to take this role. If he does, he will relinquish the VOA presidency at the next AGM.

- The proposed 30 cent per head OA levy on all events was not accepted by the conference, but a proposal for a general OA levy at some level will be put to the AGM.
- Several action items arose for the policy day (see item 7 below).

## **6. VOA Advertising Policy**

- Blair presented a draft revision of this policy.
- Rates that should be charged for including inserts provided by the advertiser need to be considered further.
- There are no agreements in place that we should not accept advertising from competitors to an OA or VOA sponsor, but we need to be aware of this as an issue.

## **7. Agenda Items for Policy Day**

- VOA policies:
  - Advertising
  - Junior sport
  - Risk management
  - Employment
- Recommendations from Athlete Development Working Group
- Bush O competition rule changes
- Commercial operations at events
- Review of operational and strategic plans

## **8. Board & Other Vacancies – 2006**

- Possibly President
- Vice President
- Bush-O sub-committee chair
- Newsletter packagers
- Schools team positions

## **9. Meeting Dates for 2006**

- Board           Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Policy Day     Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Board           Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Board           Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- AGM             Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

## **10. Other Business**

- The VOA club directory includes an apparently redundant agreement with the O-Gear Shop. We should discuss terminating this agreement with Kevin Maloney.
- Quotations for the proposed new Outdoor Recreation Centre at Westerfolds Park have been received. The lowest quotation was ~ \$1 ½ million, whereas the budget is \$1 million. Expect delays, at least!

Meeting closed 10.20 PM.