



## **VOA Board Meeting**

Thursday 21 December, 2006  
Goddards', Eaglemont

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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

Meeting opened 8:30 PM.

#### **1. Apologies**

- Nil.

#### **2. Minutes of November Council Meeting**

- The second line under "Finance Report" was included in error and has been removed.

*Motion that the minutes be accepted with this amendment. BT/RG. Carried.*

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

- Some concern has been expressed about the use of suburban roads by MTBO, particularly in the summer series. ID has discussed with Peter Cusworth, and the Board will maintain a watching brief.
- Website: Geoff Hudson will run a course in updating the website in mid-January, with the intention that more trained people will mean more up-to-date content. If, as seems likely, we transfer to the OA platform, editing the site will be made easier.
- Oceania MTBO Championships: WW has corresponded with AWOC who have confirmed that they will be solely responsible for the financing of this carnival.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Finance**

- No report received, substantial income from schools championships and event levies are outstanding, and need to be booked.

## **4.2 P & D**

- We missed out on SRV Grassroots grants.
- Lysterfield Park: Parks Victoria are asking for substantial new fees for running events in the park (\$1056 for summer events and \$623 for winter events), although they have offered us substantial discounts on an *ad hoc* basis. This is combined with PV asking for \$20 million public liability cover (up from \$10 million) – see item 9 below. These both present problems for the two events scheduled in this park early in the new year. ID will liaise with Peter Cusworth to (a) see whether PV can be reasoned with, (b) consider alternative venues, and (c) make a decision on when and where these events will be run.
- Adam Scammell is mapping the Golden Triangle schools.
- We are funded for a TID camp and a residential coaching weekend. These need to be organised by 31/12/07. BT will discuss these with Jim Russell.
- VicHealth PICSAR (Partnerships in Community Sport and Active Recreation) funding will replace the Partnerships in Health program from 1/7/07. The emphasis will be more on including groups less likely to be represented in sports (eg people with a disability, and those from Indigenous, new arrival and low socio-economic communities). RG & PW will attend a briefing on this new program.

## **4.3 Park/Street Orienteering**

- Work has started on preparing the fixtures for winter 2007.

## **4.4 MTBO**

- No report.

## **4.5 Bush Orienteering**

- BT has organised controllers for nearly all controlled events on the 2007 fixture.

## **4.6 Correspondence**

- Report received.

## **5. AWOC Fixture**

*Motion that the 2007 AWOC fixtures as tabled be endorsed by the Board. BT/RG Carried.*

- It was noted that the Nail Can Hill Run is part of the fixture and benefits from the OA public liability policy. It will therefore attract VOA/OA levies at the “country local” rate.

## **6. OA Conference Review**

- The new OA event levy is payable to OA twice per year. This levy applies to all events, including school events.
- Age classes: Option 1 was accepted by the Conference (10 senior age classes, AS & B categories retained), but is recommended only at this stage. The Board does not wish to adopt the recommendation for 2007, and endorsed decisions already made as to age classes for Victorian events next year.
- States can now request that OA act as their non-exclusive agent to seek sponsorships for major events. OA will take a cut of any money raised in this way.

## **7. Clarification of Levies**

- The new per capita OA levy will be included in VOA levies rather than being charged separately.
- The summer MTBO series levy will be 60c VOA + 20c OA = 80c/head.
- The Season Opener, Eureka Challenge and Kooyoorra Challenge events will be levied as “other bush” events.
- The Oceania MTBO Championship will be levied as a state championship by OA & VOA, in line with the Oceania Foot-O Championships.

## **8. Board Reimbursements**

- ID & DD are upgrading their home email to ADSL+ (from dialup). ID estimates this will cost an extra \$600 per year, and believes >50% of usage is attributable to orienteering. It was agreed that \$300 per year will be reimbursed.
- It was noted that PW gets the orienteering portion of her home phone/fax usage reimbursed.

## **9. Parks Victoria Public Liability Insurance Requirements**

- Parks Victoria staff have begun asking for evidence of \$20 million PLI from event organisers. It is not certain that this is yet a formally adopted policy of Parks Victoria.
- The OA PLI policy will be renewed from 24/1/07, and the Board accepted the need to get the liability increased to \$20 million from that date, even though this is likely to increase the cost. BT will raise the issue with OA.

Between now and the renewal date it may be necessary to relocate events off PV land.

#### **10. Multiple Club Memberships**

- The VOA membership form only allows VOA members to nominate one club of which they are a member. This means that VOA stats will not pick up multiple memberships. It would be possible to provide space for more than one club to be nominated. If this were done, a “club of first claim” would need to be nominated. No decision was taken at this stage.

#### **11. Other Business**

- Membership 2006: The number of separate memberships taken out in 2006 was down 5% on 2005, but the number of individuals represented by those memberships was up 1%, due to an increase in family memberships.
- A request has been received from Rob Fell on behalf of 6 of the older juniors for help to attend the National Junior Training Squad camp next winter. \$2000 is budgeted for Juniors in 2007.

*Motion that \$400 be allocated to support this group to attend the camp. BT/ID. Carried.*

- Nillumbik Emus are planning to remap the Crocodile Reservoir map and have requested an event be allocated as part of the 2009 Australian Championships carnival to this map. VOA will be calling for submissions from clubs interested in hosting events as part of this carnival in the fairly near future.
- Board & Council meeting dates for early 2007:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Board	ORC
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Council Policy Day	Macedon PS
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Board	Goddards'
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Board	ORC
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM	VicHealth

Meeting closed 11.05 PM.