

Victorian Orienteering Association

Board Meeting

Thursday 20 December, 2007

8.30 p.m., Goddards'

Minutes

Present: Ian Dodd (chair), Debbie Dodd, Ruth Goddard, Bruce Arthur, Peta Whitford, Warwick Williams.

Meeting opened 8:45pm

1. Apologies

- Nil.

2. Minutes of November Board Minutes

Motion that the minutes be accepted. Debbie Dodd/Bruce Arthur. Carried.

3. Business Arising from November Board Minutes

- Nil.

4. Reports

4.1 Finance

- Report received.
- \$15k received from SRV and \$3k rent paid since report prepared.
- Expect to more or less break even when finances for 2007 are finalised.

4.2 P & D

- Report received.
- Application period for SRV grants starts end of January for 2 year funding.

4.3 Park/Street O

- Average attendances – Monday 87 (up from 80 in 06/07)
 - Tuesday 124 (down from 128)
 - Wednesday 155 (up from 150), and
 - Thursday 51 (down from 67)
- Fixtures for winter 08 are in preparation.

4.4 MTBO

- Peter Cusworth has negotiated the access fee for the Lysterfield Park down to \$110 + \$1.60 per head. This is at least tolerable. Board expressed its thanks to PC for his work in this regard.

4.5 Bush O

- The 08 bush fixtures are now up on the VOA website. The on-line database is not yet up.
- The course/class structure for the 08 State Series has been distributed to clubs.
- The 08 State Series will consist of 4 long, 3 medium and 2 short distance events.
- Application form for the Victorian 08 NOL rounds is now up on the OA website.
- 2009 NOL hosting applications are due to OA by the end of February. EU has expressed interest in hosting an event on the Sunday of the 09 Labour Day weekend and seeks a partner club.

4.6 Correspondence

- Letter from organisers of 2009 World Masters Games referred to Jim Russell.

5. Silva Awards Nominations

- The Board considered whether any Victorian's should be nominated for the service award or the coaching award. Bruce is to discuss the matter further with Blair Trewin.

6. Appointment of Junior Development Officer

- The Board considered 2 applications for this position.

Motion that the position be offered to Roch Prendergast for an initial period of 12 months, with extension for a further 2 years subject to review. Bruce Arthur/Ian Dodd. Carried.

7. 2008-2010 SSAS Grants

- ID & PW are drafting a submission.

8. Website – Street O results

- Results are put up quickly on the street O website, but slowly on the VOA website.

9. OA Conference Report

- OA has amended its constitution to make its procedure for the signing of cheques easier. VOA may need to follow suit.
- Bob Mouatt intends to retire as OA President at the next AGM.
- The OA general event levy has been fixed at 20c/head until 2010.
- Mike Dowling will seek to replace Hugh Cameron on the IOF Council.
- The OA website can support any results from SI events. We should look to have all our SI events on the OA website.

- All OA calendared events are expected to have pre-entry and pre-marked maps. Some Victorian badge events have not been meeting these criteria (the VOA Board believes we should aim to have pre-marked maps for badge events, but that pre-entry is not essential).
- Random start draws have been reintroduced for multi-day events. Blocking of competitors will no longer be used.
- OA has adopted the IOF rule regarding embargoes – ie embargoes will normally be employed for major events, but a discretion exists for no embargo where this is impractical – principally urban sprint venues.
- As there are now 4 classes of competition in the NOL, three new trophies are needed. These need to be fairly small – capable of being taken home on a plane.

Motion that the VOA procure and donate one of these trophies. Ian Dodd/Bruce Arthur. Carried.

- A position on the OA Council is to be created for a MTBO representative.
- It was agreed that OA sub-committees will only meet at Easter by prior arrangement. The business of sub-committees is expected to be conducted generally by email.
- The rotation cycle of major national events was discussed at some length, and a varied schedule proposed:
 - Victoria will run the 2009 Australia Championships Carnival.
 - In 2011, the 1st weekend of the Australian Championship Carnival will be run by Victoria, the Oceania Middle and Long Distance Championships will be run mid-week by Waggaroos, and the second weekend of the Carnival will be run by the ACT.
 - Victoria will run Easter in 2013.
 - Victoria will run the Oceania and Australian Championships in 2015.

This program will be put to the VOA Council in February, and if approved, will go to the OA AGM at Easter 2008.

10. Adventure Series Promotion

- Dion Keech and Peter Cusworth are preparing a flier promoting this series. Dion has expressed interest in the Series Co-ordinator role.

11. SI Review Update

- Report received.
- Bruce has collated input from several people, and aims to have recommendations to put to the February Policy Day.

12. Parks Victoria Campaign

- Permit applications are a continuing problem when dealing with Parks Victoria, both with respect to difficulties in gaining access to parks and the charges that are levied for access. We need to choose our moment to push our case with Government.

13. Victorian Relays Age Groupings

- It is proposed that some older age classes be created. The Bush-O sub-committee will consider this further.

14. Victorian Sprint Championships 2008

- We are still looking for a club to run this event. The bush-O sub-committee will be happy to hear from interested clubs.

15. Update on Australian Masters Games 2009

- EU and NE have signed contracts with the organisers to run a 3 event orienteering carnival subject to achievement of minimum entry numbers of 40 competitors. Events will be middle distance at the You Yangs 22/2/09, sprint in Geelong 26/2/09 and classic distance at Mt Doran 1/3/09.

16. Other Business

- The advertisement for a person to conduct the funded research project has drawn a luke-warm response. ID will seek to create further interest.

The meeting closed at 11:15pm