

2011 OV Council Meeting
ORC - Templestowe
Friday 1st July 2011

Present:

Bruce Arthur (Pres), Ruth Goddard (Treas), Peta Whitford (VOA), Louise Hall (BG), Blake Gordon (EU), David Goddard (YV), Suzannah King (MFR), Rob Edmonds (NE), Greg Tamblyn (BK), John Sheahan (BK,) Jenny Sheahan (BK), Debbie Dodd (DR), Ian Dodd (DR), Peter Yeates(DR), Peter Hobbs(DR), Ewan Templeton(BK/ARDF), Di Shalders (ARDF),

Via Skype - Craig Feuerherdt (BG-VP), Evan Barr (BG-VP), Neil Barr (BG)

Meeting opened 7.20pm

1. Apologies

Don Fell (Secretary), Fiona Park, Barry Giles, Blair Trewin, Rob Edmonds, Peter Cusworth

2.Minutes of February Council meeting

Motion that these be accepted – moved Greg Tamblyn, seconded Blake Gordon, carried.

3. Business arising from minutes (and not covered elsewhere)

4.1 – Warwick Williams confirming 2012 Xmas 5 days will go ahead and be based in NE Victoria. WW has communicated with Clubs re involvement. Contact is being made with Waggaroos re involvement.

WW

7.0 – Re – retaining newcomers and using caps to signify helpers at events. Successfully used the bright orange caps (designed by BG) at MelBushO series. Easy to identify key people. To be encouraged at all events.

All Clubs

Re on-line coupon system suggested by Rob Edmonds. Research has shown there are considerable fees attached to this system, not to be pursued.

9.2 – casual membership – to be dicussed later

10. 0 – options for membership – paper to be presented later

12.1 – Re OA participation project.

The grant money for Victoria has been reallocated to Gippsland with Robbie Preston employed as the project officer.

The Park and Street Orienteering guidelines handbook is being compiled by Ian and Debbie Dodd.

No feedback on query re limiting of coaching funds for locations less than 300km from capital city.

12.2- Re 2011- 2014 VicHealth funding. Following an information forum with VicHealth re the guidelines for this funding, it was decided to NOT apply for the grants. The narrow focus for this round of funding does not suit Orienteering Victoria and OV does not have the capacity to support programs for minority groups as outlined in guidelines.

12.5 – Mark Hennessy and Peter Cusworth volunteered to design a Bush O flyer. Task has not been done. Comment was made on the very good flyer produced for the new MelBushO series and also its dedicated webpage.

Action

4. Reports

a. **Finance-** Ruth presented statements.

Bruce used powerpoint presentation to illustrate via pie charts the income and expenditure of OV.

Aim is to assist OV members in understanding what is spent where!

Neil Barr requested confirmation on levies paid in 2010, as there appeared to be inbalance – explanation was the Bush Rangers Carnival in 2010.

b. **Promotion and Development** – Peta presented report and spoke about

(i) donation of 2 x shields for VSSOC – Best Boys School and Best Girls School – by Syd Boydell – staff member at Scotch College.

(ii) SRV TRANSIT projects – report from MelBushO Series has been received.

No report re On-line Registration System. Craig reported GH has sent him some handwritten papers and he will gather all the relevant information and report asap.

CF

c. **Correspondence** –

Letter of acknowledgement by DPCD re-application by Darren Meeking (Oceania Carnival) – \$34,999 is for implementing improved results via video screens.

d. **Park and Street O** – Fixtures for 2012 will be finalised by mid July 2011.

Re – newcomers – Welcome package has been put together, then follow up emails- much appreciated by new people.

e. **MTBO** – Blake spoke about the difficulty in succession planning.. He wishes to step down from his OA position as MTBO co ordinator, Peter Cusworth has also indicated he wishes to have less responsibilities. BA asked if Adrian Jackson and or Alex randall have been approached? MTBO is light-on for successors in all States.

BG/PC

Questions raised re cancellation of Victorian Sprint MTBO champs in Bendigo in early July. Explanation given - there appears to have been poor communication within the BG club re permit and suitability of area to be used. PV/ local council perceive that there was too great a risk with riders competing on main streets in Bendigo.

f. **Bush O** – Blair Trewin reported that forward planning for 2012 is well underway. Steve Peacock needs response to draft by September, to be reviewed in October by Clubs. For 2012 Victorian Champs – DROC has nominated for Sprint, the middle and long distance champs require nominations. EU and MFR will combine to run the major event in March.

All
Clubs/SP

Report that attendances are up and steady at 180 – 190/event and show an increase in junior participation.

Re Controllers – there is a need to recruit and upgrade controllers from level 2 – 3.

BT/BG
Club.

2013 – Easter 3 days – Bendigo location is most likely. Plan to have all events within cycling distance of centre of town. Further discussion required after Oceania Carnival.

g. **OA report-**

New staff to help improve OA communication

OA is looking to on-line registration system – will keep close contact with OV and their system.

OA participation projects – projects happening in every State, OA needs all projects to be successful and for participation to increase.

NOL program for 2012 finalised.

5. Oceania

No formal report

6. Membership Working Group Update

Following the February meeting Ruth Goddard and Laurie Niven formed a working group to examine the membership system for Orienteering Victoria.

A paper was presented in great detail.

Key Findings-

- a. that OV makes it too easy for people to 'opt out' of becoming members
i.e. it is made too easy for people to be 'non-members.
- b. committed people are supporting these non-members, they gain the benefits of 'other' members organising events, setting courses without any obligation to support the events and the sport of orienteering.
- c. in future using the new on-line registration/ membership system – it could combine club and OV membership so no need to join 2 separate organisations. – Research showed that this is how it is structured into all other States in Australia.

Discussion took place –

- a. Peter Yeates (DR) – commented that Park and Street orienteers question 'why would these people pay to be members'? – no solution was evident. John and Jenny Sheahan (BK) re - the Western Summer Series - commented on the drop-off of season ticketed people (only available to members) and this led to drop off in numbers participating. In the series to the north, east and south of CBD, there are more options for people to use their seasons tickets at multiple events, so more people purchased them. No drop off in numbers participating.
- b. Neil Barr (BG) commented on concerns re impact on country clubs and inclusion of OA magazine subscription within membership fee.
- c. David Goddard (YV) requested 'what can be taken to the next club meeting'?
i.e he requested a proposal from OV – no formal proposal made.

Outcome: OV to include a requirement in the online membership and entry system to allow for a member to join Orienteering Victoria and their club together.
Clubs to advise if they would like to participate in this initiative, which would save on club membership administration

CF/BA
Clubs
OV Board

Decision to defer #7 - casual membership discussion to end of Agenda. (all agreed)

8. Ski Orienteering

OV has received a letter from new staff of Ski School, at Lake Mountain. Ski School is keen to offer greater diversity including Ski Orienteering. They have requested help with maps? John Sheahan (BK) responded - he has been involved for many years & made the following comments:

- The last 4 years very poor snow conditions – so events cancelled.
- He has a suitable map of the area
- Happy to give support to Lake Mtn staff

J and J
Sheahan

9. GH withdrew paper on Park and Street Orienteering.

10. Any Other Business

a. Peta commented that there is a weakness in the 'Coming Events' gathering of event details. The details are inserted on-line, but are often incomplete. When printing time comes there is no quality control to ensure all details are included, esp travel directions to get to events eg VicRoads and Melways references. Can the site have red flashing dialogue boxes which MUST be filled in? BA stated that it is the responsibility of the Clubs and event organisers to ensure all details are correct and entered fully.

7. Implementation of casual membership:

Those attending split into three groups (as per 3 disciplines) to discuss and come up with workable solutions for implementing the casual membership system for gathering names and contact details.

- a. Bush O – can easily have section on event registration card, concerns about privacy and need to clarify use of information. CM information needs to go to central location (eg OV office) – no suggestion as to how to send information, assume copy details or send stub to OV by mail.
- b. Park and Street O – They perceive they have a problem to overcome because the events are mass starts, short registration time and system is self service. Like the idea put fwd by MTBO team to use an Ipad which would be quick and simple – second suggestion is that all those participants from a Club not members to send list to OV and make them all casual members.
- c. MTBO – can easily have section on event registration card. As CM info on same card the organiser will need to tear off/ copy and then send to OV. Suggestion was made to incorporate new technology where an Ipad or cheap laptop is programmed with CM form – the CM enter their own personal details (so no errors in transcribing) this information is then readily available to be emailed directly to OV without any copying or mailing of snail mail letters.

General points made: that if a stub or card is filled out it still required event organiser to do the follow up task of sending details to OV. All sounds simple BUT experience with The PINK Data cards, is that few event organisers do the follow up or are bothered to send off information.

All clubs

Whatever system is decided upon it is important to make the burden of collecting and sending the CM details to OV as simple as possible with minimum time commitment.

The concept of an Ipad (or similar) was viewed favourably – sport looks good using this technology, CM fill in on screen own details, all the event organiser has to do is access the info (USB or whatever) and email thru to OV.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.