

Minutes of the VOA Annual General Meeting

What : AGM - Victorian Orienteering Association

When : 27th May 2011

Where : ORC

Present

Bruce Arthur (President)	John Colls	Don Fell
Ian Dodd (Imm Past Pres)	Blair Trewin	Fiona Fell
Ruth Goddard (Treasurer)	Greg Tamblyn	Russell Bulman
Jim Russell	Debbie Dodd	Barry Giles
Mary Enter	Sheila Colls	Evan Barr
Wally Cavill	Kevin Maloney	Craig Feuerherdt
Michael Hubbert	Ron Frederick	Carolyn Cusworth
Peta Whitford	Mark Hennessy	Joy Marsdon
David Goddard	Peter Cusworth	

Apologies

Adrian Jackson	Blake Gordon	Dion Keech
Rob Edmonds		

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

- Accepted (GT/RB)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bruce provided the highlights: from his President's Report in the Annual Report:

- OV is served well by its large number of volunteers, who are the bread and butter of the sport – thanks to all.
- Thanks also given to retiring Board members- Ian Dodd (Immediate Past president) for his mentoring, Geoff Hudson (Sec), who brought knowledge to the Board, Warwick Williams (VP) who undertook various roles and was very valuable with his legal background, Neil Barr (co- VP with Craig F), who introduced virtual hook-ups for Board meetings using Skype.
- Bruce outlined the importance of membership and participation numbers especially in relation to State and Federal grants.
- Orienteering has diversified over the past 10 years with different formats and a large participation base.
- OV aims to keep fees down so that orienteering is a low cost sport.
- Recent trend to hold events close to where people live – especially well served in Bendigo and will improve with the new MelBushO series.
- Importance of maintaining the 'welcoming' environments at events.
- Future events, especially Oceania will see OV with 2 new maps in the Warby Ranges.

ANNUAL/FINANCIAL REPORT

- Ruth presented the financial reports to the meeting. Accepted (PW/DF)

ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Board had been received and resulted in the following:

President spoke of the need to have Park and Street Orienteering represented on the Board.

President	Bruce Arthur	(Nominated BT/RB)
Vice President	Craig Feuerherdt	(BA/JR)
Vice President	Evan Barr	(BA/CF)
Treasurer	Ruth Goddard	(ID/DD)
Secretary	vacant	

PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

The case for 'Casual Membership' was proposed-

- Discussion took place re – is casual membership for individuals or groups. Response was it is for individuals.
- OV to fall into line with most other sports who count their casual memberships as their members.

Amendment proposed by (Moved DF/WC)

– 12.1(a) ..to include 'with the exception of casual members' Adopted BA/JR Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mike Hubbert drew attention to incorrect wording in the VOA Annual Report

P. 15 Mike Hubbert editor - "Orienteering Australia" should read "Australian Orienteer".

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award from Orienteering Australia, in 2010 awarded to MTBO rider Adrian Jackson for his outstanding results in World Championships.- in 2010 he won one Gold and 2 Silver medals, bringing his total WMTBOC tally of medals to 5 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This was awarded this to Ian Dodd – in his citation Bruce illustrated the broad range of work Ian has been involved in – Foot O MTB O, Park and Street O – not only as a competitor but also as an administrator, SI expert and creative event manager.

GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Tamblyn (BK) gave an inspiring talk and visual presentation of his 4th desert race – Antarctica.

Meeting closed at 9.18pm