

2013 October Council Meeting

Outdoor Rec. Centre, Templestowe

Friday 18 October 2013

Present: Bruce Arthur (Pres), Don Fell (Sec), (VP), Ruth Goddard (Treas), Craig Feuerherdt (VP), Laurie Niven (Bush-O), Mark Valentine (EU), Rob Edmonds (NE), Dennis Mews, Debbie Dodd (Urban), Greg Tamblyn (AR), Blair Trewin (MFR), David Goddard (YV), Jennie Sheahan, John Sheahan (BK), Peter Hobbs (DR), Bernie Holloway, Jim Russell (BG), Mark Hennessy (Bush-O)

Meeting opened 7.15 pm.

1. Apologies

Margi Freemantle, Peta Whitford, Bruce Paterson, Kathy Liley, Ron Frederick, Blake Gordon

2. Minutes of June Council meeting

Corrections to dates of meeting.

Motion that these be accepted – moved Debbie Dodd, seconded Ruth Goddard, carried.

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

Membership variation was reviewed – numbers are down, some families didn't list all family members as members of OV.

One member commented on the decision to phase out the Vic Orienteer magazine. There were no other comments.

There was a suggestion to replace the present format of Annual report with a "glossy" magazine style. This might require a separate printing for the Annual Financial Reports.

4. OV Fees restructure.

The Board had published a proposal for a fees restructure.

Bruce Arthur spoke about the proposal.

Attitudes to membership have changed.

How do we get our participants to join and commit to OV?

The proposal is that people register for both club and OV when joining or renewing membership.

Summary of Points made in Discussion:

RE: People join clubs which may have diverse activities and section of membership which does not participate in orienteering.

DD: OV should not be dictating to the clubs what fees they can charge.

BT: There are two very different membership structures in other States.

RG: Sources of funding of OV – membership fees, levies, grants.

JS: Penalties for clubs which do not comply – NO!! Suggested new approach – non-members pay an increased levy on entries.

RG: Want to change the culture so that people join OV.

DD: We don't want to have to chase people to join.

BT: Simplify the structure so that payments to OV come from clubs. This would require a constitutional amendment.

RE: Use Eventor to count events (to determine how many events are attended by non-members). Put a higher non-member payment.

Various: How to charge?

KL (per RG): How much to take as a variable charge (event entries) and fixed charge (club affiliation and memb fees). Estimate need \$40 per member.

The meeting did not accept the proposal and preferred to establish a Steering Committee to investigate membership structure and prepare a discussion paper.

Nominations: Blair Trewin, Bernie Holloway, Mark Hennessey, Someone from DR, YV, NE.

5. Finance/Budget 2014

The proposed budget was discussed. Proposed membership rates are as for 2013: \$74, \$105, Life family membership \$50.

Motion: That the Council of OV adopts the membership rates above. Moved RG, seconded Jim R, carried on show of hands.

6. Sport & Rec Funding: refer P&D report

7. Eventor Update on plans for 2014. All development is now administered at OA level.

Licence fee structure – Eventor licence may require an extra payment due to use. Eventor is being used extensively for low level events.

OA is in position to set a fee structure for cost recovery in future.

Training: English versions of Eventor manuals are available.

CF will run training courses for clubs if requested.

8. 2014 Planner.

Laurie presented the current 2014 program and answered general questions and discussion.

Plan is to publish the program as a planner – Dennis Mews.

9. Reports –

a) Finance (RG):

P&L to date, Balance Sheet

Grants to teams have increased markedly. Need to check that the Rockhopper fund is adequately funded.

b) P&D: Report accepted as written.

c) Media and Communications accepted as written.

Highlights – bulletin readership, target events attendance.

d) Urban:

Sprints have started. Have appointed a Sprint Series Coordinator – Shane Mallia.

2013 Winter series attendances are expected to be similar to 2012.

e) MTBO: Report accepted as written.

Highlights – many podium performances at the World Champs.

f) Bush: Report accepted. Key points:-

Recommendation of the Committee: “For 2014 allocate Rockhopper OY points by course, not class.

“Council approves the plan to implement course based scoring”. (Moved MH, seconded GT, and carried by show of hands)

2015 Aust Championships Carnival: Report accepted as written.

Highlights: Accommodation for the schools teams is booked.

Aislinn Prendergast has taken on the role of Schools Organiser.

g) Junior Squad: Report accepted as written.

Highlights: Council expresses its congratulations to all involved in the victorious Vic Schools Team 2013.

h) NOL: Council expressed its congratulations to the Victorian Junior Women for winning the NOL team competition.

i) SI/Feedback: report accepted as written.

Purchases required – download controls, inverters.

After discussion within Council, the Board members authorised purchase of these items.

10. OA/OA Conference: Blair Trewin reported:-

Information sharing between the States in various programs.

ASC is reviewing its Structural Participation funding.

Blair, Craig F, Kathy L, Ruth G will be attending the December OA Conference in Canberra.

11. Other Business:

NOL scheduling of events.

Eventor memberships reminders will be going out soon. Clubs are asked to advise Craig F of their fees.

Meeting closed 10:32 pm.

Next Council meeting : February nn (Strategy)