

Membership Review Committee Report – July 2014

Orienteering Victoria Board

OVERALL STATUS	<i>Business as usual</i>
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ACTIVITIES & PLANS

1. Discussion paper put to June Council

Bernie Holloway and Debbie Dodd presented an outline paper to the June council meeting. Some clubs have subsequently discussed the paper at their meetings and are beginning to provide feedback.

2. Draft report

There is still substantial discussion occurring in the committee. This is a good thing, allowing ideas to be thrown around, debated before being crystalised into recommendations.

The proposed deadline for completing the draft report was Friday 18 July. It is anticipated that it will be at least a week later. Pending completion it will be provided to OV for review and comment before making revisions and being circulated to the clubs in sufficient time for them to review it prior to the October Council meeting.

Current focus is on updating the model with accurate membership data from Eventor (see Recommendation 1) and working on the structural changes that will be required if the new membership paradigm is implemented including;

- Constitution change – there has been a discussion with Warwick Williams regarding this which is being followed up so it can be documented and the proposed changes can be marked-up
- Policy regarding the purchase of the Australian Orienteer magazine (see Recommendation 2). At present the distribution of the AO magazine is done on the basis of (household) memberships. This currently contributes approximately half of a senior OV membership fee at ~\$30 (including the distribution of the OV Year Book). Blair Trewin has put forward some ideas on how this could be approached and it is up to the membership committee to provide a recommendation to the OV Board for consideration and communication to the OA Financial Review Committee (noting that Bernie Holloway has put up his hand to sit on that committee as Victoria’s representative and he is also on the membership review committee).

3. Structure of future committees

The formation of the OV membership review committee has been a positive step in a number of respects. Firstly it has provided an opportunity for interested parties to be involved with formulating policy that will be beneficial to the Victoria orienteering community. It should however be highlighted that the committee is comprised of “familiar faces” already active in the administration of orienteering. This isn’t necessarily a bad thing, however it would have been beneficial to have some fresh faces especially when we are looking for a new membership paradigm.

Secondly it has bought much needed resources to a complex issue. Without these resources it would have been impossible for such a review to take place. Having said that, the purpose and intention of future committees need to be clearly articulated. There is a perception among the current committee that it is "Craig's committee" when in fact I am really there as a chairperson to ensure goals are achieved and to provide a conduit back to the OV Board. The committee ultimately reports to the OV Board and the OV Board makes the decision on the best option to present to Council based on the research and recommendations provided by the committee.

The structure and implementation of the multitude of committees currently in place needs to be reviewed to ensure their objectives align with the current OV strategy. The committees are in place to deliver the strategic objectives. If the current objectives aren't right then the relevant committee needs to make recommendations to rectify the situation.

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND RISKS

Recommendation(s) for any decisions needed

1. OV ask each club to provide accurate membership data for the 2014 season in the following categories;
 - a. Number of senior memberships (21+ years)
 - b. Number of juniors memberships (<21 years)
 - c. Number of family memberships including the composition
 - i. ie 10 families comprised of 20 seniors and 11 juniors
2. OV will need to make a formal submission to the OA requesting a review of the current policy regarding the "purchase" of the Australian Orienteer magazine to ensure that OV (and its members) aren't adversely affected by the proposed membership changes
3. OV Board have each of the current committees document their structure and objectives to ensure they align with the current OV strategy.

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