

Bendigo Orienteers Monthly Meeting

June 5 2012

Present: Peter Searle, Dianne Searle, Craig Feuerherdt, Terry Davidson, Jim Russell, Louise Hall, Charles Brownridge, Daryl Fleay.

Apologies: Nil

Black Crow Nominations: In late 2011 Julie and Louise organised a Space Racing event at Marong. A bunch of keys for the controls was misplaced and this resulted in numerous accusatory emails between an increasing circle of people, all trying to find them and all denying knowledge of the keys. Roll on 2012 and the same two people are organising a similar event at the same location. On arrival they found they had to share the site with a pony club so in the name of safety Julie went to the boot of the car to get a fluoro jacket. She couldn't find the jacket but came back with the keys. Blamed Ceira saying she had had the car for the last year.

At the recent primary schools championships Jim was about to make the presentations. He checked the board and announced that the results from one school were missing. He soon looked around to see Heather and David, bums up and heads down searching through a rubbish tin.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were accepted on the motion of Daryl Fleay, seconded by Dianne Searle.

Treasurer's Report: Louise presented her report for May. Some of the money from the Schools champs will not show up until next month.

Jim pointed out that the club had been charged \$393 for the use of the Spring Gully oval. Some expressed concern that all users of the oval should be charged if any were. There was also concern about not being allowed to orienteer in Rosalind Park and White Hills Gardens. It was decided to ask Nigel to take this up with contacts on council.

Treasurer's Report was accepted on motion of Louise Hall, seconded by Daryl Fleay.

Primary School Championships: Jim reported on another very successful event held at Spring Gully oval. He thanked all members who turned up to help on the day. This help was much appreciated and is what allows events like this to operate. Without this input they would not be possible. Ten students from Latrobe uni also attended on the day to help, organised by Phil Robertson. The event received excellent publicity on the Addy.

They are a big commitment for the organiser who this year did it as a volunteer after an ad for a paid organiser did not produce results. We will need to rethink the strategy for next year.

Secretary's Report: Email from Bruce Arthur pointing out that in future, to get event details listed in the insert in O-Vic the events would need to be listed on the VOA Calendar. Did we want to list our events there? After discussion it was decided that our events had never been advertised in O-Vic and we would continue to not list them there in order to avoid the risk of inaccuracy coming from having details listed on two separate calendars. We would however approach Dion Keech to try to include a general statement on the insert to the effect that Bendigo runs events each Saturday between April and November and details of these are on our web page.

Club History: Charles showed copies of the new Club History. After discussion, the price was put at \$20 per copy, plus \$p&p if necessary. A note is to be put in the ebulletin. The meeting expressed their thanks to Charles for his work in compiling the book.

OV News: Craig reported that Neil's recent report on unmapped areas and their suitability for orienteering had been well received.

OA News: No report.

Local Events: Daryl reported on some newcomers who had a good time at his event at Kangaroo Gully. Terry said he would use the Sugarloaf map first produced 15 years ago by the Slater boys as an anniversary event on Mount Sugarloaf later in the year.

Victorian Relay Champs: Organisation is progressing on these and the courses are with the controller.

Easter 2013: A separate meeting was held prior to this meeting to discuss these events. There are separate minutes for this meeting.

Mapping Progress: This focuses mainly on Easter next year. With the remap of Wildflower Drive and the mapping of Crusoe nearly complete, attention will move to "inside the fence" at Spring Gully. Jim is not mapping the uni any more because a time that suited the uni could not be arranged.

OCAD 11 has just been released. With the emphasis on mapping that the club has it was felt that the club should have the latest version, which is easier to use Lidar with. Neil Barr will be asked to investigate its purchase to support our mappers and help with more frequent updates of our maps.

For the Newsletter: Place in the newsletter a request for people to volunteer to learn how to download Saturday results to ease the burden on the few who can do it at the moment.

Space Racing: There are some parents who have expressed a wish to help out with organisation. These people could be given tasks at events and invited to meetings.

Orienteering Tasmania: have advertised 2 paid positions to help organise Space Racing in Tasmania, one in the north, one in the south.

Secondary Schools Trial for the Victorian Team will be held at Castlemaine at John Wilkinson's event. Students will run in the morning. This is a vote of confidence for John's course setting.

Junior Membership: The issue was raised of the lack of the possibility of a junior membership for students who do not compete in Space Racing. Space Racing registration included \$5 junior membership. This should be brought up prior to the AGM next year for a decision then.

SI Boxes/Gear Lending: The Club has a policy on this made on 2/3/2010 after we had just acquired the new SI gear and were the first club to do so. There was some concern that the policy was too restrictive and may need to be reviewed in the light of changed circumstances.

Motion: that the policy relating the the loan of SI gear be reviewed prior to the next O season and in the meantime any loans are to be at the President's discretion. Moved: Craig Feuerherdt, seconded: Louise Hall.

Multiple Use of SI Hire Sticks: this leads to problems for the person downloading results. A note to go in the newsletter asking event organisers to make sure each stick is used only once at each event.

SIME Downloading: More people are needed to learn how to download Saturday results. Note to be put in newsletter asking for volunteers.

Water in trailer: tank can now be drained easily to allow for fresh drinking water.

Water on Courses: The club policy on the placement of water on courses should be reviewed before next season. Moved: Peter Searle, seconded: Terry Davidson

Polo Shirts: A number of new members have inquired about the blue club polo shirts. We will order a number of new shirts. Sally Wigney could be asked to see if she is prepared to organise the order.

Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in July due to the absence of the president and vice president. The next meeting will be on 7th August at the Aths track meeting room. N the meantime any urgent business should be referred to the secretary.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm