

Bendigo Orienteers

Monthly Meeting 1/5/2012

Present: Colin Walker, Peter Creely, Daryl Fleay, Jim Russell, Louise Hall, Charles Brownridge, Peter Galvin, Terry Davidson, Julie Flynn, Dianne Searle, Craig Feuerherdt

Aploogies: nil

Black Crow Nominations: David Jones was overheard at the finish at the Wildflower Drive event bemoaning that he had "visited one control site five times and it still wasn't there!"

At the Mosquito Creek event Bryan Keely ran off a ridge between 2 controls and stopped to regain his bearings. Along came Laurina who had also run off the same ridge.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Peter Creely, seconded by Peter Galvin.

Business arising: Colin expressed the opinion that expecting the organiser of an event to download results was too much to expect of an organiser. It was decided that more people needed training to do this. The results slips needed to be kept until the download was complete. The Database of SI numbers needed to be updated and made accessible. A session would be organised for those interested.

Treasurer's Report: Louise reported that it had been a quiet month, memberships were still coming in and were currently at about half of last year's level. The OA badges had arrived and would be distributed with membership packs. The report was accepted on the motion of Louise Hall, seconded by Daryl Fleay.

Secretary's Report: Correspondence In consisted of:

- From Russell Bourke for a membership form, and suggestions relating to the Club history.
- From COGB: Big Hill and Mandurang Valley Landscape Assessment brochure. Neil Barr had expressed the opinion that the area was of great significance to the Club and it was important to maintain public accessibility to the Big Hill ridge area.

Correspondence Out:

- Membership form and draft of History to Russell Bourke

Club history: Quotes for printing were presented. Dianne Searle added a quote from the Uniting Church Print works which appeared very competitive. Charles is to finalise book, obtain firm quote and get back to the Committee who will make a decision about choice of printer. Total quotes for 50 copies ranged from \$717 to \$1500.

OV and OA News: The OV AGM is coming up . Sport and Rec. Grants are being decided every 3 months for up to \$50,000. Peta Whitford is applying for funding of a Media and Communication position. No OA Board meeting will occur until mid May. The web site redesign is underway and investigation is taking place for online event entry.

Local Events:

We have received verbal approval of our requests for event permits.

On 26 May there will be no event at Fiddler's Green but an event will run in conjunction with the Rogaine at Mt. Kooyoora. This event will start after the rogaine start and finish before their finish, between 1.00 and 3.00 pm.

It is the course setter's responsibility to correctly enter information about his/her event on the club website, paying particular attention to start times. The link to the updated instructions for course setters will be sent by email to setters.

Permits for Easter 2013 have been approved.

We should work towards getting stakeholder consultation status for the Spring Gully Reservoir area and believe it is important to keep the area dog free and bike free.

Victorian Relay Championships: Organisation is coming along well. Parking will be partly in the paddock off Strathfieldsaye Road.

Mapping: Mapping of Crusoe Reservoir for Easter 2013 is about ¾ complete. Neil reports that mapping requires about 8 hours in the field and 4 on the computer per square km once the Lidar map is done. Chris and Neil report that they are most impressed with the mapping using Lidar.

For the 2015 Aust Champs there is the possibility of a series of events around Wedderburn. Possible areas include Sunday Morning Hills and Mt Egbert.

Junior Development: Space Racing started on last Saturday with about 25 racers from 7 schools, many of whom are new. A season's ticket for kids offers free entry to bush events during the Space Racing season. Results were in the Addy today.

J Squad: Nearly 20 attended the event at Mosquito Ck. This was very impressive. Some of them are setting flowerpot courses with Peter. The new red tops are on the way.

Castlemaine Schools: Jim is running a 2 day training session and is expecting 700 students over the 2 days

Schools Champs: hopefully to be held at the Bendigo racecourse.

Trailer: we need to be able to drain the water tank. Charles will arrange this.

Other:

- Dianne Searle had received a query from Kerang Scouts about an orienteering activity at Melvilles Caves on 19/20 May. Dianne will reply that we could supply some maps with simple courses but it is a very busy weekend for the club.
- Colin Walker raised the issue of 3 damaged SI units following loan for the Aust Champs last year. The damage amounted to \$155.70 and he pointed out that the club had passed a motion in March 2010 relating to loan/hire of our SI gear and was concerned that it was not being adhered to. This motion will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.35 pm.