

Bendigo Orienteers Monthly Meeting

September 4, 2012 LUBAC Complex, 7.30pm.

Present: Andrew Cameron, Daryl Fleay, Colin Walker, Craig Feuerherdt, Peter Creely, Jim Russell, Louise Hall, Charles Brownridge, Peter Searle, Terry Davidson, Peter Galvin.

Apologies: Matt Schepisi, Dianne Searle, Nigel McGuckian, Neil Barr & Julie Flynn (30th anniversary).

Black Crow Nominations: 1. At a recent event the start was 250 metres from the assembly area and David Jones arrived at the start without having cleared his stick. Did he go back to clear? No. He said he couldn't be bothered.

2. Craig left the start with his map upside down and that's how it stayed for quite a considerable time. On that event he ended up going through the start triangle three times.

3. Craig was controlling the Vic Relays and prior to the event was going round checking that the boxes were working. Got near the end and one box failed to work. He took it out of the stand so it could be changed, went to the next control which also failed. Then he realised he hadn't cleared his stick and it was full!

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Peter Creely and Daryl Fleay.

Business Arising: 1. Payments to juniors has been made.

2. Peter Creely attended Sports Focus AGM.

3. Sports Focus Membership has been renewed.

4. Peter C is following up "Most disciplined player" program.

5. Club history has been entered in Community History Awards.

Treasurer's Report: was accepted on the motion of Louise Hall, seconded by Jim Russell.

Secretary's Report: Summary of correspondence was received. Some suggestion of applying for Country Action Grant for member to attend Level 3 Controller's course.

The report from Craig about the Relays noted the suggestion to simplify the briefing process. He reported that the low key approach adopted for the day seemed to work well.

There had been over 50 at the Saturday local event the day before and while this does cause some problems for the large event the next day these difficulties can be overcome by close liaison between the two organisers. Both events were very successful.

History: There are about 23 copies left.

OV News: Craig had nothing to report

OA News: Craig reported that the new website was progressing and should be released in December

The Eventor site is up and running but still needs to be customised to Australian requirements. It will be tested for the Christmas 5 days and will be used for Easter 2013.

Local Event Reports: Daryl reported on a good event at Lyell Forest although some people needed to be more aware of the remote start.

We still need to find course setters for 5 events later in the year. It was pointed out that so far we have not had to cancel an event because of the lack of an organiser.

Easter 2013: Everything needs to be finalised by the end of the year.

Mapping: Chris Creely's remap of Wildflower Drive had its unveiling for the Vic Relays recently. He is well advanced with the Spring Gully Reservoir map for Easter. The club should think about getting him to update other maps, such as One Tree Hill when he has time.

OCAD 11 Starter: Jim has asked the club mappers to report on the advisability of buying OCAD 11 since an outlay of 580euros would provide 5 licences.

Junior development: Peter C reported that next Saturday will be the final event in the Space League series. It is going well with 17-18 active kids there most weeks. First, second and third in the 14 year olds at Hepburn State event went to Bendigo juniors and they are enjoying some keen competition.

Next year Peter recommended careful consideration of maps for club events in the weeks following the Space Racing series so as to ease the newcomers onto bush maps.

The Space League has been a success and should be pushed next year. It seems to have reached a stage of critical mass and competitors are encouraged by running in pairs and with their peers. This overcomes some of the usual problems of introducing novices to the sport.

Space Racing was suggested to the COGB initiative of the Child friendly city but there has been no response as yet.

Other Business:

Jim places our events on our Facebook page and these are receiving quite a few hits.

Andrew Bos has been contacted to the effect that our club will not release copies of its Tarrengower map unless there is written approval from David Majors of DSE.

T-shirt order is progressing.

SIME downloading: Terry has been instructed in this and put last week's results on the web. Use of this program is gradually expanding to more members.

Route Gadget: Louis and Jim Cameron have expressed interest in putting this on the web page regularly.

Nigel requested that the old trailer be got rid of. This was agreed to.

OV has asked for interest in organising state events for next year.

JWOC middle distance championship was won this year by a New Zealander.

Andrew Cameron raised the need to push the paid Space Racing position next year after there were no takers this year.

Thanks were passed on to Peter G and Craig for the great job they did helping organise the Vic elays.

Terry raised the issue that we do not get many newcomers unless we promote the sport. There had been few this year. The idea of a special series of 3 newcomer events starting at the one place was canvassed and felt to be a good idea for next year.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting: 16th October (note change to 3rd Tuesday in the month) at 7.30 pm at LUBAC.