

Bendigo Orienteers Minutes of Meeting Held 26/11/2013

Meeting Held 7:30 pm at LUBAC Bendigo

Present: Peter Creely, Peter Galvin, Lorraine Leversha, Charles Brownridge, Jim Russell, Andrew Wallace, Terry Davidson, Chris Naunton

Apologies: Andrew Cameron, Craig Feuerherdt

Black Crow Nominations: 1. The case of the “matching” shoes. One orienteer visited his brother-in-law and took his o-shoes off at the back door. When he left he put on his bother-in-law’s shoes by mistake. A few days later he arrived at Andrew Cameron’s event still wearing the “borrowed” shoes not realising that they felt rather different to his own, and were more worn out.

2. One member didn’t make it the 3-Hour event despite his intention to go. It was on the Friday, like all the previous 3-Hour events, but then the previous twilight event was a Saturday wasn’t it? Shouldn’t the Secretary be more on top of it than this?

3. At the 3-Hour one competitor visited the same control (No. 55) twice and tried to claim points for both, not realising how similar the locations were. It was worth a try Chris.

4. At the 1-Hour Twilight event one orienteer was leading, then decided to gain extra time by running off the map and sprinting along Tannery Lane. But he didn’t realise Tannery Lane was 1km away. He came back onto the map 4 km later but had dropped to 5th place. Craig certainly is a good sprinter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Terry Davidson, seconded by Andrew Wallace.

Business Arising from the minutes: Peter Galvin queried the outcome of the VOA Council meeting discussions on membership fees for next year but the decision had been deferred.

Treasurer’s Report: Andrew reported that it had been a fairly quiet period, but the Diamond Hill event had been the most successful financially, with 76 entries.

Secretary’s Report: Charles presented the summary of correspondence in and out, with the addition of letter concerning participation in Dahlia and Arts Festival’s Fun Sunday in Canterbury Park in March next year. **Jim to follow up.**

2014 Draft Calendar was presented and discussed. A few suggestions/queries were made to be referred to Colin Walker. Would it be beneficial to have the Twilight events on one night, either Friday or Saturday? Could Guy’s Hill Road be considered as a location for one of the Twilights? Chris Naunton also raised the idea of a night event in August.

Mapping: John Wilkinson has requested that the Crusoe Road area be listed as the club’s next new map. Over Summer, Chris Creely has been asked to update tracks on maps as listed in last minutes. Club is happy for Crusoe Road to be next new map.

OA: no report.

Space Racing: Peter Creely reported that he had been busy on plans and that Space Racing would go ahead next year. The highest priorities were to find a coordinator for the series and to arrange publicity. He stressed that the key element should be having fun rather than competitive orienteering, and this was reinforced by research by the AIS and others.

He would finalise job description for the Coordinator's position and price publicity.

He again stressed the importance of attracting kids as vital to the future to the sport, and pointed out that little was done in this area at national and state levels.

Club Awards: In deciding points for awards this year it was decided on the motion of Jim Russell, seconded by Peter Galvin that decisions be made on the basis of calculations made and available in Eventor. This would be reviewed next year.

Rockhopper Trophy: Peter Galvin circulated a sheet to gain information about the contribution of Bendigo members to be used in finalising the Rockhopper trophy. This will go out attached to the minutes for feedback.

Map numbers for printing: After discussion about how many maps should be printed each week, Peter Galvin will do a statistical analysis of attendance over the last two years to help organisers decide how many maps to print.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at LUBAC at 7.30 pm