

Bendigo Orienteers Minutes of Meeting Held 28/1/2014

Meeting Held 7:30 at LUBAC Bendigo

Present: Andrew Cameron, Jim Russell, Peter Creely, Andrew Wallace, Judy Fitt, Charles Brownridge, John Wilkinson, Jenny Ball, Terry Davidson, Julie Flynn, Peter Galvin, Peter Searle

Apologies: Nil

Black Crow Nominations: None at this early stage of the year.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were accepted on the motion of Peter Creely and John Wilkinson.

Business Arising: Jim had begun to follow up our attendance at the Dahlia and Arts Family Day, 16th March, and they were happy to have us participate.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew presented his report, noting that we had had some big expenses recently, including \$1700 in VOA levies and purchase of a tablet, Condes 9 update and Club relay entries.

He pointed out that we had total funds of approximately \$58,000.

We are also expecting some bills to be presented for mapping.

The report was accepted on the **motion** of Andrew Wallace, seconded by Julie Flynn

Secretary's Report: Charles presented the correspondence summary. Julie asked to be forwarded the information about the Female Administrators' Network. The report was accepted on the motion of Charles Brownridge, seconded by Andrew Wallace.

Events:

2014 Calendar: Course setters are still needed for some events but there has been a good response so far. It would be good to get new members involved as assistants. It was decided to go with the suggestion of entering an extra column in the calendar and ask for volunteers to add their names to events as helpers. Also discussed was the idea of drawing up a roster of people to help at events. Jim will prepare a list of duties for the assistants.

A clash was pointed out between our 3 hour event and the one organised by Laurie Niven. It is no good having 2 three hour events on the one weekend.

Promotion:

John Wilkinson spoke about a series of 5 events being organised around Castlemaine as part of this year's calendar. He will publicise these locally, and this may lead to an expansion of events there in the future.

Peter Creely spoke about how organisation was progressing for the Newcomers Series in early March, on the new Guy's Hill map. He has priced newspaper publicity at about \$1100. On top of this there would be printing and handout costs.

Motion : “that the club allow for expenditure for publicity and organisational costs of up to \$1500 for the Newcomers’ series of two events in early March 2014”. Moved Peter Creely, seconded Julie Flynn, Carried.

Chris Naunton has arranged with SportsCo in Bendigo, who currently stock Inov-8 F-Lites; to bring in other Inov-8’s at a discount for club members.

NOL Ultra Long Champs at Mt Kooyoora 2014. These will be held in conjunction with the Vic Champs with Eureka helping by doing the organisation. It was proposed that last year’s initiative be repeated by using elite entry fees to fund a prize of \$2500 for the winner of the ultra long (handicap system used), the money to be provided by the two organising clubs.

Motion: “That we support Eureka Orienteers in putting up \$1250 as our contribution to prize money for the NOL Ultra Long Championships in 2014”. Moved Jim Russell, seconded Charles Brownridge, Carried.

Newsletters: Jim explained that Newsletters are now on the Club web page and that is also where the weekly e-bulletin will appear in an attempt to make the website more active. He suggested that after each event the helper could prepare a brief report that could also be placed there.

Permanent courses: the club has two permanent courses, one at One Tree Hill and one at Koolamurt. Some of the controls at Koolamurt have been repainted but we do not know who has done this.

We also looked at a couple of examples of permanent courses from New Zealand and Sweden and discussed their adaptation possibilities for Bendigo.

Mapping:The One Tree Hill remap has been completed and so has Specimen Hill, thanks to Chris Creely. Neil has been working on a map around Tipperary Gully/Bird’s Reef at Kangaroo Flat, and tracks are currently being updated on the Mandurang, Diamond Hill and Kangaroo Gully maps.

Chicken and Champagne event this weekend is due to coincide with extreme heat wave conditions so it was decided to postpone this event early rather than have to do so at short notice closer to the date. It will be rescheduled to the following weekend.

The AGM which was due to follow the Chicken and Champagne event has been rescheduled to precede the 4th March meeting. Pizzas will be ordered for 6:30, the AGM at 7:00, to be followed by the March meeting at 7:30.

Other:

Andrew Cameron queried the lack of sponsorship for the club which sparked some discussion of what the club could offer potential sponsors and a suggestion that we could investigate sponsorship for an event this year, such as the Vic Champs.

Peter Galvin tabled a sheet of statistics relating to the 2013 local events, indicating income, entries, and levies for each event.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting: 4th March at 7:30 PM, preceded by the AGM at 7:00 and pizzas at 6:30.