

June 3 2014 Bendigo Orienteers Minutes of Meeting (LUBAC 7.30)

Chair	Jim Russell
Minutes	Peter Galvin
Present	Jim Russell, Peter Creely, Louise Hall, Terry Davidson, Andrew Wallace, Peter Galvin, David Jones, Daryl Fleay, Craig Feuerherdt, Andrew Cameron, Lorraine Leversha, Julie Flynn.
Apologies	John Wilkinson, Jenny Ball, Don Cherry, Judy Fitt, Phil Robertson.
Black Crow	No nominations
Minutes	Of previous meeting accepted (Peter Galvin/Louise Hall). Business arising: a) Louise Hall to further liaise with Jim Russell re basis for allocating points for Club Championship awards. Members to email Jim with any suggestions. b) Peter Galvin reported on his inability to complete the G4G funding application.
Reports	
Treasurer	Report accepted on the motion of Andrew Wallace/Daryl Fleay. Discussion: a) Daryl Fleay -should figures relating to the value of Club assets and depreciation thereof be included in Treasurer's Reports ? No decision. b) Julie Flynn - should the club invest in any forms of fitness training for members ? Some support, but no decision.
Secretary	No report, owing to the Secretary's absence.
President	a) Vic Talent Application – Chris Naunton has received a grant to assist with expenses he will incur as a reserve member of the Australian Team for WOC in Italy. Motion passed (Louise Hall/Julie Flynn) to grant \$500 for the same purpose. b) Membership forms now in the trailer. Please check that anyone wanting to buy an SI unit is a Club member, as the Club subsidises the cost of these. c) Forest Users' meeting May 27 , convened by Club member Richard Goonan (as Bendigo FNC president), and attended by Club members Jim Russell, Julie Flynn and Peter Galvin, two Bendigo MTB club members, and Tim Buttall (Parks Vic). At this first meeting, the focus was on the proliferation of MTB tracks in the Norfolk Hero map area, and on measures to monitor and/or decommission some of these. The possibility of a 'Friends of the Bendigo Regional Park' group being formed was also discussed. Following this report, Peter Creely said that boards with upturned nails had been seen on MTB tracks in the One Tree Hill area. d) Parks Victoria – as a condition of our use permit, we are now required to notify PV within 4 hours of any emergency situation which develops during an event. Ideas raised in the subsequent discussion included the possibility of the Club having its own mobile phone at events, the event organiser's mobile number being on the event map, and competitor's mobile number being added to the entry card (instead of or in addition to car registration). Peter Galvin to attach relevant Emergency Response Plan documents to trailer. e) Nearmap – licenced to Jim Russell's computer (\$99 for unlimited downloads for the first month). Members to advise Jim of other download possibilities. f) New SI units – download box, 3 SI units and 5 casings have been bought. g) Lost SI stick – has been found.

Space Racing Report from Peter Creely

We have just completed the third formal race in the 1st Series of 2014. I had intended that there would be a second series later in 2014 but this now hangs in the balance. So far we have averaged approximately ten kids per day; there are no schools officially represented although there are two teams with 2 kids each from two different schools – White Hills PS and Castlemaine North PS – but not officially sponsored.

Having been the “organiser” of our (in hindsight) disastrous effort in 2013 when we averaged approx. 14 kids per race, I thought that it had to improve this year – sadly it got worse! I have therefore decided to limp along and finish this series off (if everyone is happy with that) and then step down as “organiser”.

Space Racing is, in my view, the best thing that has happened to our club as far as attracting kids into our sport; we have a JSquad of approximately sixteen to eighteen kids, the vast majority of whom came to us from SR'ing or were influenced by SR kids. In the 2014 VSSOC Squad, Leisha Maggs, Jimmy Cameron, Michael Loughnan and Lachlan Cherry came directly from SR'ing and, from memory, Louis Cameron was influenced by Jimmy.

We now have Casey Berry working with us on Saturday mornings, an Outdoor Education student from LaTrobe who is willing to go into schools and work with kids. She presently coaches school kids in badminton and is willing to learn the techniques necessary to take orienteering into schools (she has already worked with Peter Galvin and helped set the Kennington Reservoir Space Race last Saturday). She has a lot of potential and is willing to be part of our group.

I plead with you, as a club, not to allow Space Racing to fall over. If you have any loyalty to Bendigo Orienteers, if you want us to have a future as a vibrant club working for our community, if you have any desire to see kids find a sport that suits them – and excel at it, then please, please don't let it go! We have a highly developed and proven Space Racing infrastructure in place; are we going to ignore our responsibility to the sport -- and ignore our kids? I leave the answer to that question up to you! The future of Junior orienteering in Bendigo – and maybe even Victoria, is in the hands of the people around this table tonight.

In response to this report, and following discussion of the significantly increased participation of Juniors in Local and State events, and the news that seven of these juniors (Leisha Maggs, Louis Cameron, Lachlan Cherry, Caitlyn Steer, Michael Loughnan, Glenn James & Jimmy Cameron) were selected in the twenty member Victorian Schools Team for the 2014 Australian Schools Championships in WA, a motion was moved (Terry Davidson/Julie Flynn) and passed that:

‘The Club convene a small Working Party to investigate and then report within two months as to possible strategies to maximize the entry and participation of Bendigo youngsters in the sport of orienteering with a view to an organized implementation in 2015’.

Subsequent discussion raised the possibility that Raelee Eenjes be approached re an article in the Bendigo Advertiser reporting on the above Victorian Schools Team selections for the Australian Championships, and on the Victorian Secondary Schools Championships, in which BG results were: Girls13A - Karina Cherry 1st; Girls14A - Caitlin Steer 2nd; Girls Open – Leisha Maggs 1st; Boys 14A – Glenn James 1st; Michael Loughnan 3rd; Boys 15A – Jimmy Cameron 1st; Boys 16A – Lachlan Cherry 2nd, Louis Cameron 3rd; Boys Open – Louis Cameron 3rd.

Other Items

Bendigo Schools Championships

Fri June 6 at 10.30, Mandurang Oval. Organiser David Jones. Approx 200 children. All SI based. Maps printed. Helpers required to set up on Fri morning.

Developing a Policy for interactions with local Primary Schools (perhaps to start in 2015 ?)

Club to provide maps, necessary equipment, and personnel (eg Casey Berry) to run programs which would be more attractive to schools if there were accompanying curriculum and classroom based investigations ? (British Orienteering Federation produces kits for schools). Perhaps funding from CoGB for map production ? Moving from school to bush requires some parental enthusiasm !

Bendigo History

A Motion was moved (Terry Davidson/Julie Flynn) and passed that:

‘The Secretary write to the Bendigo Historical Society expressing its interest in cooperating in producing a map suitable for use in Bendigo and broadly along the lines of Canberra’s ‘Capital O’ map of which the BHS now has a copy. A proposal detailing format, costs and distribution etc would be prepared by a representative/s of both organizations, with this coming back to both committees for ratification and possible action’.

Related discussion: permanent courses, Hittaut maps, Diamond Hill map with historical additions.

Bendigo YMCA Holiday Program

Request from Steph Eames at YMCA for orienteering sessions on July 1 pm (at YMCA in Mundy St – use Rosalind Park ?) and July 2 pm (at Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre – use Gateway Park ?; Jim Russell to talk to Chris Creely re map). Neil Barr to talk to Don Cherry re possible involvement of Lachlan and Nic.

European Orienteers to Bendigo

Jim Russell tabled some details of a scholarship advertised by ACTOA for a coach in residence. He will follow this up with ACTOA member David Poland re possibilities for Bendigo.

Next Meeting July 1 LUBAC