

Bendigo Orienteers Inc.

2022 Annual General Meeting

Muldoon Reserve, February 6, 2022, 8:45am

Minutes

Attendance: Craig Feuerherdt, Ross Slater, Charles Brownridge, David Brownridge, Clare Brownridge, Alison Radford, Tony Radford, Julie Flynn, John Wilkinson, Terry Davidson, Sue Davidson, Peter Galvin, Michael Loughnan, Jim Russell, John Chellew, David Jones, Heather Jones, Chris Naunton, Peter Forbes, Leisha Spowart, Evan Barr, Jacqui Knee, Don Cherry, Prue Dobbin, Colin Walker, Isobel Byrne, Wendy Taverna, Dale Taverna, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Ted van Geldermalsen, Margi Freemantle

Apologies: Peter Searle, Dianne Searle, Jenny Ball, Neil Barr

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising: None

Financial Report: The Financial Report for 2021 was distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the 2021 Financial Report as distributed be accepted.

Julie Flynn/John Chellew **Passed.**

Motion: That the membership fees for 2022 be approved. They are:

Adult Member	\$50
Junior Member	\$7
Bendigo Club Life Member	\$35
OV and Bendigo Club Life Member	\$0

Craig Feuerherdt/Tony Radford. **Passed.**

Presidents Report

Acknowledgements

One of the clubs original founders Peter Creely passed away in early December. I know we all have fond memories of Peter and many of you have known him for far longer than I!

His contributions to our club will not be forgotten. His passion for juniors saw him develop and nurture Space Racing providing a cohort of participants with a fun and engaging after-school activity. The success of this program was demonstrated by the Victorian junior orienteering team being comprised of more than 50% Bendigo members. This also resulted in many new families being introduced to our sport.

Peter's other great legacy is this event - the annual Fowl and Fizz. Its a great way to start the year and get everyone enthused for another year in the bush. As a lasting memorial to Peter, this event will be renamed the "Peter Creely memorial Fowl & Fizz".

Events

Covid continued to cause challenges during 2021 but our early planning and excellent relationship with land managers ensured we were able to run most of our events. Our clubs resilience and adaptability meant we could run covid compliant events at very short notice, providing members an opportunity to participate at every opportunity.

We made it through until May before a lockdown saw 3 events cancelled including the Eppalock 3 day and Vic Relay champs. Back on from mid-June to mid-July before further lockdowns prevented events from running until September, which was just in time to learn that the 2021 Aus Champs in Tasmania were cancelled along with the Vic Champs.

Summary

Finally I'd like to thank everyone who participated, set courses, assisted at events and contributed through the committee. Your contributions don't go unrecognised.

Looking ahead

Firstly I'd like to welcome the new and returning committee members. Without an active committee, the club doesn't function.

Secondly, as club members we all have a role in defining the success of Bendigo Orienteers. This can be done in a multitude of ways;

- We still need organisers for events this season - take the time to have a look at the Fixture and put your name down. If you are new to course setting we will provide a mentor.
- Supporting event organisers - everything from helping on the registration desk through to picking up controls at the end of the afternoon.

When I took on the role of President in 2020, I had a vision of creating an event or initiative to engage the broader community, increase participation and membership.

Our club has a reputation for innovative events including Jim's ToDay events which has run for over a decade now. Neil Barr had also ran the Bendigo O-Ringen for several years trying innovative event formats in interesting terrain.

While the past 2 years have presented real challenges - now is the time to move this vision forward. Our club has the resources both financial and human to do something engaging and unique. I encourage you to bring me any ideas so we can mould it into something unique and beneficial to the club.

Finally, this will be my final year as president. I believe it is important for fresh ideas and new enthusiasm to drive the club forward.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward everyone contributing to make 2022 a successful season.

Craig Feuerhedt
President, Bendigo Orienteers

Election of 2022 Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant and Past President Julie Flynn presided over the election of Office Bearers.

President

Craig Feuerherdt **Passed**

Vice President:

Jim Russell **Passed**

Secretary:

Ross Slater **Passed**

Treasurer:

Alison Radford **Passed**

General Committee Members:

John Wilkinson **Passed**

Neil Barr **Passed**

Julie Flynn **Passed**

Meeting Closed at 9:15am