

Bendigo Orienteers Inc. November 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 7.30 pm 27/11/12 at LUBAC

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

Apologies: John Wilkinson, Matt Schepisi, Neil Barr, Dianne Searle, Sue Davidson.

Black Crow Nominations: With the presentations coming up people must be too cautious to admit to any mistakes they may have made.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Louise Hall/Daryl Fleay. Peter C reported he had contacted Sports Focus about their most disciplined player awards but said it did not seem appropriate to our sport.

Treasurer's Report: Louise commented that it had been a fairly quiet 6 weeks. Her report was accepted on the motion of Louise Hall/Jim Russell.

It was **moved** that a free copy of the club history be given to Charles Brownridge as the author. Moved Daryl Fleay/Peter Creely. Carried

Secretary's Report: Charles tabled the summary of correspondence for the previous 6 weeks. He reported on changes to the Incorporations Act, which will affect the club. He and Jim had attended a meeting run by Consumer Affairs. The new act came into force 26/11/12 and there would be a transition year for clubs to work out how they would respond. At the end of that period any club which had not registered a new constitution would default to the new Model Rules.

Moved by Daryl/ Louise that a sub committee consisting of 3 be set up to examine the new model rules, and make recommendations about their appropriateness for our club. This motion was carried. The subcommittee will consist of Daryl, Julie and Charles.

Unfilled positions: Louise is not renominating as Treasurer and Laurinna is not renominating as vice president after gaining a teaching position in Melton next year. The meeting expressed its congratulations to Laurinna.

OA Report: Craig reported that the OA conference would be held in Canberra this weekend. He said Eventor was working and being used.

He commented that levies were still an issue for Bendigo and next year would be \$2.40 per head per adult per event for club events. It would now be on a par with other club events, such as Street events.

Craig also pointed out that at our events this year 66% of all participants had attended 10 or more events, so we were getting a lot of "repeat business". We had had 1570 starts this year and a membership base of about 120 families.

Local Events: Julie commented that at the first twilight event there were 22 starters and half of these were juniors. The second twilight attracted a lot of juniors as well as quite a number of people

from outside Bendigo. Jim pointed out that in the recent Western zone primary schools championships there were 8 categories and juniors from Bendigo won 4 of them.

Route gadget will be up and running for local events next year.

Other Events: Daryl commented how great it has been working with Neil and Chris on Easter next year. Alex Tarr will be arriving soon to check the World Ranking courses for Easter.

Calendar for 2013: Colin presented the draft for next year and after a small number of suggestions were made said it would be put on the internet and calls made for organisers.

Running of Events: A number of suggestions were made about suggested changes of organisation for next year. One was that the course setter for an event should put out controls and arrange for their collection after the event, but a second person would be responsible for running the event on the day, putting up results, banking proceeds etc. This would leave the setter free to discuss courses and talk to competitors. At the moment this is still a suggestion only.

Running Tops: Laurinna reported that all club running tops had been collected, except for one bought by Matthew Brown, and all except 3 had been paid for. Some spares are available and will be advertised in the newsletter.

Mapping: All mapping required for Easter 2013 has been completed.

A new fence has appeared on Wildflower Drive and it appears that some of what people thought was part of the park is in fact privately owned.

A new MTB track has been constructed on Spring Gully map with approval of Parks Victoria but it appears to have been built before the planning permit has been issued by the COGB. Important to ensure that all aspects of the permit are adhered to, as it involved closing existing tracks in return for building the new one.

Space Racing: Peter C. Publicity is needed early for newcomers/space racing. To highlight success he pointed out that 9 out of 12 awards to winners on Sunday will go to people who have come up through Space Racing, but he said that we cannot sit and bask in success. Space racing has weakened somewhat at Girton and Creek Street and he would ideally like 40 each week instead of 30.

Peter spoke to a motion he had put urging that we build a basis for ongoing publicity and that this would include payment of a Space racing coordinator. This initiated fruitful discussion along the lines of the amount of income the club receives, the need to clarify objectives, develop a structure and be sustainable. The idea of raising money through sponsorship was raised.

Following the discussion Peter C agreed to put forward a plan of what could be aimed at to form the basis of future discussions and decisions.

Club Breakup: On Sunday 4th December at NO.7 Park. Craig is planning to run an activity from Estonia. This is the first time this type of event has been organised in Australia: another first for Bendigo.

Orienteering in Rosalind Park: This has been an ongoing issue with the COGB feeling that orienteering interfered with the amenity of the park. To counter this Jim reported that he had run a Space racing event there with Creek Street and had used the lockable plates, avoiding use of seats, thus removing the objection to the site of kites and disturbance of those sitting on seats.

The AGM will be held on 3/2/13 following the Chicken and Champagne.

Next Meeting: A club meeting would be needed before the AGM and will be held at 7:30 pm on 29/1/2013.

Other Items: nil

Meeting closed at 9:45 pm