

## **ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA TECHNICAL MEETING**

### **Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013, Mandurang Cricket Ground (Bendigo)**

**Present:** Jenny Casanova (Chair, SA), Robin Uppill (Director, Technical, SA), Rob Rapkins (Qld), Christine Brown (Tas), Greg Hawthorne (Tas) Kathy Liley (Vic), Richard Matthews (WA), John Scown (OA Accreditation Officer, ACT), Ann Scown (ACT), Rohan Hyslop (ACT) Russell Rigby (NSW), Andrew Lumsden (NSW), Blair Trewin (OA President, VIC).

**Apologies:** Eric Andrews (Qld), Mark Hennessy (Vic), Ken Brownlie (WA)

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

- 1) Guidelines for major carnivals and event management – list of documents has been previously distributed but some updates required by Robin/Jenny and also feedback from Easter 2013 will be incorporated into these. Copies can be made available if required.
- 2) OA Foot Rules – updated for 2013 (Robin/John Scown)
- 3) Schools' Championships rules – no feedback from ASSOC.
- 4) OA MTBO Rules and guidelines – Jan 2013. Kathy Liley is the MTBO representative for technical matters and will have responsibility for maintaining these.
- 5) ANZ Challenge and Oceania Rules made compatible for both foot and MTB-O – June 2012
- 6) NOL guidelines review to be discussed with Nick Dent.

**Standing items:**

- 1) Contact details for each state for 2013 – technical officer plus backup person: see attached list
- 2) Level 3 controllers for group A events.  
ACT Champs NOL races: Darryl Erbacher, David Hogg, Bruce Bowen  
Aust Champs in ACT: Blair Trewin Sprint, Andy Hogg long, Robert Allison middle, Bill Jones relay  
Easter 2014 NSW: Andrew Lumsden, Nick Dent, Rob Vincent, Alex Davey, Dave Lotty, Terry Bluett  
Aust Champs 2014 WA: Ian Fletcher, Ken Brownlie, Jack Dowling, Russell Candy.  
The latter 2 are not yet L3 controllers.
- 3) Controllers' reports received (2013 March NOLs, Aust Champs 2012 Tas, Easter 2012 Qld; not sure about WOC trials 2012 NSW?) Note that the proforma is available on the OA website and from Robin or Jenny

**New business**

- 1) Technical committee chair – Eric Andrews willing to stand but needs to be nominated to OA AGM.
- 2) Feedback on Level 1 controllers' curriculum. Extensive discussion about the fact that there is almost a separate need for an event organisers' curriculum or checklist, independent of the ASC-approved controller education process.
- 4) Date /venue for Level 3 controllers' workshop still undecided except that it won't happen at Aust Champs 2013. WA has the most urgent need for a workshop in advance of Aust Champs 2014. Vic has one candidate – Bruce Arthur. Other states have no certainties. Jenny will discuss further with Eric Andrews.
- 5) Concerns regarding Level 3 reaccreditation and not enough events requiring L2/L3 controllers in some states! Even with the 8-year time window NSW in particular has concerns that their controllers won't get to organise or plan enough group A events. Suggested some collaboration between clubs in terms of allocating events.
- 6) States advised to review their rules and guidelines to make sure that they are in line with OA – and bring anomalies to tech committee's attention for discussion.

It's not practical to recommend that states all follow the same set of rules/guidelines (apart from complying with OA's, of course) because there are local variations. It was suggested that course planning guidelines go on the OA website but these are more appropriately placed on states' websites, however, there could be some collaboration between states to avoid all writing the same document from scratch! (see also AOB point 5)

NSW are thinking of giving out a set of 'rules for competitors' as is done in rogaining. NSW has also updated their search and rescue documents and there is a query over whether the six blasts on a whistle is the correct call for help!

- 7) Review of OA rules including rewording was done only a couple of years ago but is probably due again to maintain alignment with IOF rules and also to remove any which are redundant. Anecdotal reports from Easter 2013 committee implied that some current rules are impractical/unworkable - but most of the apparent issues relate primarily to understanding functionality of OE and Eventor; await controller's report before investigating further.
- 8) States reminded to keep Greg Hawthorne advised of any changes to the Major Events schedule. This is currently projected until 2020.
- 9) Control flags with blue stripe for the benefit of colourblind competitors? Probably would require an IOF rule change to formally bring these into circulation, however some states/clubs are already using these (e.g. Easter Day 2).
- 10) David Hogg medal for Services to Event Management – to be awarded to Richard Matthews
- 11) Vote of thanks to Robin Uppill for her work as OA Director, Technical
- 12) Tech news next issue – items required. Likely to work on this mid-May?

**Any other business:**

- 1) controllers not completing accreditation after attending workshops.
- 2) reminder re guidelines for sprint – traffic control, measuring distance etc
- 3) Need for controllers for Christmas 5-days? Agreement that the event has now become so big that a L2 controller is ideally needed for each day and that certainly there should be some sort of overall controller/organiser of the event
- 4) MTBO contact for technical (Kathy Liley) and scheduling of championship and other NOL races (HP involvement?)
- 5) OA website. Jenny (+ Robin?) to list all the documents available and send around to all states. Also would be good to get a summary of which technical documents states have on their own websites. Robin mentioned that the OE2010 documents need updating.

**Next meeting:** Easter 2014 in NSW