

Annual General Meeting

Summerdale Primary School, Launceston, Tasmania
Saturday 11 April 2009 3:45pm

Attendance

Bill Jones	President	
Mike Dowling	Director (High Performance)	
Blair Trewin	Director (Finance)	
Ben Rattray	Director (Development)	
Robin Uppill	Director (Special Projects)	
Rob Preston	Manager (High Performance)	
Kathy Liley	Observer	VIC
Ian Dodd	Councillor	VIC
Chris Brown	Councillor	TAS
Greg Chatfield	Delegate	QLD
Michael Burridge	Councillor	QLD
Robert Spry	Delegate	NSW
Paul Prudhoe	Councillor	NSW
Nick Dent	Observer	NSW
Jennifer Binns	Councillor	WA
Cath Chalmers	Councillor	WA
Jenny Casanova	Councillor	SA
Pat Miethke	Delegate	ACT
Eric Morris	Elite Representative	NSW
Rohan Hyslop	Delegate	ACT
Miriam Whittington	Delegate	TAS
Kay Grzadka	Executive Officer (minutes)	ACT

Apologies:

Hugh Cameron	IOF Vice President
Andy Hogg	Director (Technical)

1 MINUTES

1.1 Appointment of Verifiers

Pat Miethke ACTOA and Jennifer Binns OWA were appointed as verifiers of the 2009 Annual General Meeting minutes.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of 2008 Annual Conference

MOTION: Robin Uppill moved that the minutes of the 2008 Annual Conference be accepted. The motion was seconded by Pat Miethke and carried.

1.3 President's Opening Remarks

The President Bill Jones opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He thanked Board members for their efforts throughout the year. The President informed the meeting that Andy Hogg, Mike Dowling and Ben Rattray would not be continuing as Directors of the Board after the AGM. He thanked the outgoing Directors for their dedication and good work and was sorry

to see them leaving. He noted that the Director (Development) role was a difficult one but something that needed to be done.

The President noted that the past year had been a busy one and that the coming year may be busier.

Orienteering Australia (OA) had made a submission to the Independent Sports Panel with the assistance of Dennis Trewin and input from Board members. A meeting was also held with the panel. The President stated that the Sports Review was very important to Orienteering Australia as the findings and recommendations of the Independent Sports Panel were likely to affect OA's major source of funding i.e. the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

The Board had been involved in making changes to the OA Constitution and these would be discussed later in the meeting.

The Executive Officer position would need to be filled by early June due to the departure of the current EO, Kay Grzadka.

1.4 Matters Arising

(a) Strategic Planning Working Group

This matter would be raised under Agenda Item 5.3.

(b) Report on Events

The report on Events was not yet finalised as the Chair of the Events Committee Greg Hawthorne had been busy with the Easter Carnival.

2 ANNUAL REPORT

An interim version of Orienteering Australia's Annual Report was tabled by Director (High Performance) Mike Dowling. The final version of the Annual Report would be posted on the OA website by the end of the month.

3 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Orienteering Australia's Annual Financial Report was tabled by Director (Finance) Blair Trewin.

The Director noted that underspends outlined in the report were not expected to continue. Event levies were down \$7,000 as attendance levels had been poor but attendance for this year's Easter Carnival in Tasmania were better than expected. The substantial surplus in the *Australian Orienteer* accounts was due to paying only three printing bills in 2008 (the fourth printing invoice wasn't received until 2009). Advertising revenue for the magazine was expected to drop.

The Director stated that the biggest issue going forward was what would happen with ASC funding. Existing funding for OA had been rolled over for one more year pending the outcome of the Sports Review by the Independent Sports Panel. He noted that what happens with expenditure in the future would depend upon strategic decisions and that OA was looking at a financial gap in the 2011-12 projections.

MOTION: Director (Finance) Blair Trewin moved that the 2008 OA financial statements be accepted. The motion was seconded by Paul Prudhoe and carried.

4 EXECUTIVE

4.1 Board Report

The OA Board Report was tabled for information.

4.2 OA Planning documents

The OA Planning documents were tabled for information and a printed, bound copy made available for each State Association.

4.3 Situation Report on High Performance Matters

Director (High Performance) Mike Dowling informed the meeting of the following High Performance matters:

- Rob Lewis had been appointed as the National Men's Team coach;
- OA was looking for a coach for the Junior Development Squad;
- An Australian team would be sent to the World Games being held in Taiwan in July;
- There were some security issues relating to the 2009 Mountain Bike World Orienteering Championships (MTB WOC) but advice from the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs indicated that the event would still be staged in Israel as planned;
- There were implications from the current economic crisis with regard to financing Australian Teams. Three World Orienteering Championships in a row are being held in Eastern Europe and 2010 WOC would be held in Norway;
- A lot of people had put a lot of work into the domestic league and competitor numbers were building; and
- There had been an increase in SILVA support this year and thanks should go especially to Ben Rattray and Rob Preston for securing the SILVA sponsorship.

Director (Finance) Blair Trewin noted the increase in depth in the domestic competition with the largest open elite field this Easter since the 1980s.

Manager (High Performance) Rob Preston expressed his pleasure in working for Mike Dowling and his appreciation for the great job Mike had done as Director (High Performance).

4.4 Orienteering Awards

The Annual Orienteering Awards were presented by the President either at the OA dinner held later that evening or at the end of the Australian 3-Days Event at Royal George, Tasmania (for recipients not present at the dinner).

a) 2009 Services to Orienteering

Awarded to Nick Dent and Hilary Wood.

b) 2009 Services to Orienteering Coaching

No nominations were received for this award.

c) 2008 Silva Medal

Awarded to Alex Tarr.

d) 2008 Athlete of the Year Award

Awarded to Adrian Jackson.

e) 2009 David Hogg Medal for Services to Event Management

Awarded to Ron Pallas.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Changes to the OA Constitution

The President Bill Jones gave a background briefing on the proposed changes to the OA Constitution that had been suggested by the Australian Sports Commission. Although recommended by the ASC, OA did not have the income and number of personnel to justify changing to a Company.

The Director (Finance) Blair Trewin outlined the key components of the paper:

- References in the Constitution to "Council Meetings" had been redefined to "General Meetings of Orienteering Australia that Constituent Associations attend";
- Division of responsibility between Board and Council was changed to give the Board power to deal with all matters unless a decision was made to have them go to a General Meeting;
- Terms of Board members were increased from one to two years with a staggered rotation (see second Motion below);
- Fees Payable decisions would be reserved to General Meetings (see third Motion below);
- Explicit references to the Executive Officer were removed; and
- Ambiguity with reference to the term "Member" was removed; it now refers exclusively to individuals rather than to constituent associations.

MOTION: The Director (Finance) Blair Trewin moved that the proposed changes to the OA Constitution be accepted. The motion was seconded by Robert Spry. The motion was carried (For 17 : Against 0).

Consequential matters were then dealt with:

MOTION: Director (Finance) Blair Trewin moved that the Director (High Performance) and the Director (Development) would be appointed in 2009 with two year terms and that the President, Director (Finance) and Director (Technical) would be appointed in 2009 with one year terms. The motion was seconded by Jenny Casanova and carried.

MOTION: Director (Finance) Blair Trewin moved that the power to determine fees payable under section 17.2 of the new constitution be a matter reserved for General Meetings. The motion was seconded by Cath Chalmers and carried.

ACTION: Director (Special Projects) Robin Uppill noted that policy decisions should be documented elsewhere than in the meeting minutes. The Executive Officer would include this Policy Decision in the Operation Manual.

5.2 The Australian Orienteer

Director (Finance) Blair Trewin noted that no change in subscription fees for the *Australian Orienteer* magazine had been proposed for 2009 due to a decrease in printing fees but that fees should increase in 2010 in line with inflation.

MOTION: Director (Finance) Blair Trewin moved that 2010 domestic subscription fees for the *Australian Orienteer* increase from \$5.45 to \$5.65.

The motion was seconded by Rohan Hyslop and was carried.

ACTION: The President would follow up on making the *Australian Orienteer* available in newsagencies.

There followed some discussion of the *Australian Orienteer* magazine. It was suggested that the reader base be broadened by covering more. It was noted that regular features on orienteering in the magazines R4YL and Outer Edge had helped to increase awareness of the sport. This also helped to increase SILVA sponsorship. The President noted that it depended upon State Associations as to where the magazine was distributed within their state.

5.3 CEO Proposal Presentation

A presentation was given by Director (Development) Ben Rattray on the proposal to appoint a full time paid Chief Executive Officer as part of Orienteering Australia's strategic direction. The Director asked for the assistance of State Associations in determining how to make the proposal work.

Discussion followed the presentation but without achieving a way forward. Attendees were invited to give direct feedback to the Director after the meeting closed.

6 ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS BOARD

All OA Board positions were declared vacant and Mike Dowling was appointed to oversee the election process. Bill Jones was re-elected as President and Blair Trewin was re-elected to the position of Director (Finance). Robin Uppill accepted her nomination from OASA for the position of Director (Technical) and was duly elected. Mike Dowling nominated Eric Morris for the position of Director (High Performance) and the nomination was seconded by Robin Uppill. Eric Morris accepted his nomination and was duly elected. There were no nominations for the position of Director (Development). The Board would actively seek to fill the position as soon as possible.

COMMITTEES

There were no nominations for the following vacant positions:

- Chair of the IT Committee; and
- Chair of the Development & Participation Committee.

The position of chair of the Media and Sponsorship Committee is held by the Director (Development) and will remain vacant until a new Director is appointed.

Nominations were called for two members for the Misconduct Tribunal Committee and two members for the Selection Appeals Committee. Jennifer Binns nominated for the Misconduct Tribunal Committee and the nomination was seconded by Rohan Hyslop. Robin Uppill nominated Jennifer Casanova for the same committee and this nomination was seconded by Blair Trewin. Jennifer Binns and Jenny Casanova were both appointed as members of



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the Misconduct Tribunal Committee.

Jennifer Binns nominated Cath Chalmers as a member of the Selection Appeals Committee. The nomination was seconded by Chris Brown and Cath duly appointed. It was agreed that the incoming Board would seek a second member for the Selection Appeals Committee.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Public Officer	Robert Allison
Badge Scheme Secretary	John Oliver
Schools Liaison Officer	Ian Dalton
Rankings – Elite	Bruce Arthur
Rankings – Non-elite	Darryl Erbacher

The 2009 Orienteering Australia Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 5:45 pm.