

MINUTES

2016 ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HACKETT, CANBERRA. Saturday 26 March

Present: Eric Andrews (Chair, Qld); Jenny Casanova Director (Technical, SA); Blair Trewin (OA President, Vic); Anna Sheldon (Qld); Kathy Liley (Vic); Ted Van Geldermalsen (Vic); Margi Freemantle (Vic); Geoff Wood (ACT); Robin Uppill (SA); Richard Matthews (WA); Chris Brown (Tas); Andrew Lumsden (NSW)

Apologies: Gordon Wilson (NSW); John Scown (ACT); Bill Jones (ACT); Greg Hawthorne (Tas); Barry McCrae (Vic); Laurie Niven (Vic)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Passed, moved Jenny Casanova, seconded Chris Brown.

Matters arising from the minutes:

(1) Badge events are to remain on the Australian Event Calendar. Some states have used their middle and sprint champs as badge events, and these will now attract the same OA levy. Overall monies being raised from badge events have dropped significantly.

(2) Structure of future Australian 3 Days. Prologue is to remain part of the elite races, i.e. a 4 day competition, which may be open to anyone with an IOF athlete ID..

(3) Controller accreditation/ reaccreditation forms are available for download from the OA website and as an appendix to the OA Rules.. Controllers should be encouraged by their State Technical Officers to use the form to document their controlling activities.

(4) The return of Controllers Reports for NOL and National events has been very good during 2015. The compilation of these reports shall be sent to all L3 controllers and State Technical Officers should distribute copies to their L1 and L2 controllers. **Action: EA**

(5) A review will take place into the layout of the Technical Pages on the OA website. Both the Events and Mapping Officers maybe interested in joining in. **Action: JC and EA**

(6) The MTBO L1 Controllers Curricula is almost complete. Waiting on contribution from Craig Steffans. Liaison with the ASC to determine the procedure for accepting and acknowledging the MTBO L1 proposal is required. **Action: KI, CS, JS, JM**

(7) Guidelines for Major Carnivals and Event Management. These documents have been placed on the OA website, under Technical – Resources. Some of the documentation requires updating and this will gradually happen in 2016. **Action: EA**

(8) A link has been placed on the OA website under Australian School Sport, which will go to the Australian Schools Sport pages, which list the Rules and Guidelines for Australian Secondary Schools Orienteering. **Action: EA, SJ**

Standing items:

(1) Contact details for each State for 2016. See attached list.

(2) Level 3 controllers for Group A events in 2016:

Vic - NOL Sprints – Ted Van Geldermalson, Barry McCrae, Jim Russell, Warwick Williams

ACT - Aust 3 Days –Dennis Trewin, Anne Scown, Bruce Bowen, Bill Jones

South Aust – NOL races – Jenny Casanova, Robin Uppill

Tasmania – NOL races – Roger Harlow, John Brammell

Qld - Australian Champs – Mark Petrie, Rob Rapkins, Liz Bourne, Eric Andrews

(3) IOF Event Advisers for WRE:

Ted Van Geldermalson, David Hogg, Jenny Casanova, John Brammell, Liz Bourne, Eric Andrews

New Business:

(1) Roles of Committee Chairpersons and of the Technical Committee. After discussion it was agreed that the Role of the Technical Committee Chairperson as described in the OA Operational Manual was adequate for the task. However, minor improvements could be made to the wording of the Roles of the Technical Committee. State Technical Officers and others who attended our meeting are invited to make suggestions on improvements.

Action: JC, EA

(2) Australian Relay Championships. Starting in 2016 the relay champs will include a moderate navigation course for W-14A and M-14A. Also, the course planned for W-16A and M-16A is to be planned to a hard navigation standard. The OA Rules will be amended in due course.

Action: JC

(3) During the year a paper was distributed to states which proposed a number of changes in class to course combinations recommendations, in particular, for the AS courses. Results from events highlights the fact that AS classes should be based on km rate and winning time. It is strongly recommended that all states trial this proposal for a couple of years, before a final solution is recommended to the OA Board. This paper also addressed the problem of an ageing orienteering population, where additional shorter courses and winning times are required. A review will be done on the winning times achieved at the 2016 Aust 3 Days.

Action: EA

(4) A list of possible adjustments to winning times for the Australian Long, Middle, Sprint and Relay was distributed for discussion. Unfortunately, not all attendees had read the introductory notes described in discussion papers. The proposed changes to the sprint and middle distance timings for those under 16 and over 50 was to tie in with the proposed amendments to the winning times of those courses which it is proposed to amend. The proposed changes to class/ course combinations has to be accepted before the amended winning times for all disciplines can be implemented. It was proposed that a questionnaire be distributed to those who entered the Aust 3 Days in the ACT asking their opinion, among other things, on winning times for their age class.

Action: JC, EA, AL

(5) Comments from compiled controllers reports will be distributed to all controllers. See point 4 of Matters Arising.

(6) Risk Management and Safety. State technical Officers were requested to bring along a copy of documentation that guides the risk management and safety aspects of orienteering

in their state. Unfortunately, only Tasmania complied. Before the overall safety issue can be discussed a review of information from state websites will need to be undertaken.

Action: EA

(7) It has become apparent that not all states have a dedicated technical officer. This makes the work of the technical committee more difficult, particularly in the flow of information back and forth which is required. All states are asked to nominate a technical contact who can provide and distribute technical information to their state and a second person to be their backup. Additional interested persons can be added to the mailing list but commonly when a technical matter is to be voted upon, each state/territory association will have only one vote.

Other Business: Nil.

Next Meeting: Proposed to be held at Easter 2017 in Auckland, New Zealand if enough representatives will be present.