

**Orienteering Australia Annual General Meeting  
1 April 2018 6:00 pm  
Domain Athletics Centre, Hobart**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Email</b>
Blair Trewin	OA President (Chair)	president@orienteering.asn.au
Bruce Bowen	OA Director (Finance)	lizbruce@apex.net.au
Bill Jones	OA Director	Bill.j@bigpond.net.au
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Richard Matthews	OWA	Richard@fizzyred.com
Ricky Thackray	OWA	Thackrayricky@gmail.com
Natasha Sparg	MTBO	Natasha.sparg@gmail.com
Ian Rathbone	OTAS	president@tasorienteering.asn.au
Bernard Walker	OTAS	Secretary@tasorienteering.asn.au
Erica Diment	OSA	secretary@saorienteering.asm.au
Robert Spry	ONSW	rbspry@gmail.com
Valerie Barker	OACT	vnwb@internode.on.au
Anita Scherrer	OACT	Anita.Scherrer5@bigpond.com
Mark Hennessy	OVIC	markhennessy@bigpond.com
Anna Sheldon	OQLD	sheldonanna@hotmail.com
Paul Prudhoe	OA Executive Officer	eo@orienteering.asn.au
Prue Dobbin	OA Minute Secretary	minutes@orienteering.asn.au

**Apologies:**

Mike Dowling	OA Director	
Craig Feuerherdt	OA Director	
Jenny Casanova	OA Director	
Geoff Wood	OACT	
Tim McIntyre	OQLD	
Barbara Hill	Manager Coaching and Officiating	
David Poland	OACT	



- ) The President thanked everyone involved in keeping orienteering going (for example, State Associations, clubs, event organisers and all volunteers).

### 3. Annual Financial Report (Director Finance)

The audited Annual Financial Statement to 31 December 2017 was presented to the meeting. The Director Finance explained there were some minor adjustments needed such as correcting the names of OA Directors etc. but these did not affect the financial result.

The income and expenditure statement for 2017 showed a deficit of \$42K, with the main factors contributing to the deficit being as follows:

- ) \$13K in ASC grant funding expenditure was carried over to 2017.
- ) \$10K from the Whiteside Bequest has been expended in 2017, but the bequest had been received previously.
- ) \$3K for a mapping project where the funding had been received before 2017
- ) \$11K for the recent Sprint Canberra training camp was outgoing in 2017 (and reimbursed via event entries and team member contributions in January 2018).

Overall the balance sheet showed that OA ended 2017 with a strong cash asset position. Although this was less than 2016, this simply reflected the reduction in funding by the ASC of its participation grant. Previously, OA had received \$200K per financial year but in 2017-18 this was reduced to \$100K.

OA is going through an adjustment phase for the cost of publishing the Australian Orienteer magazine (costs are spread out across digital and hard copy publishing). The total net cost will be split between the states based on the state registration fee, capped at the amount each state paid in 2016. Invoicing will occur soon – state associations will be invoiced at ¼ of the amount previously paid, each quarter. During 2018, variations may result from changes to the cost of the publishing of the magazine, or to membership numbers, and variations in the amount invoiced will be addressed in the final quarter invoices.

**Motion: The audited Annual Financial Statement to 31 December 2017 be accepted.**  
**Ian Rathbone/Anita Scherrer** **Carried**

### 4. Elections

These elections were for a two-year term. One half of the Board is elected each year. Nominations could be made by either two OA Board members or a state association. No prior nominations were received.

Bill Jones (Past President and OA Director) managed the process for electing the OA President, and the incoming President managed the election of the remaining positions.

#### 4.1 OA Board

Position:	Nomination:	Nominated by:	Outcome:	Comment
President	Blair Trewin	Richard Matthews / Mark Hennessey	Re-elected unopposed	Blair announced he intends to stand down after the conclusion of this two-year period, and asked the states to consider a possible successor.
Director Finance	Bruce Bowen	ACT	Re-elected unopposed	

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Director Technical	Jenny Casanova	SA	Re- elected unopposed	Jenny was a meeting apology but had agreed to the nomination.
Director at Large	Prue Dobbin	TAS	Elected unopposed	Prue has been attending board meetings over the past 6 months as Minute Secretary.
Director High Performance	Nil	Nil	Position vacant	The President asked the states to consider potential nominees for the position.

#### 4.2 Standing Committee chairs

The chairs of standing committees are elected at the AGM, with the committee comprising a representative from each state association.

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Technical Committee	Anna Sheldon	WA	Re-elected unopposed	
Mapping Committee	Neil Barr	TAS	Re-elected unopposed	Neil had advised he was happy to accept the nomination
Events Committee	Greg Hawthorne	TAS	Re-elected unopposed	Greg had advised he was happy to accept the nomination
MTBO Committee	Craig Steffens	Natasha Sparg / Ricki Thackray	Re-elected unopposed	Craig had advised he was happy to accept the nomination
Development / Participation	Nil			Currently no chair, but 2018 meeting chaired by Paul Prudhoe.
IT	Nil			Currently no chair, but 2018 meeting chaired by Paul Prudhoe.

#### 4.3 Select committees

In contrast to the representative composition of Standing Committees, Select Committees comprise people with the relevant skills and the chairs are not subject to election at the AGM.

The current IT Committee is to be replaced by Select Committee(s) where required to cover particular projects. One such Select Committee (the Eventor Working Group) already exists.

## **5. Update on business arising from the 2017 Annual Conference**

### **5.1 Strategic Planning**

A copy of the draft OA Strategic Plan was provided. The President explained the process.

- ) The OA strategic plan is intended for Australian orienteering as a whole. State plans and club plans (where they exist) will dovetail into this plan.
- ) A first draft was developed following the strategic planning workshop at the OA Annual Conference in 2017.
- ) The Board reviewed the first draft at a workshop in March 2018.
- ) A revised draft was distributed to states prior to this AGM. The aim was to present a high-level overview, which would be followed by a more detailed document outlining actions and KPIs.
- ) The Board believes it important the states and clubs have a high level of ownership of the plan, and the President will consult with each state during a visit in 2018.
- ) A final draft will be distributed to states prior to the 2018 Annual Conference, with the intent for the plan to be adopted at the conference.

The President asked the states to keep him informed on the development of their strategic plans.

### **5.2 Participation projects**

The OA Board has received \$100K for participation projects and recently considered a number of applications for participation grants. Of the 9 proposals received, 6 have been approved, 2 are subject to further negotiation with the submitting states, and 1 has been deferred for later consideration. The OA EO has notified the relevant states accordingly.

OA also intends to implement a project to facilitate extracting statistical information from Eventor and relieving states of the need to submit such information themselves.

OA intends to request applications for a second round of reports later in 2018.

### **5.3 Governance**

The EO has recently met with ASC and they are pushing an agenda on governance reform. There are a number of areas OA can immediately address, such as a term limit for Directors. Other areas, such as risk management, will require greater effort and will provide a focus for the OA Board and the 2018 Annual Conference. In particular, OA's risk management policies need updating.

### **5.4 Member Protection**

ASC is conducting a national workshop regarding member protection on 26 April 2018 in Sydney. OA can send up to 4 representatives. States interested in sending a representative to Sydney for this workshop should advise the EO.

It is still unclear whether any legislative changes will occur at national and state/territory level in response to the report of the recent Royal Commission.

OV is well advanced in its policies for child protection, due to Victorian law requirements, and has circulated a set of Child Safety Standards within the Victorian orienteering community for comment. The standards detail a range of scenarios, with a focus on 'protection' rather than 'prevention', and working on the basis of reports rather than complaints, as children are reluctant to complain. OV plans to post the document on the OV website.

OA has accepted an offer from Mark Hennessy, current OV President and OHS consultant, to advise on OA risk management policies in the future. The President thanked Mark and requested the other states to update their member protection policies. He reiterated the positive influence leaders in the sport can have on young people.

**Meeting closed 6:04 pm**