

ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4pm, Meeting room 2, Maitland House, 100 Maitland St, Hackett ACT.
Sunday 27 March, 2016.

MINUTES

Attendance: Blair Trewin (OA President), Bruce Bowen (OA Director, Finance), Mike Dowling (OA Director, International), Jenny Casanova (OA Director, Technical), Robert Spry (OA Director and NSW delegate), Lance Read (OA Director, High Performance), John Harding (OA Executive Officer), Greg Barbour (NSW President), Ian Rathbone (OT President), Bruce Arthur (OV President), Carl Dalheim (OV Secretary), Felicity Crosato (OQ President), Tony Bryant (OQ Treasurer), Rob Tucker (OSA President), Erica Diment (OSA Secretary), Robin Uppill (OSA), Geoff Wood (OACT), Toni Brown (OACT), Simon Uppill (OA Athlete Representative), Wendy Read (OQ), John Scown (OACT observer), Ann Scown (OACT observer), Tony Hill (NSW observer), Barbara Hill (NSW observer), Trevor Diment (OSA observer).

Apologies: Paul Prudhoe, Kathy Liley, Craig Feuerherdt.

President's opening remarks

BT first thanked John Scown and Ian Dalton, long standing position holders with Orienteering Australia, who had retired from their positions in recent months.

BT noted:

- The number 1 goal for the sport strategically was increasing participation.
- The 2015 Australian Championships carnival was the largest in many years and the 2016 Easter carnival attendance was also very high.
- Presentations given recently by the ASC Board Chair and CEO highlighted that the ASC's main goals in the participation area were increasing participation and improving governance, with all areas of each National Sporting Organisation working together.
- Eventor was beginning to realise its potential.
- In the High Performance area, a great deal of work has been undertaken in the last 2 years in getting the High Performance pathways in place.

1 MINUTES

1.1 Appointment of verifiers: Robert Spry and Jenny Casanova were appointed.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of the 2015 Annual Conference and General Meeting. It was moved by IR/GB that the minutes of the 2015 Annual Conference and General Meeting be confirmed. The motion was carried. There were no matters arising raised.

2 ANNUAL REPORT

MD was thanked for putting together the report. MD noted that the report was an Interim Report as some minor changes would need to be incorporated to preliminary tables of membership and participation statistics. GB noted that there would be a significant correction supplied for the NSW participation statistics. It was moved by GB/FC that the Interim Annual Report be accepted. The motion was carried.

3 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Presentation of the financial report by the Director, Finance

BB advised that the audited Financial Report for 2015 is found in Appendix 4 of the Interim Annual Report and the Finance section on page 9 summarised the report. In particular it noted a small deficit in 2015 and discussed the 4 point approach adopted by the Board and Conference to addressing the loss of Whole of Sport funding from the ASC.

It was moved by CD/IR that the Financial Report for 2015 be accepted. The motion was carried.

3.2 Budget projections

The budget projections for 2016-2019 were approved by Conference and therefore were for noting only at the AGM.

3.3 Fees, levies and charges for 2017

BB spoke to his paper 'Increase in OA event levies for 2017 and 2018' which had been circulated to all states some weeks earlier.

It was moved by BB/ED that the event levies in 'Table 1. Event levies proposed for 2017 and 2018' be approved. The motion was carried.

Table 1 Event levies for 2017 and 2018

Event category	Events in this category	2017 and 2018 rate*# plus## \$
1a	Australian Long Distance Championships	5.75 (tier 1) 10.00 (tier 2)
1b	Australian Long MTBO Championships	7.65
2	Australian 3-Days **	7.15 (tier 1) 12.40 (tier 2)
3	Australian Middle Distance Championships Australian Sprint Championships	4.00

	<p>Australian Relay Championships</p> <p>Australian Middle MTBO Championships</p> <p>Australian Sprint MTBO Championships</p> <p>Australian Relay MTBO Championships</p> <p>State Long Distance Championships</p> <p>State Long MTBO Championships</p> <p>National League Events</p> <p>All Oceania Championship events</p>	
4	<p>Badge Events</p> <p>State Middle Championships</p> <p>State Sprint Championships</p> <p>State Middle and Sprint MTBO Championships</p> <p>MTBO National Ranking Events</p>	2.70
5	All other events###	0.50

3.4 Funding of Eventor for 2017

BB spoke to his paper 'Proposed change to cost sharing arrangements for recouping the cost of the Eventor annual license fee' which had been circulated to all states some weeks earlier.

Motion by BB/GB that:

Members recommend that the OA Board change the State Associations cost sharing arrangements for the annual license fee for Eventor from 2016; and they now be based on:

- Continuation of the special Eventor levy on all events associated with national carnival events (i.e. \$1 per entrant per day).
- The residual cost shared on the basis of the number of participants that attended category 4 and 5 events over the most recently reported 12 month period, as set out in the Orienteering Australia 6 monthly event levies reports submitted by State Associations.

The motion was carried.

4 CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND OPERATIONAL MANUAL

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed for the 2016 AGM. These were minor amendments to remove redundant wording or duplication, meet ASC guidelines, and bring the Constitution into line with current practice.

1. Removal of redundant reference to Council (clause 6.1)
2. Extension of period when Executive Officer cannot be Board member post-departure from 12 months to 3 years, to meet ASC governance principles (6.2)
3. Removal of redundant transitional provisions from 2014 Board restructuring (11.3)
4. Redefinition of committees as 'standing committees' (the traditional one-person per state committees) or 'select committees' (other groups, often with more specialist roles such as selection or the Eventor Working Group). (6.3, 11.2).
5. Removal of detailed provisions for the Misconduct Appeals Committee, which duplicates material already in the appeals policy (21.8, 21.9, 22). (Retention of the misconduct procedure itself in the Constitution is, I believe, a requirement of the Associations Incorporation Act).

The amended Constitution was in Attachment A to the agenda.

It was moved by GB/TB that the changes to the constitution be approved. Those in favour: 13. Those against: Nil. Motion carried.

5 DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MODEL

There was agreement at the 2015 Annual Conference to develop a draft proposal for a National Membership Model for consideration at the 2016 Conference. A report on preliminary work on this was circulated. There was a lengthy discussion on this, noting:

- Some other sports have gone down this path and achieved significant economies of scale and administrative savings in states by doing so, as well as boosting their capacity to market themselves to national sponsors
- The ASC recommends national membership as a desirable governance improvement but encourages taking time (2 years) to fully consult with stakeholders and obtain agreement on the final model
- In orienteering RS reported that NSW implemented a state membership model and enjoyed strong support from clubs in making the change from varying club memberships to a state membership model
- It was noted that it would be critical for there to be real time accessibility by clubs to their members in the database in order to refresh club contact lists for club communications with their members

There was agreement that further work be done on developing a proposal for discussion at the 2016 Conference. Comments should be forwarded to JH or BT.

6 OA STRATEGIC PLAN

JH advised that it had been planned to produce a 1 to 2 page summary document (similar to those for the NSW and ONZ Strategic Plans) for presentation to the AGM but had run out of time to do so. This would be done and circulated to states for comment after consideration by the OA Board.

7 ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

Board positions due for election at this AGM for 2-year term:

President: Blair Trewin. Nominated by NSW/OQ. Elected.

Director, Finance: Bruce Bowen. Nominated by OACT/OSA. Elected.

Director, Technical: Jenny Casanova. Nominated by OSA. Elected.

Director, Unspecified with responsibility for marketing and development. No nomination received.

Committee appointments:

Chairperson (Mapping Committee): Adrian Uppill. Nominated by OSA/NSW. Elected

Chairperson (Technical Committee): Eric Andrews. Nominated by OQ. Elected.

Chairperson (Events Committee): Greg Hawthorne. Nominated by OT/NSW. Elected.

Chairperson (MTBO Committee): Craig Steffens. Nominated by OQ. Elected.

Chairperson (IT Committee): There was no nomination. There was a general discussion on the need for this committee. MD advised that in this area of IOF activity the IOF used a project based model with goals, terms of reference and a time limit to complete each project. It was agreed that the OA Board consider this approach and how best to advance work needed in this area.

Chairperson (Development & Participation Committee): No nomination. OA Board to appoint a chair.

Misconduct Tribunal. The Constitution requires that 2 persons be appointed by the AGM each year. No nominations were received.

Selection Appeals Committee. It was agreed to find out whether Paul Liggins would be available to continue in this role.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Patron	Vacant. No nomination.
Public Officer	Robert Allison
Badge Scheme Secretary	John Oliver
Schools Liaison Officer	Jane Fuller from SA was nominated but School Sport Australia processes need to be undertaken before endorsement can occur.
Rankings - Elite	Bruce Arthur
Rankings – Non-elite	Darryl Erbacher
Auditor	Christine Reid and Associates Pty Ltd

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Future if the Australian Orienteer

BT noted that the OA Board had been looking at online models and evaluating quality (particularly for maps in an online version) and accessibility (download speeds) while recognising that some orienteers will always prefer or require a printed version. In terms of cost, half the cost of the current print version was a fixed cost which would also apply to an online version.

8.2 2017 fixtures:

It was noted that with NZ hosting the Oceania Championships at Easter, the OA AGM would have to be held in NZ at Easter (at a minimalist level to meet legal requirements – presentation of the Annual Report and election of office bearers) or at a NOL selection weekend in March. Committee meetings might be held over until the Australian Championships carnival, or held at convenient times to the committees themselves earlier in the year. The Australian 3 Days will be at Wagga Wagga on the June long weekend.

8.3 World Orienteering Day

MD recommended that all AGM attendees have a look at the World Orienteering Day website and encouraged states to put on events on that day. The day coincided with Naplan testing this year in Australia; mixed messages had been received about whether this may be a good or a bad thing in attracting school students in Australia to an orienteering event.

8.4 Vote of thanks

TH recommended that the meeting give a vote of thanks to Orienteering Victoria for the organisation of the very successful 2015 Australian Championships and to OACT for the organisation of the 2016 Easter carnival. This recommendation was endorsed.

The meeting closed at 6pm.
John Harding, Minutes Secretary.