

PROVISIONAL MINUTES

8.00pm, ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA BOARD MEETING

3 MAY 2021 (Held by Zoom)

1. Attendance

Jenny Casanova (Technical), Mike Dowling (interim Chair), Bill Jones (at large), Andrew Lumsden (Secretary), Richard Mountstephens (Finance) and Craig Steffens (MTBO).

No apologies.

2. Conflicts of Interest

Mike asked if any director has a conflict of interest. Craig said he has a contract from OA to prepare Controller's curriculum.

Directors should read OA's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and, if applicable, send the Secretary a formal declaration of interests as per Appendix A of the Policy. **All Directors.**

The Conflict of Interest Policy is not in line with the new Constitution and overlaps with the new [Director Code of Conduct](#), so will need to be updated soon. **Andrew** to action.

3. Minutes of the 21 April 2021 Board meeting

Motion: The Minutes of the 30 March and 21 April 2021 Board Meetings be approved.

Moved Bill Jones, Seconded Craig Steffens.

The secretary of a Board meeting will prepare public facing minutes, excluding any confidential sections. Confidential sections will be marked as such in the draft and final minutes circulated to the Board.

The secretary will circulate the draft minutes to Directors for review. Once the Directors all agree to the minutes the secretary will email the minutes to State associations and, from the April 2021 meeting, publish on the OA website.

4. WOC Team selection & other HP matters

The Board supports the selection of the WOC Merit Team that has been named by the selectors. If any of the team is overseas based, they can compete in WOC if they want to. Mike to talk to Fredrik and Tash to discuss logistics, pandemic risks to our competitors and the coach (who is foreign based) and the potential for other foreign based Australian orienteers to compete in WOC.

The Board approved \$3000 for organising the [Junior Development Training Camp](#) in Stanthorpe from Thursday 8 July to Sunday 11 July.

OA supports an Australian Team being selected for the Oceania Championships in 2021. **Richard** to investigate the level and nature of budgetary support to the Oceania and Honour teams.

Mike will discuss reviewing the [NOL Rules and Guidelines](#) with the High Performance Team and Jenny. Andrew noted that the NOL scoring system encourages good 18A's to run 20E.

Mike to ask Brodie to submit the coaching framework and syllabus to the Board. [**Andrew** is following up with Paul Prudhoe and Wendy Read, who are reviewing the documents.]

The Turkish Orienteering Federation has postponed the Junior World Orienteering Championships to September 5 – 10 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board notes this is unlikely to result in Australia sending a team to JWOC.

5. Board Operational Procedures

Where necessary, the Board will continue to make urgent decisions by email voting. These decisions will be ratified at the subsequent Board meeting. The Board noted that significant sections of the Management and Administration section of OA's Operational Manual have not been reviewed for some time. **Andrew** to identify about what needs to be done and when.

6. Finance delegations

Expenditure for approval:

- The small fee to advertise the General Manager (Executive Officer) role on [Sportspeople](#). Approved.
- A (forward thinking) request from Orienteering Tasmania to prepurchase Australian Schools Championships medals for the next 3 years. OA has bought medals since Sporting Schools Australia left the scene. OT will buy on behalf of OA. **Richard** to check if there is any cost recovery.
- The \$10K budget for website upgrade project. The Board agreed this can proceed; **Craig** to discuss the scope and plans with the Board.

Overall budget to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Andrew and **Richard** to discuss event levies and State Registration fees.

7. 2021 David Hogg Medal

No eligible nominations were received for the 2021 David Hogg Medal for Services to Event Management. A number of unsuccessful nominations for the Silva Award for Services to Orienteering would be worthy winners of the David Hogg Medal. **Andrew** to ask relevant States if they are willing to nominate their unsuccessful candidate for the David Hogg award.

8. Meeting dates

The Board plans to meet on first Monday of each month. The Secretary will call for agenda items two weeks before the meeting. Papers for discussion should be submitted a week before the meeting. The Agenda and all papers should be sent to Directors no later than two days before the meeting.

9. Other portfolio matters

A summary of the most important decisions.

- OA's Twitter account to be closed. The account- stopped working in January 2020, is time intensive to manage and there is doubt about Twitter's effectiveness in marketing sport. **Andrew** to arrange.

10. Correspondence (for information)

OA informed the Australian Olympic Committee that it has no senior or junior international events planned for 2021. The AOC asked for this information in relation to Brisbane's bid for the 2032 Olympic Games. As orienteering is not an Olympic sport, we do not need to formally undertake to fully support the bid.

11. World Orienteering Day

In 2021, between the dates May 19th and May 25th and September 8th and September 14th, any activity held can be registered as a World Orienteering Day event. OA encourages **States and clubs** to hold as many events as possible between 8 and 14 September as [World Orienteering Day](#) events.

The Board suggested to Mike, in his IOF role, that it's really a World Orienteering Week.

12. Other business

The Board noted the Human Rights Commission's [report on gymnastics in Australia](#). This was released earlier in the day. The Commission "identifies systemic issues affecting athlete experience and wellbeing across the sport, particularly regarding the nature and impact of misconduct, bullying, abuse, harassment and assault on athletes", especially girls and young women. The Board encourages respect and proper conduct among the orienteering community. Orienteers need to be conscious of young people's integrity and safety and wellbeing. **Andrew** will write to State Boards and to State Member Protection Information Officers to see if there are areas where orienteering in Australian needs to improve.

Craig noted that new SI units for MTBO, with greater contactless punching range, are on their way to Australia (NSW, Qld).

13. Next meeting

8.00pm, Monday 7 June (AEST)

Meeting closed at 10.04pm.