

Top End Orienteers Inc



Annual General Meeting Minutes

26 April 2009

1. Apologies:

David Rolland, Patricia Gamble, Lachlan Hallett, Susanne Casanova, Russell Willis, Lynda Prior and Jon Potter.

Present:

Audrey Hill, Simon Saunders, Susi Bertei, Trevor Paynter, Ben Saunders, Adam Liedloff, Mani Berghout, Marj King, Wolfgang Meike, Ted Mumme, Chris Gamble, Julianne Giffard, Jeremy Watson and Steve Wheelhouse.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM of 18 March 2008 could not be located. There was a motion to continue the AGM without the minutes and that the new committee would attempt to locate the minutes and publish them on the Clubs website. Moved by Audrey Hill, Seconded by Chris Gamble. Carried.

ACTION: New Committee

3. President's Report

Audrey Hill's TEO President's Report for 2008/09 is at attachment 1. Moved by Susi Bertei, Seconded by Simon Saunders. Carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

As tabled (See attached).

ACTION: Noted

5. Nomination of Officer Bearers

All positions were declared vacant.

a). President – Chris Gamble (Committee)

Initially no one nominated for President. Upon determination of the other officer bearers and committee members, the meeting returned to the vacant Presidents position. Chris Gamble offered himself, after a reasonable spell of silence as a candidate for President on the basis of his experience in two Vice-President officer bearer positions at other clubs in the Northern Territory. Chris was seconded by Ted Mumme and was elected. **ACTION: Noted**

b). Secretary – Steve Wheelhouse (Committee)

Steve wheelhouse was nominated for Secretary by Susi Bertei and seconded by Marj King. Steve was elected. **ACTION: Noted**

c. Treasurer – Simon Saunders (Committee)

Simon Saunders was nominated for Treasurer by Susi Bertei and seconded by Wolfgang Meike. Simon was elected for a second term. **ACTION: Noted**

d). General Committee Members / Club Roles.

e). Equipment Officer – Trevor Paynter (Non Committee position)

Trevor Paynter was nominated for Equipment Officer by Audrey Hill. Trevor was elected for a second term. **ACTION: Noted**

f). Fundraising Coordinator – Chris Gamble (Committee role)

Chris Gamble nominated himself for Fundraising Coordinator and was seconded by Mani Berghout. Chris was elected. **ACTION: Noted**

g). Catering Officer – Julianne Giffard – (Committee Member)

Julianne Giffard nominated herself for Catering Coordinator and was seconded by Susie Bertei. Julianne was elected. Julianne had been Catering Officer for the last few months. **ACTION: Noted**

h). Results Officer – Adam Liedloff – (Non Committee role)

Adam Leidloff nominated himself for Results Officer and was elected. Adam has been in the role of Results Officer for some months previously. **ACTION: Noted**

i). Newsletter Editor – Julianne Giffard – (Committee role)

Julianne Giffard nominated herself for Newsletter Editor and was seconded by Chris Gamble. Julianne was elected and Susi Bertei offered to assist Julianne. **ACTION: Noted**

j). Website Administrator – Ben Saunders – (Non Committee role)

Ben Saunders nominated himself for Website Administrator and was seconded by Steve Wheelhouse. Ben was elected for a further term. **ACTION: Noted**

k). Mapping Officer – Vacant – (Non Committee role)

No nominations were received. The Committee is to approach Lachlan Hallett to take on the role. **ACTION: Committee**

l). Publicity Officer – Susi Bertei – (Committee Member)

Susi Bertei self nominated for Publicity Officer and was elected. Wolfgang Meike offered to assist. **ACTION: Noted**

m). Coaching Coordinator – Vacant

No nominations were received. Committee to approach Susanne Casanova.

ACTION: Committee

n) Volunteer Coordinator – Vacant

No nominations were received. The Committee is to approach Glead Family.

ACTION: Committee

6. Appointment of Auditor

Simon Saunders nominated that Patricia Butler to continue on as Auditor.

Patricia was re-appointed as Auditor. **ACTION: Noted**

7. Appointment of Public Officer.

Steve Wheelhouse nominated himself for Public Officer and was elected for a second term. **ACTION: Noted**

8. Fees for 2010

Simon Saunders presented a break down the fees paid by members. Fee increases were discussed. It was decided to increase TEO full family fee to \$65.00 and full individual fee to \$50.00 with the full junior fee and other fees to remain unchanged for 2010. Moved by Susi Bertei and seconded by Julianne Giffard, Carried. **ACTION: Noted**

9. Other Business

9.1 Points Structure

Discussion around the point's structure for 2010 for individuals and groups to get a sense of AGM's views. It was agreed for the Points Sub-committee is to put point's options before Club members for feedback. **ACTION: Sub Committee**

9.2 Promotion of Events

Chris discussed members promoting events where they can i.e. at work places and public notice boards. Other members advised that they already promote events at their work place and via websites. All agreed to support this notion.

ACTION: All members

9.3 Event Fee Discussion

There was discussion around event fees. The Committee will look further at this issue. **ACTION: Committee**

9.4 NTG Sports Proposal

Discussion around putting a proposal about Orienteering through a “Summer Series” of events or Corporate Cup event or NT Schools to the NT Government.

ACTION: Committee

9.5 Arafura Harbor

It was discussed that any such development would cause the Club problems with the need to re-map and possibly lose locations to conduct events in the East Point area. It was agreed that the Committee should put a submission up regarding the development should the opportunity arise. **ACTION: Committee**

Meeting Closed at 1:19 pm.

TEO Presidents Report – Audrey Hill

TEO is at a pivotal point in the provision and development of orienteering in the Territory. A balance between the capacity building of TEO's members and the development of the sport in the Territory is required. The in-coming Committee needs to assess what the sustainable capacity of the Club is when setting the direction of TEO's activities. It has been another busy year for TEO and the support of many volunteers has made each of the Clubs' success possible. For such a small Committee, a lot gets achieved including the purchase of new resources through grants, the review of a number of administration aspects of the sport, as well as, the Inaugural Schools Championships taking place. It was my intention to sit for two years as a President unfortunately; I am unable to continue in this position for reasons related to family, study and health. I wish the new Committee every success in maintaining and developing the Orienteering and give grateful thanks to members of the outgoing Committee for their contribution to TEO.

What's New

Da Flag, Da Flag

Much to Jon Potter's (JP's) delight and persistence, TEO has a very spiff and portable flag that has received complements of fellow competitors at the Easter Orienteering event.

Shirts

At the end of 2008 the TEO arranged for a new run of shirt and bucket hat printing. This was largely due to the investigations and dedication of Christine Marron. Both of these items are available for purchase.

Event Co-ordination/Point System

We now have an Organiser and a Course Planner instead of an Organiser and an Assistant. The new roles mean that the Course Planner does just that and the Organiser vets the courses as well as organising the volunteers, permits, equipment, etc., etc., required for an event. To reflect the changes in responsibilities, 100 points are now allocated to each role.

Resources

As a result of grants applied for by the previous and present committees, as well as Susi Bertei utilising her networking skills, TEO has a start clock and a time printer, and thanks to Steve Wheelhouse's investigations there is now a 6m x 3m shade structure. TEO will probably need to invest in up grading the current trailer to facilitate transporting all of the equipment. The mapping that took place during 2008 has extending out print based resources.

What's Under Review

Results Database and Website

Fortunately, Adam Liedloff has taken over the results management. It was one task that required a profound knowledge of Access Database construction which I lacked. Thanks Adam. As a result of taking on this role, Adam has been redesigning a database that suits TEO needs and is compatible with level of computer literacy of our members. Together with this, Adam is exploring a web-based system so that it can be easily accessed and updated by a number of individuals, depending on security level, and then the various reports can be generated for one co-ordinated point. Adam is currently performing test-runs on parts of the new system with the view to commencing its operation in the 2010 event calendar. Another possible result of the work that Adam has commenced is a new website and that is for the next Committee to continue revision of.

Competition Category

Club or OY or some other category of competition? It was noted while creating the awards for the presentation night that the current categories for competing may not accurately reflect the motives for competition. So, this is under review. It maybe that new categories will be created such as Social and OY, some other categorisation maybe created or our current groupings may remain. This review is ongoing and the results of it would need to be implemented at the beginning of a competition year. Perhaps the Competition Year might also change to reflect the Membership Year?

Fees Payable

OA and OASA increase the fees payable annually. TEO has not had a fee increase for a number of years and it is now time for our fee schedule to be revised and increased so that we cover our obligations.

Sport Development

Youth – Inaugural School Championship

Susi Bertei continues to put substantial time and effort into pursuing endorsement and support from NT School Sport. Receiving such would allow junior competitors such as her son Kelly Bertei, national age-ranked number two, to compete in national school championship competitions. It achieve at least endorsement status with NT School Sport, evidence that Orienteering is being developed at schools level is required; for example, training of regional students followed by inter-regional competition. A minimum of four regions need to be represented by a sport at school level in order to receive support from NT School Sport. Examples of regions are Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Gove, Alice etc.. This is a huge undertaking by Susi and the Inaugural Schools Championship that was held at Holmes Jungle last August was another step towards her goals.

Through teaching Orienteering in schools over time, Susi has generated sufficient interest in the sport to warrant the Inaugural School event. This in itself was an outstanding achievement and has planted the seed in many that will allow orienteering to grow in the future. Congratulations go to Susi for reaching this important milestone of her journey.

Members – NT Championship

JP is very passionate about a number of his pursuits of which mapping and the NT Championship are two. For the majority of 2008 JP vetted the courses that were set for the club's regular event as well as organising the annual Litchfield Weekend and co-ordinating mapping for the NT Championship that is being held in July of this year. This year the vetting of courses has been allocated to the Organiser role of an event and this has alleviated some task and time pressures on JP, thus allowing him to concentrate more on the NT Championship. This event allows our members to experience the sport at a higher level of competition without the need to travel interstate. Thanks to JP for his colossal contribution to ensuring that events could happen and for creating a higher level of competition for our members.

Training

TEO was fortunate to have a professional presentation at the recent Course Setting Workshop by Susanne Casanova and Lachlan Hallett. Each of these presenters stimulated those present to call on their own knowledge and presented different perspectives of course setting. Hopefully, Susanne and Lachlan will be willing and able to present future courses. A Level 1 Controller workshop is on the event calendar for later in the year. Such training is an essential component of the development of the sport in the Territory and TEO. Expanding the experience and qualifications of our members allows the work and responsibility of running events to be more evenly distributed. This needs to be an area of active development in the future so that orienteering can have a healthy future in the Top End.

Thanks to all who contribute to orienteering in the Top End. You make this sport what it is.

Audrey Hill TEO President 2008/09