

Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc

Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2009

Meeting Opened: 4.10 pm

Members Present:

Paul Connor, Greg Anderson, Geoff, Debbie & Dyllan Harmer, Barry Field, Neil Richardson, Giles Richardson, Mike Hart, Steve Meehan, Jackie Handley, Bob Scouten, Leon, Jackie and Aislinn Kildea, Nick Fennessy, Irene Dunne, Toscha Stopar, Mark Raymond, Kim Browning, Grant, Emma, Timothy & Jeremy Flanagan, Toni Hulme, Angela Cigana, Neil Burbidge, John Porter, Cameron Morton.

Apologies:

Paul & Lyn Cullen, Filip Likar. Robert Dunn, Robert & Andrew Chaffe, Rachel McKay, Sam Drummond., Peter Raymond, Satya Tanner, Gary Lewis, Colin Young, Alan Hope, Ian Waller, Greg Paul

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As tabled and taken as read

Moved: Mark Raymond 2nd. Geoff Harmer

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Proxy vote form's received from: - Ian Waller, Nick Larsen, Greg Paul, Colin Young, Rachel McKay, Selina Morton, Alan Hope, David Cigana, Bob Cranage, Greg Glanville, Nick & Alex Almoukov, Paul & Lynn Cullen, Robert Dunn, Nick Larsen, Sam Drummond.

Nominations: Supported and received prior to AGM;

President - Greg Anderson

Vice President - Bob Scouten,

Executive Officer - Paul Connor

Treasurer - Nick Fennessy

Treasurer - Angela Cigana.

Committee Member - Geoff Harmer

Committee Member - John Porter

Presentation of reports:

President- Greg Anderson

Executive Officer- Paul Connor

Treasurer- Nick Fennessy

Reports accepted as presented

2009 Presidents Report Moved 1 Neil Richardson, 2nd Mark Raymond

2009 Executive Officers Report Moved 1, 2nd Steve Meehan

2009 Audited Treasurers Report Moved 1 Toscha Stopar, 2nd Barry Field

Treasurer's report to be accepted as prepared and presented, moved - Paul Connor,
seconded - Jackie Handley

Election of 2009-10 Committee

The control of the meeting was then handed over to Toscha Stopar. Toscha Stopar moved a vote of thanks for the outgoing committee and work done over the past twelve months.

Seconded: Neil Richardson.

All positions were declared vacant and nominations called for from the floor. Results of nominations from the floor are outlined below:

President

Greg Anderson, Nominated by, Steve Meehan
Seconded by, Neil Richardson. **Appointed**

Vice President

Bob Schouten Nominated by, Mike Hart
Seconded, Steve Meehan **Appointed**

Executive Officer

Paul Connor Nominated by, Diana Stuart
Seconded, Geoff Harmer **Appointed**

Treasurer - (as determined by secret ballot)

Nick Fennessy Nominated by Toscha Stopar
Seconded, Barry Field **Appointed**

Council Members.

Geoff Harmer Nominated by, Neil Richardson
Seconded, Irene Dunn. **Appointed**

John Porter Nominated by, Angela Cigana
Seconded, Toni Hulme **Appointed**

All executive board members having been duly elected were welcomed onto the committee for the ensuing year.

Expressions of Interest were called for in the following non-voting positions. Results of nominations from the floor are outlined below:

Race Secretary	Debbie Harmer
Equipment Officer	Peter Raymond
Athlete Representative	Nil appointed
Web Site Design & Management	Greg Anderson/Nick Larsen
National Coaching Co-ordinator	Paul Connor

General Business

Due to time constraints some matters were deferred to sub committees. Responses are in italics;

Improvement of facilities at the Hotham Range

No quick solution and a lengthy process to be undertaken by consultation with Hotham Resort Management Board. VP Bob Scouten to make initial contact with HARMB representatives to raise matter again.

Development of Juniors, media promotion and marketing

Not discussed at any length and to be further discussed by new committee members

2010 race calendar

Deferred to Race sub-committee to present ideas to full committee Jackie Handley to also present 2010 Cadet Corp Championships dates for Hotham.

Possible equipment usage by NSW members

As mentioned in Scopes and stands Issue. NSW also seeking access to more target systems. Currently no spare targets systems are available as the Military own any old ones removed from Hotham. NSW to source getting some made.

Pre-race registration & course familiarization – EG: 8am-8.45am

Deferred to Race sub committee to present ideas to full committee

Compulsory membership duties – race day, demonstrations, work parties.

Deferred to Race Sub Committee to prepare draft idea and present to Full committee. Tony Hulme brought in idea of the POD system (Parents on Duty) which runs in NSWXC

Walky-talkies

Suggest total quantity 6 units. Barry Field and Greg Anderson to explore Motorola units as B.F can obtain discount on same until end of October 2009.

Scopes & stands

Toni Hulme to seek funding through NSW agencies for funding of same for NSW. Currently ABA has one scope for use at Hotham with funding submissions made for a further 3. A number of athletes and coaches also use their personal scopes. This is encouraged to avoid congestion on the coaching mound.

Duty of care policy for Team managers/chaperones

Main committee to review current policy in line with working with children checks applicable to each State that participants come from.

Spotting boards – more required

Can be made by someone. No commercial seller in Australia exists. Email to go out to members who may have ability to produce them. Some already made by PC and not expensive yet more needed.

Range officials – procedures and assigned jobs at start of each race.

Assign race committee. Deferred to Race sub-committee and main committee. Framework of job descriptions already exists within Range official's handbook and is to be reviewed.

Range spotters

Greg Anderson seeks to have more people at the vents trained in competency of simply displaying the sighting board to athletes on race day with minimal requirement to give actual feedback to the athlete who ought to be able to read the board and make self adjustments and also free-up coaches to give more hands-on guidance at range level.

Rules of conduct for team managers/chaperones/coaches

As discussed and deferred from point above

Lines of communication

Protocols to be further identified and published by the Committee

ABA links on reciprocal web sites – EG: NSW Snow sports,

ABA link is not there and needs to be addressed. Committee to discuss and approach identified websites

Race age groupings change - as flagged at the Nationals

Deferred for Committee to discuss with Race sub committee

Meeting closed: 6.00pm

Immediately following the meeting closure was the presentation of 2009 Race Trophies undertaken informally in pre-dinner area of venue. For full Trophy Summary please see ABA Website.