

Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc

Minutes 2008

Meeting Opened: 6.35pm

Members Present:

Paul Connor, Greg Anderson, Geoff, Debbie & Dyllan Harmer, Barry Field, Alan Hope, Neil Richardson, Giles Richardson, Nick Larsen, Mike Hart, Steve Meehan, Jackie Handley,

Apologies: Leon, Jackie and Aislinn Kildea, Mike Hart, Neil Burbidge. Paul & Lyn Cullen, Filip Likar. Robert & Irene Dunn, Bob Cranage, Mark Raymond, Peter Raymond, Toscha Stopar, Bob Scouten, Robert & Andrew Chaffe, Rachel McKay, Sam Drummond., Terry Prudden, Diana Stuart. Nick Fennessy

Minutes of the 2007 AGM

As tabled and read

Moved: Geoff Harmer 2nd. Greg Anderson

Correspondence:

Proxy vote form's received from,
Toscha Stopar

Nominations supported and received prior to AGM–
Vice President- Bob Scouten,
Committee Member- Geoff Harmer

Other – Nil

Reports:

Executive Officer
President
Treasurer

Paul Connor presented the 2008 Executive Officers report
Greg Anderson presented his 2008 Presidents report.

Paul Connor presented the Audited Treasurers report in the absence of Nick Fennessy.

Treasurers report to be accepted as prepared and presented,
Moved - Paul Connor, Seconded-Jackie Handley

General Business: Due to time constraints of some members present, Further discussion of Laser Biathlon development and other proactive ideas for development deferred until informal discussion, post AGM

Election of 2008-09 Committee

The control of the meeting was then handed over to Mike Hart.

Mike Hart 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.

The results of nominations from the floor is outlined below

President

Greg Anderson, Nominated by, Paul Connor.
Seconded by, Nick Larsen **Appointed**

Executive Officer

Paul Connor, Nominated by, Toscha Stopar
Seconded, Nick Larsen **Appointed.**

These positions were duly filled.

Nominations for the remaining positions were called for from the floor

Vice President:

Bob Schouten Nominated by, Paul Connor
Seconded, Jackie Handley **Appointed**

Treasurer:

Nick Fennessy, Nominated by Paul Connor
Seconded, Jackie Handley **Appointed**

Council Members.

Geoff Harmer, Nominated by, Debbie Harmer,
Seconded, Toscha Stopar. **Appointed**

Filip Likar, Nominated by, Paul Connor
Seconded, Greg Anderson. **Appointed**

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

Expressions of Interest were called for in the following non-voting positions.

The results of Nominations from the floor are outlined below.

Race Secretary	Allan Hope
Equipment Officer	Peter Raymond
Athlete Representative	Mark Raymond

National Coaching Co-ordinator. Paul Connor

Other Business.

Neil Richardson presented a dual award to Toscha Stopar and Paul Connor in recognition of services to the ABA and ‘making a permanent mark’ The award took the shape of a Geodetic Survey marker which is a common yet permanent mark found on high points through the country. Paul accepted the award on behalf of himself and Toscha and will find a place to hang it at home.

Presentation of Trophies were made to available recipients with further recognition made of recipients unable to make it for actual presentations.

Results of Trophies for 2008 as listed below.

2008 Australian/Victorian Biathlon Competition results summary for Trophy presentations.

Victorian Sprint event

Mens Open– Sam Drummond

Womens Open – Lyn Marie Cullen

Womens Junior- Aislinn Kildea

Mens Junior – Dyllan Harmer

Victorian Distance event

Mens Open- Mark Raymond

Womens Open- Lyn Marie Cullen

Junior Womens- Aislinn Kildea

Junior Mens – Dyllan Harmer

Australian Sprint event

Mens Open – Mark Raymond

Womens Open – Irene Dunn

Junior Women - Aislinn Kildea

Junior Mens- Dyllan Harmer

Australian Distance event

Mens A – Mark Raymond

Womens A – Irene Dunn

Junior Womens- Aislinn Kildea

Junior Mens - Dyllan Harmer

Meeting closed: 7.45pm

Following the formal part of the meeting, discussion ensued over Laser Biathlon & Summer Biathlon development, our membership base and future areas of growth potential.

Identified points of interest were

- Summer Biathlon at WSB going well with a regular core group attending and new ones showing interest.
- Events such as the 'come and try days' hosted by the Lord Majors Charitable Foundation are integral to getting our sport out there and creating a larger identity for our sport.
- As funding permits we need to get more advertising of the sport with things such as stickers, lapel pins, badges etc.
- The recently acquired Biathlon Banners are ideal for public displays when we are showcasing the sport.
- More effort to try and be made with laser development through areas such as Private schools and use of the systems on their premises during off season periods. It was identified that human resources are spread thin during winter to run both laser activities at Lake Mtn and traditional biathlon at Hotham.
- The possibility of establishing a trophy event for a race using laser systems to be scoped at Lake Mtn on the back of a Mini Series/Interschool event. The use of the systems in off season would give schools the grounding to take part in a snow event. Barry F to scope more on ideas for this.
- Cadet Corp activities are still moving along in development with more work still be done in having Cadet Corp personnel compete as individuals in normal ABA activities aside from Cadet Corp events
- Through PC, Leon Kildea expressed his desire to assist on a sub committee for Junior development, this was welcomed and will be picked up further by Geoff H.
- PC and NF to ratify membership list and look at actual financial /active members as opposed to non active members. This is in a bid to have membership truly reflect the strength of the sport and possibly cut down cost we pay for Public Liability cover etc. Furthermore majority of members present agreed membership should be increased for the next Financial year (ie July 2009)
- Race entry costs to also be reviewed to cover trophy costs/medal presentations/awards etc.
- In a bid to have a higher attendance of members at the 2009 AGM it was mooted to hold it mid August on a Saturday afternoon at Hotham following one of our national races.