

## ***Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club***

### ***Minutes of Annual General Meeting 25 November 2007***

#### **Present**

Ron Frederick (chair), Laurie Niven, Rex Niven (minutes), Rob Fell, Don Fell, Fiona Shaw, Sue Healy, Rob Edmonds, Marion Johnson, Bill Johnson, Kevin Maloney, Peter Maloney, Peter Mallen, Dave Mallen

**Apologies:** Geoff Hudson, Ian Stirling, Glenn Collins, Phil Giddings, Joyce Rowlands, Helen Edmonds, Dorothy Adrian, Robyn Sunderland

#### **Documents Tabled**

Presidents Report, Treasurers report, Equipment report, Bush and MBTO Report

**Minutes of last AGM** accepted [SH/RE]

#### **Matters Arising**

The finance report from 2006 was completed and submitted to Corporate Affairs

**Presidents Report** reproduced below. The president's thanks go to course setters and organizers and members of the committee. A highlight was winning the Rockhopper trophy.

**Treasurers Report** accepted [SH/LN]

In brief (at September 2007): income of \$26 K, with a surplus of \$6K.

Bush events appear to have made a loss (\$800) during the year, but this does not take into the big surge from Easter 2006 (\$11000). Non-bush events including MTBO contributed around \$6000. Major expenses were event organization (\$10600), mapping for 2009 and clothing stock. The club has reserves in term deposit of nearly \$50000.

#### **Newsletter Report**

A number of newsletters have been produced, but only email recipients have been receiving them. Newsletters have not been available at the NE info stand at events. Distribution at Street-O may be useful. Maybe a volunteer could take care of the "snail-mail" population. GH is ready to continue to edit and assemble the newsletter but cannot attend every meet. It would be helpful for a team of reporters to file their copy after each event.

#### **Equipment**

The equipment is in reasonable shape, although a working bee early in 2008 would be useful. The white "Camelot" tent(s) appear to have only 3 walls each, meaning they cannot be erected individually. It was resolved to obtain extra walls.

It was suggested to provide a means to view lap top screens more effectively with some kind of hood or screen (IS, RN?)

It was also resolved to obtain a digital beeping clock. Currently there is an opportunity to apply for funds for equipment, we should apply to buy hire compasses and first aid. The committee has previously resolved to buy two licenses for OCAD 8.

It was noted that no club should be expected to supply all gear for a major event by themselves, and some sharing of resources should be expected. A case in point is the SI kit, which has become run-down. The enthusiasm of its initial champions is evaporating, leaving less experienced users to muddle along. Specifically, the lap top batteries, deep-discharge battery, results printer, control programmer, and USB hub have had problems.

### **Social**

We hope to reinstate Christmas in July. Joyce suggests a new convenor may have more ideas.

### **Membership**

We have 181 members on our list, of which 110 are paid up. Many people join at StreetO, but these do not often “progress” through to Bush or MTBO. Some suggestions to achieve this are:

- Gentle initiation in a safe bush setting like Toorrouorong or Studley Park
- Individual invitations to encourage attendance
- A buddy system to match a new person with an old hand
- Introduction to compass use
- Encouragement for a family to invite another family to an O day
- Family Day, possibly using a permanent course
- Preference for neophytes to run in group, rather than go solo too soon
- Coaching day (a la Ruth Goddard)
- METRO events (Sunday events near the city)

### **Bush / MTBO Events 2008**

There are several events to be organized at a range of levels:

Summer Series MTBO (Hurstbridge and YouYangs)

State League at GlenLuce

MTBO Champs

Sunday Special Toorrouorong

MAXI at St Georges Lake

Night Event / Score

### **Subscription**

Maintained at \$5 per household. This can be kept low as newsletter print costs are now negligible.

### **Publicity**

Phil Giddings organized a good article in the Diamond Valley Leader around the Toorrouorong event. The VICNEWS page could be used to greater effect.

## **Badges**

Four juniors won badges during the year; the club will buy these. Others buy their own!

## **Vin Maloney Trophy**

The Vin Maloney trophy was won by Dave Mallen, ahead of Rob Fell and Joyce

The most-improved female was Joyce, ahead of Marion Johnson and Schon Hudson

The most-improved male was Dave Mallen, ahead of Rob Edmonds and Peter Mallen

## **Clothing**

A lot of new stock has been purchased; it would be useful to have a club member who would take on sales at events. A non-competing spouse would be ideal.

## **Offices 2008**

As no officers resigned, and no new names came forward, the previous committee (including the Public Officer) were re-elected unanimously. Club meetings will continue to be held on Tuesday night, at the secretary's office.

## **Miscellany**

A random list of items:

'The Club name includes the word Nillumbik, which deters new members in (eg) western suburbs. A new name could be considered, at least at a Street O level.' Some (older) members wish to retain the original name.

Street O now has a good number of people able and willing to set courses.

The value of current stock, notably printed maps, especially considering changing technology (OCAD, digital printing...) was discussed without resolution.

A recent event successfully used a data projector on a tent wall as a results display. This was instantaneously updated and easy to view.

The constitution is not currently available except by photocopy, the secretary will put it into a WORD document.

## **Social**

Two events (Da Vinci film night and Beauty and Beast??) were held this year, maybe more next year. A bike ride along a trail (Colac?) was suggested.

## **Membership**

Geoff reports 74 families including 148 members this year. Given that many of these are Street-O enthusiasts, and especially newer members, it might be better to have the AGM within the city in future (suggestion: Currawong Park in Reynolds Rd Warrandyte). It was noted that the attendance at this AGM were entirely gnarled and wizened bush-O people.

## **Bush and Mountain Bike Report** accepted [JR. RN]

The club was responsible for running many events, including a StateSeries, Easter Day One, a Maxi, club events and 7 MBTO. Although not a VOA event, club members also put on the Teachers Games orienteering.

Next year we have the Victorian Middle-Distance Champs, a badge event, and a MBTO/foot “combo”.

## **Equipment**

Although there is no formal report, all the equipment is currently in good order. JR queries whether the water containers need disinfecting after years of use. It was suggested to hold an equipment working-bee / social event / general meeting. JR asks whether we need an improved First Aid Kit. This will be discussed at committee level. RE noted how much our organizers’ task was made easier by Bill’s efficient preparation before and unpacking of the trailer afterwards. Bill and Erica Johnson were thanked for their work looking after equipment and housing the trailer.

## **Club Subscription**

Remains the same at \$5.

## **Rockhopper Trophy**

The club again won this trophy by a significant margin, helped in particular by our juniors and more senior members.

## **Vin Maloney trophy**

Winner for 2006 Sue Healy. Sue says her age handicap is her secret weapon.

Most improved (M) Geoff Armstrong

Most improved (F) Laurie Niven

## **Presidents Award**

Deferred until the president makes it (Mill Grove?).

## **Officers**

Committee is unchanged for 2006. However, new committee members are welcome.

Glenn Collins remains Public Officer.

# **NILLUMBIK EMUS O CLUB**

## **President's Report – 2006**

**Firstly**, my apologies for being unable to attend the AGM, but my second son Bruce, who was a MU MC and EMU family member is getting married today.

**Secondly**, congratulations to all NEV members for the Club again comfortably retaining the Rockhopper Trophy.

**Thirdly**, a big thank you to all Committee members and Club members who helped our Club to continue to be the leading Club in Victoria, over the last twelve (12) months. I will not name you individually because there is always the danger of leaving someone out.

From the President's point of view, the following highlights of the year should be recorded:

- Successful Easter Bush Carnival, both from a participant's point of view and the way our Club put on Day 1.
- Street O/Park O seems to be the best way of attracting newcomers to the sport. Again, a few NEV Club members have been very active in organizing this side of O. We must continue to make newcomers welcome and get them involved e.g. setting Street O events, picking up controls, etc.
- We have a small dedicated band of Mountain Bike Orienteers. The occasional recreational bush ride/rail trail ride may attract a few more.

Compliments of the Season to all and I look forward to seeing you in blue green and white soon.

Regards,

Ron Frederick – President