

Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Sunday 4 December 2016

Present

Ron Frederick [RF] (chair), Rob Edmonds [RE], Laurie Niven [LN], Joyce Rowlands [JR], Lauris Stirling [LS], Ian Stirling [IS], Geoff Hudson [GH], Schon Hudson [SH], Ian Parry [IP], Sue Healy [SueH], Phil Giddings [PG], Don Fell [DF], Dorothy Adrian [DA]

Apologies

Rex Niven, Helen Edmonds, Barry Moore, David Stillwell, Helen Schofield, Alan Watts, Fiona Fell

Acknowledgment of traditional owners read

Minutes Last Annual General Meeting

Minutes Annual General Meeting 2015 were accepted unanimously [IS/GH]
Business arising covered already by Agenda

President's Report - appended below

Finance

Treasurer's Report 1/10/15-30/9/16 – hard copy circulated at meeting
Items provoking discussion were:

- Aus Relays and Vic Mid Distance Champs – good income
- Operating loss caused primarily by SI purchase
 - o SI equipment, laptops, printers - all will be cable-free [GH]

Report accepted [SH/LS]

Agreed: that we forward our financial statement to the OV treasurer. **Action GH, SH**

Equipment

Trailer has been rewired – many thanks RE

Agreed that committee should look to

- replacing the two simple pop-up shelters (now becoming worse for wear) with lighter ones in club colours **Action GH**
- reinstalling shed lighting
- calling in a maintenance man to fix the shed door opening rod system

Park Street

- Coordinators GH (E, N, S series) and DF (W series) reported all course setting slots for the summer now filled. Thanks noted for their efforts this year.

Membership

Hard copy of report circulated. Noted that

- NE membership climbing nicely
- Motion of thanks to RE for all his work on OV and NE membership

Subscriptions 2017

- OV 2017 will be charging \$5pp for the OA magazine (digital or hard copy)
- Motion for 2017 NE membership to be:
 - o \$0 for those also joining OV, but
 - o \$5 for adults / \$1 for juniorsif not joining OV or joining NE as a second club [GH/LN] – Carried.

Events 2016

- NE organised 31 events during 2016, plus the scout series
- Some irksome issues at two MelBush :
 - o June (Yarra Bend) had to move start window to accommodate a Parks Vic double booking with a trail run – 2017 booking system being reviewed
 - o August (Diamond Ck) rego issues – hopefully our own tablets/hardware will prevent recurrence, but paper back up should become routine [RE]

Events 2017

- RE circulated list of proposed events (note: add 2 April state series)
- LN now handling Parks Vic permits centrally for OV events
- Council / DELWP permit applications still the club organisers' responsibility
- We need to extend our course setter list
- Black Hill may not be available 2017 - fire recovery slow

Events 2018 +

- Clifford Park deal being negotiated – GH
- Hopefully Black Hill will become available

Awards

Congratulations to these winners

Vin Maloney Trophy – Helen Edmonds (trophy thereby retained)

* **Most Improved Female** – Janelle Templeton

* **Most Improved Male** – Alan Watts

* special presentations to be organised at a summer street O event **Action GH**

Elections - Committee 2017

Incumbent committee re-elected unanimously and unchanged. [GH/SueH]

Discussion – how to attract need a new, regular orienteer to join the committee

- Agreed important to have a job to do – committee to prepare a list of jobs, then approach club members who would enjoy those tasks

Meeting opened: 1:30 pm

Formal close: 3:00 pm

Guest speakers

Two very interesting and entertaining presentations of 'pilgrim' journeys on the Camino earlier this year:

- **Ian Parry** walking from Le Puy in the Massif Centrale, France, and
- **Geoff Hudson** cycling from ... Paris – down the western coast of France

to Santiago de Compostela in Spain

Laurie Niven

(as stand-in for Rex)

President's Report 2015-16 [RF]

Another very good year for the Club.

Highlights, not necessarily in order of importance, included:

- Purchase of NE 's own set of SI controls
- Successful running of Vic Middle Distance Champs at Borhoney Ghurk
- Enjoyable Maxi 3 hr. at Hepburn Springs
- 2 MelBush events – Yarra Bend and Diamond Creek.

NE again contributed to Park/Street O, by setting and running approx. 40 events. Geoff Hudson, Don Fell and Ian Stirling helped with the overall co-ordination of the various series.

A few of our more senior members performed well in their age categories in various Championships. In particular Sue Healey won W85 in Australian FootO and SprintO Champs; Joyce Rowlands Australian W80 MTBO champion; Alicia Ciacic was selected in the Victorian Schools team. The Club gave her some financial assistance towards her expenses.

NE has few regular MTBO riders, but continues to organise and set a number of very successful events. Thanks mainly to Rob and Helen Edmonds. Challenging event at St George's Lake set by Phil Giddings.

Xmas in July function was a great social success, thanks again to Lauris and Ian Stirling and their helpers.

The club finances are in excellent shape. See separate Treasurer's report.

In breaking news Geoff Hudson has just negotiated access to Clifford Park scout camp on basis that NE remaps to a high standard and installs a new permanent course. In return NE will be entitled to run an O event of our choice every second year.

Black Hill not looking good for 2017. Secretary Rex attending a meeting with Friends of Black Hill today, to discuss when area will be available for O after having been seriously burnt.

Finally big thank yous to

- Rob E and Geoff H for recruiting course setters, organisers etc.
- Rex our Secretary, major bush event course setter and seeker out of new areas
- Schon our Treasurer for keeping us very solvent and presenting clear accounts.
- Laurie N who devotes a lot of time and negotiating skill to develop the annual bush event program for OV
- All club members who help in various ways as without Volunteers Orienteering probably would not exist in Victoria. If it did exist it would be far more expensive for participants.

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