

# **Minutes**

## **General Meeting CV Marathon Committee**

### **Footscray 1/02/09**

**Meeting Opened:** 14:30

**Attendance:** Mark Murray, Chairman  
Alan Opie, Secretary, PLCC  
Graeme Bowes GCC  
Joe Alia, Vice Chairman, FCC  
Neil Grierson, FCC  
Andrew Cox, INCC  
Gary Flanigan, CV  
Margaret Buck, FCC  
Stewart Nicol, FACC  
Michael Baird, Treasurer  
John Lisica, PLCC  
Terry Poole, GCC

**Apologies:** Tom Hirschoff  
Heather Hadley-Powell  
Glen & Glenrose Rose  
Tim Roadley  
Daniel Hall  
Glenn Eldridge

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Accepted with amendment: Under Correspondence In, "Fairfield CC have applied to run the GP Summer Finale race for 2010" should read, "Fairfield CC have applied to run the GP Summer Finale race for 2009" Accepted G Bowes, seconded J Alia

#### **Correspondence**

##### **In:**

- Letter from Bass Coast CC re future of their club
- Letter from Melbourne Water re PLCC Winter Series race
- Results, Yarrowonga GP race
- Letter from PLCC re concerns about the '08 Vic Champs

##### **Out:**

- Agenda, February technical committee meeting
- Various letters, applications re permits to run races
- Diaries

### **Matters arising from correspondence:**

- Mark will respond to the letter from PLCC. On the subject of professionalism, raised in the letter, Mark believes CVM would appear more professional if advertised deadlines (for race entries and starts, diary ads etc) were more strictly adhered to.

### **Financial Report**

See separate attachment.

### **Matters arising from Financial Report:**

- Currently \$810 profit from Victorian Championships but a question remains re hire of Wesley Boathouse.
- No progress has been made towards depositing the \$3000 for the John Jacoby Award into a high-interest account due to problems with the legal standing of CVM as a separate entity and the minimum deposit of \$5000 usually required for such accounts.
- Mike Baird proposed that the \$2000 to be put aside for boat and motor replacements could be added to the \$3000 of the John Jacoby Award to meet the minimum deposit requirement. Seconded by Alan Opie.
- Alan Opie asked what the end result of the Australian Marathon Nationals run by CVM at Nagambie was, given that there was some argument regarding the venue hire. CVM paid the venue what they had initially been quoted but the venue management requested more. CVM wrote to them explaining their understanding of the agreement and nothing further has been heard.
- Safety Boats: Alan Opie and Stewart Nicol suggested it should not be difficult to obtain grants for safety boats.
- Alan Opie presented an account for \$60 for podium hire at the Victorian Championships. Mike Baird moved that CVM continue to hire the podium from PLCC at \$30 per race (PLCC arrange transport). Seconded by Joe Alia.

### **Reports**

#### **CV:**

- Nil
- Gary Flanigan requested that Andrea at CV be informed of any applications for grants.

#### **Marathon Diary Sub-Committee:**

- Chris Alger explained the two errors in this year's diary. The incorrect venue specified for the Summer Finale was as a result of unclear information being supplied to the sub-committee. The omission of Winter Series Race 1 was a mistake made by the printers that was unfortunately not picked up at the proof stage.
- Margaret Buck moved a vote of thanks to the sub-committee. Seconded by Mike Baird.

## General Business

- Canoeing at the Australian Masters Games has over 150 entrants and will definitely go ahead. The course is booked. Volunteers are needed. A kiosk will need to be organised. Proper safety procedures will need to be formulated by someone accredited to do so.
- Terry Poole raised concerns re SES boat handling at a recent Geelong event. They were a local SES crew without the experience with canoe races that the usual Altona crew have. Guidelines and expectations should be clearly explained to all crews assisting with race safety.
- CVM needs to buy a new outboard motor to replace the one that was stolen recently. The motor was insured.
- The purchase of new PFDs for the safety boats, which has previously been approved, has not yet been done.
- Updates to the CVM website have been very intermittent lately. Chris Alger is willing to take on the job of updating it. Terry Poole raised the possibility of a forum page on the website so all users can discuss matters relating to canoe marathon racing. Andrew Cox suggested that up-to-date race entry forms should be available on the website so that people can bring them to the races already completed.
- Joe Alia mentioned that CV charge Marathon for website updates. Mike Baird said the charge is an hourly rate over and above the standard administration fee. Mark Murray requested Gary Flanigan to find out exactly what is covered by the quarterly administration fee.
- Joe Alia is looking for a volunteer to take over from Chris Alger as CVM Minute Secretary.
- Joe Alia has been asked to investigate a different location for the portage at city races; one that might maximise public visibility of the event.
- Joe Alia mentioned the ongoing need for an officials course. Mark Murray has been discussing this with CV. Course to be held on 14 June.
- Joe requested permission to buy two anchors and two buoys. Moved: Alan Opie, seconded: Stewart Nicol.
- Stewart Nicol suggested that the amalgamations flowchart published in the Marathon Diary has changed from what was in use a few years ago and when viewed in conjunction with the table of age classes and raced distances also in the Diary, introduces complications to the process of amalgamations. Stewart's suggestions are included in separate attachments (letter and diagram). Mike Baird suggested the table of age classes and distances may not be formatted correctly. Mark Murray will investigate and report in advance of the next meeting.
- Mike requested a list of meeting dates. Alan Opie will formulate one.
- Terry Poole requested we discuss portages at the next meeting. He'd like to see them done at more races.

**Meeting Closed: 16:20**