

Minutes, CV Marathon Committee General Meeting Patterson Lakes Canoe Club 22/06/08

Meeting Opened: 3:04pm

Attendance: Mark Murray, Chairman
Joe Alia, Vice Chairman, FCC
Alan Opie, Secretary, PLCC
Mike Baird, Treasurer
Andrew Cox, INCC
Neil Grierson, FCC
Margaret Buck, FCC
Glen Rose, SKCC
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Tom Hirsschoff, CBCC
Sharyn Alger, PLCC
Chris Alger, PLCC

Apologies: Alan Papworth

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted subject to the following amendment: Heather Hadley-Powell to be added to the apologies list. Moved: Margaret Buck, seconded: Tom Hirsschoff

Correspondence

In: Essendon CC have applied to run one of the 2009 Winter Series Races
Mike Baird has received correspondence from the South Australian Marathon Canoe Club in response to the invoice for diary advertising he sent them. They have requested updated advertisement for the Murray 200 be obtained from them for inclusion in next year's Marathon Diary

Business arising from:

Geelong Canoe Club have expressed interest in running a 2009 Winter Series race but have yet to supply a properly filled-out application. Alan Opie will request one. Alan reports that many clubs do not respond to correspondence. Club websites were suggested as a way to check current contact details.

Financial Report: Attached

Mark Murray has been advised by Canoeing Victoria that a \$2500 term deposit will be coming due shortly. They have suggested rolling it over into an interest-bearing account CV have with ING.

Tom Hirsschoff discussed the John Jacoby account, originally set up with money donated by John Jacoby, with the intention of the interest from it each year being awarded to the recipient of the John Jacoby Trophy, the best-performed junior (U-18) athlete at the National Marathon Championships. The account was closed some time ago. Tom moved that we call (our part of) the new ING account the "John Jacoby Account" and add \$500 from the original account, and that interest from that account be awarded to the recipient of the John Jacoby Trophy. Seconded: Alan Opie, carried.

There were two equally-performed winners of the John Jacoby Trophy at the 2008 National Marathon Championships: Amy Peters and Nick Byrne. Tom moved that where there are multiple best-performed athletes at the championships, they each be awarded an equal amount as

determined by the committee. Seconded: Glenrose Rose, carried.

Treasurer's report accepted by Mark Murray. Seconded: Glen Rose, carried.

Reports

Canoeing Victoria: CV are currently working on a strategic plan and have written to all clubs asking for feedback.

CV's profit for the year is ~\$35.00

There are some vacancies for CV board positions. One is for a marketing person. Andrew Coutts has been approached to see if he is interested.

Mike Baird reports that Marathon have been asked to submit a budget for the next year, in the context of a 3-year strategic plan. Sharyn advised she has some notes relating to last year's budget and can forward them to Mike.

Australian Canoeing: The biggest issue for AC currently is the folding of NSW Canoeing. A new group, PaddleNSW is being set up, but it is not yet affiliated with AC. This has created some issues in regards to the eligibility of NSW paddlers to paddle at national competitions but a direct membership of AC is available.

Masters Games: The river is booked. A budget is being prepared. The entry fee has been set at \$45, the registration fee at \$99 and a CV administration fee at \$5. Canoe Vic Marathon will need to organise officials.

General Business

Assets Register: Mike does not currently know what should be on the register.

Recruiting Drive for Officials: Alan Opie advised the response so far had been poor.

Alan suggested an option may be to offer a small payment to juniors to take on official roles. Joe Alia advised a course had been booked and the date should be posted and participants invited.

Margaret Buck asked about the expiry of official qualifications. After what period would they expire, and would those whose qualification is about to expire be notified? She did an official's course 8 or so years ago and there were around 60 participants. Where are they now?

Action point on Tom Hirschhoff and Mark Murray to find the attendance list from that course and attempt to contact the attendees to advise them of their current status and invite them to attend the next course.

Payment to Australian Marathon Team officials and athletes:

Sharyn Alger asked how it was distributed last year. Tom advised a cheque was sent to the team managers and the relevant amount deducted from the accounts applicable to the individuals on the team. Tom advised that acquittals from last year's tours were currently being finalised by AC. Sharyn pointed out that many of the members of last year's teams didn't know that a donation had been made by CVM and a letter should be sent to them advising of the donation. Glen Rose said that this had happened in the past and the letter indicated an expectation that recipients would contribute to CVM operations. **Action point** on Mark Murray to draft such a letter.

Joe Alia proposed a payment of \$250 to team members. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

Mark suggested an option may be to donate less, say \$100, and then offer free race entry.

Standing Orders: Joe raised a point that this committee relies too much on personal memory and a book of standing orders or a policy manual should be created.

Payment to First Aid organization: Alan suggested consideration of an increase to the amount paid to the St Johns ambulance for providing first aid cover at races. Mark advised the payment had recently been increased to \$150 per event.

Medals and Trophies: Tom advised that more medals may have to be ordered shortly. Cheap generic ribbons had been used for today's presentations but Tom and Joe have been sourcing better ones.

Chris advised he had been asked about the availability of results from previous year's races, which until recently had been available on the Marathon web site. Apparently archival results have not been available since the Marathon web site and its upkeep was transferred to CV a couple of years ago.

Meeting Closed: 16:42