

ORIENTEERING ACT

53rd Annual General Meeting

8pm Thursday 18 April 2024
Canberra Southern Cross Club, Jamison

MINUTES

1. The meeting commenced at 8.00pm when a quorum was achieved

Present: Susanne Harrysson, Andrew Cheffers, Stephen Goggs, Maurice Patten, Phil Walker, Valerie Barker, Ann Scown, John Scown, David Hogg, Sandra Hogg, Geoff Wood, Bill Jones, Bryant Allen, Paul de Jongh, Ian de Jongh, Nina Davis, Tate Needham, Narashima Rao Bandi, John Shelton Agar

Apologies: Edith Gray, David Stocks, Toni Brown, David Poland

Note: In connection with a motion referred to in these minutes the shorthand style 'AB/CD/Carried etc' means Moved by [initials of person], Seconded by [initials of person], Carried etc unanimously (unless indicated otherwise).

2. Election of minutes secretary for the AGM
Stephen Goggs was nominated as minutes secretary VB / AS / Agreed
3. Election of minutes verifiers for the AGM
David Hogg and Valerie Barker were nominated as verifiers SG / SH / Agreed
4. Minutes of the 52nd AGM
The verified minutes of the previous meeting were provided to members online in advance of the meeting and available for inspection at the meeting.
Stephen noted that the minutes had not recorded that Edith Gray was re-elected to the Board last year.
Subject to correcting this omission SG / SH / Accepted unanimously
Susanne noted that at last year's AGM there had not been a motion to accept the accounts that had been presented. While there was no reason to doubt the audit, for the sake of completeness such a motion was proposed to all members present by email shortly after the meeting and there was no dissent.
5. Business arising from the minutes - there were no issues arising from the minutes.
6. President's Report – presentation of annual report
In speaking to the written report provided as part of the annual report in advance of the meeting, Susanne highlighted that while we held a lot of events during the year, participation was low, which affects our financial situation. Expenses for the Easter carnival meant the surplus of approximately \$5000 from that event was lower than expected (\$20k). The need to manage volunteer load remains a pressing issue for the Association.
7. Treasurer's Report – presentation of audited financial statements
Andrew reported that the accounts of the Association had recently been audited with a couple of advisories but no significant issues raised. He has found that it has been much easier managing the financial affairs of the Association using Quickbooks this year, though he is still having to manage transactions 3 or 4 times per week. In terms of

profit and loss the Association recorded its lowest income for many years and expenditure was up, resulting in an overall loss of approximately \$31 000 for the year. OA levies have increased. Other State associations are in a similar financial loss situation at the moment.

Phil led a discussion about the fact ACT Sport & Recreation is now focussing on funding sports by reference to physical infrastructure, rather than standard operational funding. OACT has applied for various grants, but will not hear the result until about mid-year. These include grants from OA for funding under the Moira Whiteside bequest and for the Learn to Orienteer program.

The ACT Government's three-year funding program will focus on: governance in the first year - with funds being made available to access the services of a consultant to help bring our written policies and procedures into line with Australian Sports Commission guidelines; technological development in the second year; and participation in the third year. Already the consultant we have engaged with has identified that it would be prudent for the Association to have a better audit and risk management process and a realistic strategic budget plan.

At this stage high performance funding that we apply to the Canberra Cockatoos is continuing.

Ann noted that an incorrect reference to controllers in the report should be to "8 level 1 controllers".

MOTIONS:

That the audited accounts for 2023 be accepted AC / AS / Agreed

Subject to correcting the reference to controllers, that the annual report be accepted SH / SG / Agreed

8. Discharge of the 2023 Board

On behalf of the Association the president thanked Maurice Patten and Edith Gray for their service, as they had indicated their intention to step down from the Board this year. She then discharged the current Board.

9. Election of the chairperson for the Board elections

David Hogg was nominated as chairperson for the Board elections VB / SH / Agreed unanimously

10. Election of the Board

In accordance with the Constitution of the Association, the chairperson for the Board elections called for nominations for the positions of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and up to six other members of the Board of the Association for 2024.

Position	Candidate	Nominator	Seconder
President	Susanne Harrysson	Stephen	Phil
Secretary	Stephen Goggs	Valerie	Bryant
Treasurer	Andrew Cheffers	Susanne	Phil
Members	David Stocks	Valerie	Stephen
	Valerie Barker	Phil	Maurice
	Alison Inglis	Valerie	Stephen

	John Shelton Agar	Ann	Stephen
	Nina Davis	Paul	Susanne
	Tate Needham	Andrew	Bill

There being no more nominations than prescribed positions, the candidates were **declared elected**.

Susanne resumed the chair as president and briefly outlined her intention to make the focus for the coming year the three issues of finances, participation and managing volunteer load.

11. Appointment of the Auditor for 2024

Andrew recommended that Nikki George of National Capital Accounting be reappointed as auditor for the Association AC / ND / Agreed

12. Recognised clubs for 2024

The president moved that in accordance with Clause 7 of the Constitution, the recognised clubs of the Association for 2023 shall be: Abominable O-men, Bushflyers, Parawanga Orienteers, Red Roos and Weston Emus. SH / SG / Agreed.

13. Other Business

Awards presentations

Orienteering Australia (OA) National Manager - Awards, David Hogg, was on hand to present the David Hogg Medal for Event Management to Stephen Goggs on behalf of OA, and to acknowledge other OACT award winners, namely:

OA Hall of Fame (General Division) - Bob Allison - it is intended to present this award to Bob at an orienteering event in the region soon.

SILVA Award for Services to Coaching - Toni Brown - this award was presented to Toni at the Australian 3-Days Carnival in South Australia at Easter.

Citations for the awards are attached.

The meeting congratulated the award winners.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06pm.

ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Hall of Fame (General Division) - Bob Allison

Bob Allison's nomination is in recognition of his achievements spanning all aspects of the sport for over 45 years from local to international level. Noteworthy is not only his achievements but also the manner in which he has gone about all that he has achieved: In a no fuss, quiet manner without seeking acclaim or self promotion. He gets on and does the job for the love of the sport.

Local - In recent years Bob has been the stalwart for OACT for mapping, producing new maps, updating existing maps and assisting course setters and controllers to make the best use of OACT's maps.

Bob's involvement in orienteering started around the mid 1970s in Victoria with the Yarra Valley Club, where he was an active participating member from 1975 to 1979. He moved to Canberra in late 1979 and joined Red Kangaroos Club (now known as the Red Roos) and has remained a member ever since. Competing in the early 1980s, Bob achieved several placings in the M21A class.

State - It wasn't long thereafter that Bob commenced taking on technical and organisational roles for OACT, (known at that time as ACTOA). It was in the technical aspects of mapping that Bob showed great enterprise and skill. Highlights of his mapping, demonstrating his progression as a mapper and willingness to take on more and more roles include, but not limited to:

- ACTOA Mapping Officer from 1982 to 1987, then once again from 1998 to early 2020s.
- Bob's first O-map cartography, drawn by hand, was Farrer Ridge prepared for the 1983 Australian Family Relays.
- Followed in late 1983, working in partnership with Jenny Bourne and Ian Johnson, the maps for Sandhills (ACT Championships) and Fairy Meadow.
- Other significant early maps drawn included Tharwa Tor (1986) and Arachnicopia (1996), also involved in fieldwork along with others.
- Drew Australia's first OCAD map, Tharwa Tor (revision), in March 1994.
- Cartography and/or fieldwork for numerous other maps/ remaps from 1990s onwards.
- Established and maintained a 'library' of ACT OCAD maps.
- ACTOA Technical Officer from 1988 to 1991 and in 1994.

Having contributed enormously to ACTOA in the technical side of the sport, Bob took on governance roles, firstly as the ACTOA Treasurer from 1992 to 1994, then the President from 1995 to 1997.

Bob received the Mike Cassells Award for ACT Services to Orienteering in 1993, followed in 1999 by awarding of Life Membership to ACTOA.

Received the Australian Sports Medal (ACT) in 2000.

National - During the 1990s and 2000s, Bob held several leadership roles for the Orienteering Federation Australia, (now known as Orienteering Australia). The roles were primarily focussed on Bob's passion, experience and skills in technical, mapping and event controlling for National Championships. Positions held and achievements at the National level include:

- Chair of OFA Technical Committee in 1990, 1991 and 1992, then in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

- Elected OFA Vice President (Technical) in 2001, which became OA Director (Technical) after changes to the Constitution at the 2001 Annual Conference. Elected Director (Technical) in 2002 and 2003.
- Appointed OFA Public Officer in 1995 and remains today in that role.
- One of the Course Planners for the 1984 Australian Championships (Mount Clear).
- Controller for 1989 Australian 3-Days (Badja).
- Controller for 2000 Australian 3-Days (in conjunction with World Cup events).
- Controller for 2001 Australian Championships (Badja).
- Controller for 2013 Australian Middle Distance Championships.
- Mapper (with Hugh Moore) for 2013 Australian Middle Distance and Relay Championships.

Bob received the SILVA Award for Services to Orienteering in 1998.

International - At an international level, Bob has been responsible for the mapping, organisation and controller of several major carnivals and events. Most noteworthy are:

- Bob led the team from Red Roos that was responsible for the on-the-day management of the two model events for the 1985 World Championships in Bendigo.
- National Controller for the World Cup events held at Ballarat in 1994, assisting the IOF Controller, Lasse Niemala from Finland.
- Attended the first IOF Controller Workshop held in Australia in Albury in October 1998, and became accredited as an IOF-licensed controller, (now known as IOF Advisers).
- OFA Controller for 2000 World Cup events held in the Canberra area at Easter.
- Organiser for 2011 Oceania Relay Championships.

David Hogg Medal for Event Management - Stephen Goggs

Stephen Goggs is a leader and contributor to orienteering at all levels in Australia. This culminated in his leadership as the Carnival Director for Easter 2016 and 2023 Carnivals and the 2019 Oceania and Australian Championships, the latter being the largest international orienteering competition in Australia since the 2015 World Cup.

Stephen has been the OACT Secretary since early 2019 as well as Coaching Co-ordinator, Sporting Schools Co-ordinator and active as a coach. He has also been a valued contributor to OA's work on the National Integrity Framework and the revised OA Constitution.

SILVA Award for Services to Coaching - Toni Brown

Toni Brown has dedicated years to coaching in Australia and overseas, and to helping others coach better.

Toni's focus on innovation, inclusivity, female participation, and emerging athletes is remarkable. She believes that everyone, at whatever level, should be able to perform better and enjoy orienteering more.

Toni's list of credits is impressive: 20 squads, 22 training camps, 11 national or international Tour Groups, mentoring 15 beginner coaches, a national television advertisement, coordinating 22,000 school participations, coordinating WOD events, initiating SC-ORE Orienteering.

She has been an inspirer, a motivator, an innovator and a mentor to hundreds in Australia and overseas.