



VRA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 May 2020
Location: ZOOM Web-conference
Time: 7:30pm

Open: 7.32pm

Attendees: Peter Taylor, Ron Frederick, Don Baker, Di Baker, Nick Somes, Helen Robinson, Neil Phillips, Cindy Hu, Rod Kenafacke, Claire Martin, Ainslie Cummins, Peter Brooks, Bev Trease, Wayne Merry, Vic Sedunary, Tina Smith, David Heng, Simin Ngan, Phil Giddings, Kelly Lane, Andrew Baker, Grant Jeffrey, Sue Noy, Greg Robinson, Karen Robinson, Andrew Hunter, Karen Dukes, Richard Homburg, Peter Chen

1) Welcome (President)

2) Apologies: Jane Phillips, Rod Phillips

3) Minutes of Last Meeting (May 2019)

Moved: Kelly Lane

Seconded: Andrew Baker

4) Correspondence

None reported.

5) Reports

a) President – Andrew Baker

- See the annual report for summary of committee members, participation and discussion of initiatives.
- Acknowledge events of last year, especially the CBDGaine run by Tom Lothian & Kate Gavens and families with great support from Greg Robinson. Due to intense heat predicted on the day; competitors were able to commence their event from 7.30am. Another great CBD event!
- Acknowledge Grant Jeffrey and Phil Giddings for their tireless work throughout the year organising events and on the day support
- Acknowledge the broader committee members for their continued input and support to ensure the continuation of our sport in Victoria.
- Acknowledge Clare Martin for her role managing the Partner Finding Service. Claire has asked to step back in 2020. We thank her for her many years of service to Rogaining.
- There were three new formatted Rogaines in 2019. These new formatted events received great feedback.
- Strategy Session held in August 2019. This session was attended by the committee and a small number of additional long term Rogainers. A special thanks to Sue Noy and Norm O'Bryan for allowing us to hold the event at their place. It was a great opportunity to discuss the values of the association and openly discuss some of the issues/challenges we have as an organisation.

- Suburban Adventure Racing “Geoff-O”. Acknowledge the time and dedication Geoff puts in to running the events in the summertime. The time and effort Geoff, Schon and other members of the Rogaining community put in to running these events is amazing.
- Acknowledgement of Merv Trease through the Bogong Equipment Store. Merv conducts a navigation training session at Bogong store in Melbourne City. Post this training session Merv and other members of the Rogaining community train small groups at the 6-hour Schools Rogaine, taking them out on course to develop their newfound skills.

b) Treasurer – Don Baker

- Figures show a profit of \$7200 in the 2019 calendar year.
- All events in 2019, excluding the 24-hour event were profit making. Each year the 24-hour events run at a loss for the association.
- The Victorian Rogaining Association continue to be financially stable.
- In 2020 Don believes there will be a potential loss of revenue. Likely to be around \$14k. This is due to the impact of COVID-19 and not being able to run events. The basis of this loss is if we are able to run a couple of events towards the backend of this year.
- The association have approximately \$20k in overhead costs each year.
- The Victorian Rogaining Association accounts are independently audited by Ben Kersten on yearly basis and no issues recorded during the 2019 audit.
- Acknowledge Vic Sedunary in his role at event treasurer.

c) Competition Manager – Grant Jeffrey & Phil Giddings

- 2019 saw a season of innovative events.
- The CBDGaine continues to be an extremely popular event for the association. Entrant numbers were in excess of 500 people but numbers on the day decreased due to heat.
- There was a 2 x 6 hour and 12 hour Rogaine, with the second 6 hour being a night event. This was also an extremely popular event.
- The third innovative event was the April “Odd and Evens” 6 & 12 Hour Rogaine. This event used different maps for each six hour. A great event showing how you could use a smaller area to run a 12 hour event.
- Our July Rogaine on the ranges was extremely popular with all checkpoints on tracks.
- Acknowledgments that all initiatives were bought to the committee by the organisers.
- Finally, to mention the rest of this year (2020). DELWP had previously cancelled permits approved for us whilst we were in lockdown. We are yet to submit permits for the remainder of the year as DELWP are not accepting permit requests at this time. We have some events waiting in the wings should we able to Rogaine later in the year.

6) Election of Office Bearers

a) President

Nominations: Andrew Baker

Moved: Peter Chen

b) Vice President

Nominations: Karen Robinson

Moved: Peter Chen

c) Secretary

Nominations: Kelly Lane

Moved: Peter Chen

d) Non-Event Treasurer

Nominations: Don Baker (Cindy Hu to learn the ropes for a potential handover at a later date)

Moved: Peter Chen

e) Competition Managers

Nominations: Grant Jeffrey & Phil Giddings

Moved: Peter Chen

f) Committee Members (9)

1) Nominations: Cindy Hu

Moved: Kelly Lane

2) Nominations: Simin Ngan

Moved: Kelly Lane

3) Nominations: Ron Frederick

Moved: Don Baker

4) Nominations: Richard Homburg

Moved: Kelly Lane

5) Nominations: Wayne Merry

Moved: Kelly Lane

6) Nominations: Vic Sedunary

Moved: Kelly Lane

7) Nominations: Sue Noy

Moved: Kelly Lane

8) Nominations: Andrew Hunter

Moved: Kelly Lane

9) Nominations: Greg Robinson

Moved: Kelly Lane

7) General Business

- *Greg Robinson – “Has VRA considered any grants for post COVID – return to sport?”* Government grants placed on agenda for next committee meeting at the end of May.
- *Grant of up to 20k to host Rogaining championships in 2022.* Grant to keep track of it and mention to Committee.
- *Peter Brooks – “Status of new VRA website?”* We are in early stages of development with website developer - in Phase 1. Things going well. Website sub-committee will hopefully have something to bring to the committee in May/June for further discussion.
- *Neil Phillips – “What makes volunteers tick. What makes people enter events. Is there an opportunity to support an academic study on Rogaining?”* This will be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- *Greg Robinson – “Has the committee considered training in COVID safe environments. Can we undertake training for groups of 10?”* This will be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- *David Heng – “The 2019 strategy training session held at the Scout Hall was amazing! It would be good if we could do over ZOOM. Best training course of the year.”* Potential ZOOM activities to get people thinking about Rogaining. Online training sessions. This will be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- *Peter Taylor – “Discussed an opportunity to present on mathematics and Rogaining. Peter is a Mathematics Professor who set a challenge to colleagues and students through the university to identify the best route for the 2019 Victorian 24 Hour Rogaining Championships”.* Greg will discuss with Peter the opportunity to bring this into the training sessions Greg will look to run throughout the remainder of the year.
- *Peter Brooks – “Staggered Starts for Training and full events.”* This will be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- *Andrew Baker – “The opportunity to run a Virtual Rogaine using MapRun.”* SARA are doing this. Potential to look at this. Grant Kassell looking into this for the July event last year. This will be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- *Ainslie Cummins & Greg Robinson – “Offered photos for website.”* Photos to be provided to Don Baker for collation and use on the new website.

8) Closure of Meeting 8.29pm

