



Australian Rogaining Association Inc. Treasurer's Annual Report Year to 31 December 2004

General

2004 was a year of consolidation for the ARA in the area of financial and insurance matters. Indeed, most of the energy in this area during the year was expended around improving the ARA's position with respect to insurance.

Insurance

Considerable time and energy was spent addressing insurance issues during the first half of 2004. Work by the Insurance Subcommittee established in the second half of 2003 and comprising; Warren Smith an experienced rogaining administrator from WARA, Tony Kelly, a legal practitioner from VRA and Annette Miller, an insurance broker from QRA established the framework for placing the Association's insurance on a more cost effective and workable footing.

In conjunction with the Broker, OAMPS/IEA a package of data that fully described rogaining and its associated risks, or lack thereof, was assembled and used for fully testing the market. The result was that the existing insurer from 2003, Sportscover, was found to be both the most cost effective and provide the best cover. Detailed negotiations with Sportscover realised a reduction in premiums of around 40% when compared to 2003 with an improved cover in that events involving bicycles and/or watercraft were included in the base cover and did not require any additional surcharge. However, this needs to be placed in the context of this premium still being double the premium paid in 2001 with the cover reduced in that it no longer covered negligent acts by landowners.

It is hoped that the 2005 insurance renewal can be quickly and cost effectively executed through negotiation with Sportscover given that they now have two years history with rogaining and have shown a willingness to act pragmatically.

Work is currently underway to develop a set of standard clauses for letters to landowners and Participant Indemnity forms that set out the insurance cover are legally endorsed and are approved by the broker. The ARA intends to provide support to States to allow them to have these draft clauses reviewed for legal compliance within their own State jurisdiction.

Other Matters

Looking forward it is hoped that focus into the future can be more on the ARA providing support to the States with one-off expenditure items that have a capacity to enhance the sport for all ARA affiliates. To this end, the ARA Executive has been active in late 2004 and early 2005 assessing grant applications, with the 2004 grant "quota" having now been filled. The ARA is actively looking for applications from States for support grants for 2005 that will allow those States to further develop rogaining in and beyond their borders.

In this regard it should be noted that the absence of ARA expenditure on matters such as grants the ARA Capitation Fee has been waived for the passed two years. The expenditure on grants in the first half of 2005 and the expected expenditures going forward are such that it is recommended that this waiver **not** continue for 2005.

Income & Expenditure Statement

Please find below the ARA's statement of income and expenditure for year ended 31 December 2004:

Income:

Insurance Levies	40,404.00
Capitation Fees	0.00
Manual Sales	18.50
Interest	97.00
Other	0.00
Total Income	40,519.50

Expenditure:

Promotion	0.00
State Grants	0.00
Manual Expenses	0.00
Executive Admin Costs	0.00
Bank Fees/State Taxes	4.30
Other Admin	40.00
Delegate Travel	438.00
Insurance	40,404.00

Total Expenditure	40,886.30
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Closing Balance:	22,799.05
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Trading Surplus / (Deficit)	-366.80
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