



**Minutes of Presidents Forum
7:45pm Tuesday 17th March 2009
at Sport SA, Military Road, West Beach**

1 OPEN MEETING

2 PRESENT

Chris Wood	Adelaide Sea Dragons/ DBSA	Steve Clinch	Blade Runners/ DBSA
Chris Payne	Black Dragons	Greg Bond	Waiwilta
Steve Holt	ASA	Tim Monson	Powerblades
Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors	John Holland	DBSA
Helen MacLeod	SADA	Rod McGuinness	DBSA
Julie Clinch	Blade Runners/ DBSA	Jack Salagaras	Subsonix

3 APOLOGIES

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4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 10 December 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

6 ACTION LIST

01	Actioned. Clubs requested to advise their members to return trolleys, only take 1 x new boat, back new boats into shed and to clean up shed.
02	Actioned. Entry form for Chinese New Year event designed.
03	Actioned. Availability of River Torrens for above event determined.
04	Ongoing. Procedure for race program being drafted. John Holland was working on a set event category order for all future races which would be circulated to clubs for their feedback. Action: John Noted once new boats arrived would be possible to have 2 x 5 boats on water at the one time which should reduce delays. State championship races would be held at Aquatic Reserve with 500s being raced on the Saturday and 200s on the Sunday. Clubs to submit their entries and comments for consideration in the race program. Aquatic reserve has been tentatively booked for 4&5 April as a backup.
05	Actioned. Race program template circulated to Water Warriors.
06	Actioned. Template for recording of sweeps races circulated to clubs.
07	Actioned. John Holland advised of receipt of only some of the Code of Conduct forms for paddlers seeking Officials accreditation. Clubs requested to follow up with their paddlers that they had provided the AusDBF Log Book and Code of Conduct. Action: Clubs
08	Actioned. Gas bottle relocated from Adelaide Sea Dragons locker.
09	Discussion with Princess Captain placed on hold. Agreed in future DBSA to notify of any out of the ordinary events and requirement to keep clear of course.

10	Actioned. Race Program amended to include notification to clubs that they can only submit "legitimate" teams.
11	Actioned. Letter written to Council seeking parking exemptions with them being granted for race days and training. Chris Wood advised of recent correspondence from Council notifying of parking restrictions on the southern side in the streets bordering the reserve. Spot checks on training nights showed that clubs were not passing the information on to members or they were abusing their rights. Noted fines might be imposed by Council. Extra task of "parking monitor" to be included on the race day task list. Action: Chris Paddlers encouraged to park in rows on the circle and not just on the periphery thereby reducing number of available spaces.
12	Actioned. Canoe SA advised of disgraceful state of toilets and noticed that it had not improved.
13	Actioned. Noted website being temporarily off line was host error and since rectified.
14	Actioned. Subsonix removed barbeque from boatshed.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 State titles – 28&29 March

Clubs reminded that participants must wear ID cards on race days and spot checks would be undertaken. Exemptions to be followed up with Chief Officials on the day.

After party would not be held this year however normal barbeque and drinks on completion on the Sunday would be.

Medals and trophies would be awarded at the end of each day's competition.

4.2 Great Grand Dragons at Nationals

John Holland advised of offer for eligible Great Grand Dragon paddlers to participate in a trail event to be held during lunchtime at the Nationals on two days with the aim being to prove viability of interest in forming this category. Interested paddlers to contact John.

Helen MacLeod noted that paddlers over 65 were not covered by DBSA insurance.

4.3 Parking on training nights & race days

Discussed previously.

4.4 Adhering to PFD regulations

Chris Wood advised of DBSA concern that some clubs had recently conducted Corporate/Come N Try training and the paddlers and sweep were not wearing life jackets as is a requirement.

Also noted that phones were not being secured in yellow box on boats and that they were not be worn by the sweeps instead.

Clubs reminded of importance of abiding by regulations and information to be circulated again to clubs.

Action: Chris

4.5 Booking boats

Chris Wood asked clubs when booking boats for Corporate/Come N Try paddles that they also advise of the number of paddlers as this assists with providing information to acquit grants.

John Holland reminded clubs that there was a policy (#025) on the website which defines a Come N Try paddle as opposed to a Corporate paddle.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

➤ DBSA

- John Holland advised that the new course was at the stage of finalising the finishing pontoons. The expected timeframe for completion was now May.

- John Holland advised of availability of 2-way radios for clubs to hire on a race day for \$10 which would cover the cost of batteries.
- DBSA formula for reduction in participation fee after state championships each year set as follows:
 - 50% of participation fee reduced down to the nearest \$5

Revised registration form would be circulated to clubs.

- Marie Cunningham advised of registration form and payment received from Ben Calcraft and queried whether he had paid his membership with Black Dragons or if a clearance had been approved as it looked as if the form had not been sent through the club.

Chris Payne advised that he thought a clearance had been given previously to Power Blades however this was not the case.

Ben to be advised to request a clearance from Black Dragons to DBSA before registration could be processed.

Action: Marie

- Clubs asked for feedback on request from Blue Water Raiders for consideration to be given to scheduling the Around the Island race on Saturdays in future.

Only objection noted from Water Warriors however given sufficient notice this may not be a problem.

- Thanks Coach, Thanks Official Breakfast – Brett Maher
John Holland advised of invitation to Presidents to attend the above breakfast at DBSA's expense. Noted some Board members and Presidents would be returning from the Nationals.
- Noted that the following Black Dragons participants had not paid for their state top from the previous season:
 - Ray Curran - registered
 - Caitlin Gilliam - registered
 - David Bradley - registered
 - Guy Morris - overseas
 - Tim Schroeder - not registered
 - Zoe Harrison – interstate
 - Lee Clarke - interstate

Black Dragons asked to follow up outstanding payment where possible otherwise paddlers would not be able to compete in the state championships.

Chris Payne responded that he would try but it was not a club issue as it was DBSA's issue with the individual paddlers and that the club should not be penalised.

DBSA response was that it had no alternative but to not allow the paddlers to compete further until payment was received.

- Racing Committee meetings to continue throughout the off season and be scheduled monthly on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays. This would allow opportunity for early planning for next season and training to be provided on setting race program.
- Feedback was sought from clubs on the database registration system and noted that no issues were reported.
- Reminder to clubs that it was minuted at the previous Presidents Forum of the messy state of the boatshed in general and that lifejackets were not being looked after properly and this had not improved.

- Request from Julie Clinch for clubs to unhook the boats from the slings or to take the tension off when storing boats.
- A roster of new boat allocation would be set to allow for fair distribution of new boats as there were some nights when 5 clubs trained and a new boat was not available. Agreed this would only be an issue until the new boats arrived.
- Clubs asked to check state of seats in both new and old boats as they were coming loose and to report them on the whiteboards.
- Information on the Masters games to be held in Mildura on 15 & 16 August 2009 would be circulated by Secretary when it becomes available.
- Clubs advised of noise complaint received by DBSA from resident on eastern side of basin and encouraged to be aware of this on calm nights when near the 500m line.

➤ **SUBSONIX**

- Jack Salagaras suggested clubs provide more training with toggle starts to sweeps.

➤ **WAIWILTA**

- Greg Bond advised comments received from race day volunteers was that there was an unnecessary delay with boats coming into shore after completion of their race and with the loading and unloading of boats. They found it difficult to motivate paddlers to load the boats quickly.

These comments were considered by the meeting to be valid.

- Question asked if the Chinese Association had been approached to participate in the Chinese New Year event on the River Torrens. John Holland responded that they held their celebrations the week prior.
- Greg noted that 2010 would be the 25th year of dragon boating in South Australia. Agreed that the Nationals should be branded with this.

➤ **ASA**

- Steve Holt asked if consideration could be given much sooner when the temperature was forecasted to be extremely hot to cancelling the race day to avoid inconveniencing catering and planning arrangements by clubs.

DBSA response given was that the Hot Weather policy states that "where possible competitions will not be cancelled due to hot weather forecast".

➤ **WATER WARRIORS**

- Debbie Attewell advised that their sweep was injured during the last race day when a leg was pinned between the sweep oar and tail due to lengthy time waiting on the start line in windy conditions for other sweeps to line up.

Clubs advised to ensure there sweeps are competent to sweep under any conditions.

➤ **ASD**

- Chris Wood asked if any clubs were doing the Murray this year and advised that they would be doing the 100 with two boats.

6 NEXT MEETING

Next Presidents Forum meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday 10 June 2008 at Sport SA.

The meeting closed at 9:32pm.