



**Minutes of Presidents Forum
8:00pm Tuesday 16th June 2009
at Sport SA, Military Road, West Beach**

1 OPEN MEETING

2 PRESENT

Chris Wood	Adelaide Sea Dragons/DBSA	Jack Salagaras	Subsonix
Chris Payne	Black Dragons	Greg Bond	Waiwilta
Steve Holt	Adelaide Survivors Abreast	Tim Monson	Powerblades
Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors	Wee Ching	Dragon Fly
Julie Clinch	Blade Runners/DBSA	Rod McGuinness	DBSA
Adeline Ong	Dragon Fly	John Holland	DBSA
Susie Stoddard	DBSA	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Jennifer Bould	DBSA		

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 17 March 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 New Paddler Form

John Holland advised that the form in the boat shed for new paddlers to record their first four free paddles was being updated.

6.2 2009/10 Race Program

The draft 2009/10 race program was tabled for discussion. Separate race days were being proposed for 10s, 20s and 20s over 500 to shorten the race day. Race program to be circulated to clubs for feedback.

6.3 New Participant Manual

The New Participant manual first released in 2003 had been updated and would be circulated to clubs for feedback.

Action: John

6.4 Database Survey

Marie Cunningham advised that a survey was being circulated to clubs and users of the database for their feedback.

6.5 Blessing of Boats

A blessing of all of the new boats ceremony will be scheduled during the 2010 Nationals.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

➤ **DBSA**

- A policy encouraging clubs to inform other clubs when they have been approached by a paddler seeking a clearance was proposed.

The pros and cons of this were discussed.

- The template for clubs to submit their Team Sheets would be circulated to clubs through the Racing Committee. It was noted that there was no point in clubs indicating their Sweeps on this form.
- DBSA were proposing to introduce a fee per paddler of \$5 per head per race day and \$10 per head on state championship days as opposed to proposing an increase to category fees. This was in order to increase revenue to cover ongoing operational costs such as purchase of medals, proposed storage hire fees, new course fees and proposed funding of a part time executive officer.

This was discussed with the general consensus being in favour.

- A Corporate event is scheduled for Wednesday 25th November at Aquatic Reserve for over 300 paddlers with sufficient number of volunteers to be sourced from clubs.

Clubs were asked if they were in agreement on this occasion for the income generated to be given solely to DBSA to assist to pay for the purchase of the new boats.

This was discussed with the general consensus being in favour.

Tim Monson suggested that DBSA consider reviewing the current percentage breakdown of income apportioned to clubs and DBSA of 50% (DBSA) and 50% (clubs) when assisting in corporate events to ensure that there is a commensurate payment to clubs for their involvement.

Action: DBSA

- The list of interested Great Grand Dragon paddlers is to be circulated to clubs for any last expressions of interest to be submitted prior to forwarding to Ken Allchurch.
- An invitation was extended to Club Presidents to attend the Sport SA Members & Supporters Breakfast on 3 July.
- The Royal Life Saving had approached DBSA to conduct a First Aid course for participants at a cost of \$95 per head and \$85 if re-accrediting.

DBSA would offer 50% subsidy to clubs for interested Sweeps and Coaches and would arrange course provided there was a sufficient level of interest. Proposed dates to be circulated.

Action: John

- John Holland advised that the email circulated by AusDBF advising that clubs would not be covered by insurance if they did not have an accredited coach was incorrect.

Debbie Attewell enquired as to what was the status with further training to be provided by AusDBF for those Coaches who had attained their Level 1. John Holland agreed to follow this up.

Action: John

- Clubs were asked to advise the Secretary of any new appointments to office bearers, coaches etc. after their AGMS are held.

➤ **SUBSONIX**

- Jack Salagaras asked if a 2KM race could be introduced during the forthcoming race season and was advised that it would be held only during the Nationals.
- Jack Salagaras advised that this would be his last meeting as President as he was not standing the forthcoming AGM.

➤ **DFs**

- Questioned what were their options for competing in events outside of the DBSA race program.

John Holland advised that he was following this up with AusDBF as they did not meet the requirement of having less than 25 members and being less than two years old thereby being eligible to combine with another club of equal numbers.

The above was considered to be impractical and would be raised at the next meeting in Adelaide in December and hopefully resolved prior to the Nationals. AusDBF were considering a different model for Nationals whereby Premiers races were held separately.

➤ **WATER WARRIORS**

- Debbie Attewell queried what would happen to the maintenance of the new boats and in particular were they able to borrow the old green boat for the Murray weekend in October.

John Holland advised that some of the old boats would be stored at Paint Supplies and some relocated out into country regions.

It was agreed that old boats should always be used by clubs for external events.

➤ **PBs**

- Tim Monson questioned earlier mention to new club forming.

John Holland responded that membership had been granted to Adelaide Phoenix with three current members and three previous members of Adelaide Sea Dragons being cleared to them.

➤ **High Performance Coach**

- Steve Clinch advised that he would be advertising the state coach positions on 1 July with appointments hopefully made by 30 August and training to commence on 3 October.
- The results of the survey sent out to state team paddlers would be posted in the boatshed.

8 NEXT MEETING

Next Presidents Forum meeting is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:52pm.