



**Minutes of Presidents Forum  
8:00pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
at 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide**

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**1 OPEN MEETING**

**2 PRESENT**

Chris Payne	Black Dragons	Rick French	DBSA
Steve Holt	Adelaide Survivors Abreast	Jennifer Bould	DBSA
Alison Miller	Subsonix	Patrick Doogue	DBSA
Andy Kelly	Powerblades	John Holland	DBSA
Helen Macleod	SADA	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Janice Jones	Waiwilta	Natasha Pataki	DBSA
Adele Wood	Adelaide Phoenix	Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors
Dianne Adey	Adelaide Phoenix	Colin Attewell	Water Warriors
Julie Clinch	DBSA/Blade Runners	Helen Macleod	SADA
Chris Wood	DBSA/Adelaide Sea Dragons		

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 26 October 2010 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Sailing Club**

John Holland advised that the lease for the Sailing Club was about to be signed after taking into consideration the recent legal advice received. The major issue being the LMC wanting to deal with only one entity rather than two which went against the legal advice received. The Board considered this and thought that the risk was minimal.

There are some modifications to be made to the ramp and the building structure to allow access to the water and for a pulley system to be installed. Volunteers would be sought to assist with tidying up the place and noted that some furniture and office equipment had been donated.

A Dispute Resolution has been in put place to handle any issues with the Port Adelaide Artists Forum (PAAF).

An online booking system has been set up in Smartspace with ½ day room hire set at \$40 for the upstairs meeting room and \$80 for the downstairs function room. Upon receipt of proof of EFT payment and email will be sent with the access code the key box. Clubs able to hold meetings here.

**6.2 Fundraising Committee**

Volunteers are sought from clubs for 3-4 people that might be interested in being involved on a joint "Fund raising committee" with the PAAF to organise a big event to launch the clubrooms. Follow up email to be sent by Secretary.

**Action: Chris**

**6.3 DBSA Nationals feed back**

John Holland read to the feedback sent to AusDBF on the Nationals from DBSA.

#### **6.4 Coaching course – 28&29 May**

Noted places still available for forthcoming coaching course in May.

#### **6.5 Racing Committee Recommendations**

The following recommendations from an earlier Racing Committee meeting were noted as being endorsed by DBSA:

- (a) *Participants to compete in 3 x race days before being eligible for State Titles*
- (b) *Teams to compete in 2 x race days for qualification for State Titles*
- (c) *Dispensation can be sought for a female sweep to sweep another category if at minimal numbers.*

NB. There was a proviso on (a) however that special dispensation could be sought from DBSA for special circumstances.

These recommendations were discussed at length as to the intent and purpose behind their introduction with some being in favour and some not.

The decision making process for both the Racing Committee and the President Forum meetings was also discussed as to how much credence was paid by DBSA to recommendations put up for consideration.

John Holland noted that DBSA had to consider whether any changes being introduced impacted unfairly on any party or person, whether there was any self interest and whether it was fair. He felt that 100% support of any proposed change was desirable.

Clubs were then asked whether they supported the above recommendations and in particular the requirement at (a) for participants to compete in 3 x race days before being eligible for State Titles and whether the proviso was warranted.

The general consensus was in favour to trial these recommendations with Alison Miller and Julie Clinch advising that they were not in favour.

#### **6.6 2011/12 Race Program**

Feedback was being sought from clubs to the proposed change to the program with a twilight race being introduced on Saturday 7 January instead of the regatta on Sunday 8 January. Event would be held from 3-7pm.

There was currently no date set for the 2012 Nationals however it was noted most likely that it would be held after Easter.

Clubs to note fee for both race courses at West Lakes would be \$5.

Clubs would be advised as soon as the program is finalised and the race dates set with SARA.

#### **6.7 Murray Marathon**

Another event for inclusion on the race program in future would be the Murray Marathon in June.

An inaugural event will be held this year with Black Dragons and Adelaide Sea Dragons participating initially. Given there was no reduced financial incentive offered by the Marathon Canoe Club both clubs decided to hold their own race. A fee of \$20 would be set which will go towards costs and the purchase of a perpetual trophy. A safety boat has been arranged and teams would start at a different point to the other canoes.

Interest had been expressed from other clubs and it was hoped to make this a big event on the racing calendar.

Black Dragons had advised of a program called Endomondo which could allow teams to trace their trip through an I-phone app and also any other team.

Any club interested in participating this year was welcome and needed to arrange the transport of their own dragon boat.

**6.8 Mildura Masters Games – 27 August**

Clubs encouraged to register for this event to be held at the same location.

**6.9 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Masters Games – 7-9 Oct**

Clubs asked to register their participation in these games as soon as possible as no entries had been received yet.

Volunteers were also required and requested to register their interest.

**6.10 Naracoorte Come N try – 19-20 Nov**

Clubs and volunteers encouraged to participate at this event to be held at Cockatoo Lake which is located about 20 minutes outside of Naracoorte. Further details to be circulated once finalised.

**Action: Chris**

**6.11 Nationals State Team Recruiting**

John Holland advised of his thoughts in regard to team selection for the Aurora squad in that the focus should be placed on only having a Premier squad selected as he considered these to be the pinnacle of the sport.

The difficulty of encouraging participants to nominate for the state squad was also noted and discussed. Given the fact that AusDBF allow some states to have an A and B state team it made it difficult for the smaller states to make it through to the final with some considering only competing when they are held outside of the main states.

Clubs were asked to provide feedback on how best they would like the high performance portfolio to work with regard to team selection.

**6.12 Dragons Breath – deadline**

The deadline for any articles is Monday 16 May 2011.

**6.13 Boatshed Soap dispenser**

Request received from Waiwilta for more soap to be placed in the toilets at the boatshed was discussed. Noted that there was an inordinate amount of users weekly and that it would be difficult to keep it stocked up.

General consensus was that even though there were other users that DBSA would seek a quote for the cleaners to replenish it weekly. Outcome to be advised.

**Action: John**

**6.14 Corporate Paddle**

Volunteers sought to assist with the Step into Life Come N Try on the River Torrens on Tuesday 24 May as there were currently 46 people participating.

**Action: Chris**

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ø Clarification was sought from Alison Miller for her club as to the purpose of the Presidents Forum meeting and was advised that the intent was for it to be held quarterly as an information sharing session between DBSA and the clubs.
- Ø Marie Cunningham advised that the registration forms for the 2011/12 season would soon be sent out to clubs and that there was a \$5 fee increase which had been approved by the members at the 2010 AGM.
- Ø Helen Macleod advised that SADA would be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 29 October 2011 and everyone was welcome. Details to be promoted in Dragons Breath..
- Ø Helen Macleod extended a thank you to Chris Wood for her assistance to their club at the Nationals.
- Ø Janice Jones asked when DBSA would be paying clubs for their volunteers that had supported corporate events over the last two seasons. Chris Wood responded that the details would be tabled at the June Board meeting for payment.  
**Action: Chris**
- Ø Chris Wood asked if consideration could be given to having a novelty type event and was asked to raise through her Racing Committee delegate.

**8 NEXT MEETING**

Next Presidents Forum meeting is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.