



**Minutes of Presidents Forum
8:00pm Tuesday 26 October 2010
at Sport SA, Military Road, West Beach**

1 OPEN MEETING

2 PRESENT

Andy Kelly	Powerblades	Ming Zhou Phan	Black Dragons
Steve Holt	ASA	Julie Clinch	Blade Runners/DBSA
Alison Miller	Subsonix	Chris Wood	ASD/DBSA
Helen Macleod	SADA	John Holland	DBSA
Jenny Hekmeijer	Adelaide Pheonix	Jennifer Bould	DBSA
Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Janice Jones	Waiwilta	Rick French	DBSA
Jenni Hekmeijer	Adelaide Phoenix	Patrick Doogue	DBSA

IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Furmage	Waiwilta	Clive Grant	Adelaide Phoenix
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3 APOLOGIES

Mavis Gibbs	Blue Water Raiders	Sandy Jane	DAPL
Wee-Ching Kong	Dragon Fly/DBSA Board	Chris Payne	Black Dragons
Sandy Jensen	DAPL		

4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 11 May 2010 were approved as a true and accurate record.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

- John Holland advised that Rod Bidmeade had offered his assistance to any club.
- Rowing SA advised that the \$10 fee advised for use of the Ramsay Course would now be the maximum paid as it depended on the infrastructure required for each event.
- Ming Zhou Fang to arrange provision of 10 x green safety vests with wording "provisional sweep" for trainee sweeps.
Action: Ming Zhou Phan
- Flyers for promotion of Port Pub Challenge produced and supplied to clubs.
- Reminder for ASA to paint the buoys on 250m line.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Season 2010/11 Draft Race Draw

The issues from the Torrens event were noted and would be discussed at the RC meeting with new laptop to be purchased.

6.2 Junior Development Officer

The Junior Development Officer position was again vacant in light of Neil Mackenzie's resignation with another candidate (Lisa Kennedy) interviewed earlier who will most likely be employed as a trainee.

6.3 Port Adelaide Sailing Club

John Holland advised discussions being held with LMC to resolve lease issues with intention being to move in early 2011. Builder with a licence to be sourced to assist with renovations as required with Steve Holt advising he was able to assist in this regard.

Pat Doogue would be seeking group of interested volunteers to assist with initial renovations and clean up of clubroom once it had been established what was required.

6.4 Clearances – timeframe for Clubs to respond

Clive Grant asked if clearance process could be modified to speed up the process with DBSA to agree to the initial clearance and was advised if there were any lengthy delays to follow them up with DBSA at the time rather than to wait as the process would not change.

The following clearances were ratified at the Board meeting:

- Cameron Whitehead (ASD to Adelaide Phoenix)
- Steve Mattschoss (ASD to Adelaide Phoenix)
- Rick Beecroft (ASD to Adelaide Phoenix)

6.5 Pub & Corporate Challenge – Sunday 31 October

Volunteers being sought to assist as sweeps for this event and to learn the Finishing line position from Jennifer Bould as she would be undertaking training in other official positions prior to PanPacs.

Steve Holt agreed to ask Mary-Ann whether she would be willing to assist and Alison Miller, Clive Grant and Steve Holt said they would be available to sweep.

Action: Rick

Event details to be circulated.

Action: Chris

6.6 Wallaroo Regatta – Saturday, 13 November

Subsonix, Water Warriors (tbc), Adelaide Phoenix, Adelaide Sea Dragons, Black Dragons, and SADA expressed interest in competing at this event along with the Wallaroo team.

The various options of racing would be discussed at the RC meeting with a novelty race to be included.

ASA to take up a Champion dragon boat for this event.

6.7 State Training

Noted DBSA appointed the same state coaches as previous season based on precedence of this occurring some time previously.

Clubs to encourage participation for Nationals scheduled for 30 March – 3 April 2011..

6.8 2011 Worlds - Tampa

John Holland advised he would be conducting the initial selection trials in Adelaide with participants required to undertake OC1 paddling during later trials.

There would be 50 males and 50 females chosen for each category Australia-wide with the initial fee to set the trail being set at \$10. AusDBF would look at offering fair equalisation and subsidise some of the travel to training camps. The first training camp would be in NSW.

Subsonix offered provisional use of their OC1 and would confirm this.

6.9 Review Policy No.7 – Participant Clearance Procedure

Noted policy had been reviewed and agreed to include wording for clubs accepting the clearance to authorise or reject the application.

6.10 Review Policy No.8 – Equity and Inclusive Policy

Ratified at Board meeting.

6.11 Review addition to Policy No.27 – Race Day Organisation & Draws

Noted had been modified slightly to include submission of team sheets with clubs advising of payment details of race entry fees.

6.12 Port Road ‘Rowing’ Banner

The email sent to the Council in response to the banner on Port Road promoting rowing albeit with a picture of dragon boating on it was read to.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- DBSA had approved purchase of 60 “land and ocean” paddles to replace the wooden paddles for use in corporate events only. Paddles would cost approx. \$120 (plus GST) each and clubs were welcome to place an order also with Water Warriors advising they would do so.

- Waiwilta offered to loan their paddles for the forthcoming Port Pub Challenge as there would be a shortage of paddles due to conflicting events being held his weekend.
- Clubs advised of the new legislative requirements for junior members with regard to the new regulations coming into force requiring policies to be put in place to administer their care. The OR&S have recommended that associations administer this rather than the clubs and provided the necessary forms. Clubs will have to provide written acknowledgement that they will abide by any policy put in place on this if they have junior members.
Police clearances would be required, along with references and assessments on the accredited persons on an ongoing basis. Registers would be maintained of accredited persons within each club.
- Pat Doogue and John Holland were now certified as Member Protection Officers and clubs to raise any issues with them accordingly.
- 13th Australian Masters Games scheduled for 7-16 October 2011 in Adelaide with interested volunteers for the organising committee to advise of their interest. Future masters category (27-39 years) would also be held and clubs encouraged to promote event.
- Subsonix queried invoice received for race entry fees for the juniors as it had been previously minuted in the February meeting that DBSA would subsidise the juniors and pay this fee. Agreed that this invoice would be credited back.
Action: Jennifer
- Subsonix queried invoice received for Nationals for their senior state team members and upon checking were advised that this invoice stood as some of their state team members had not paid their entry fee for the Nationals.
- Subsonix asked for feedback on what other clubs had done with regard to the initial establishment of a "country" team with various feedback provided as to whether they should be incorporated and their own entity from the start or come under the umbrella of the organising club.
- DBSA advised of annual payment to be introduced of \$500 required for those country teams that lease a DBSA boat with their paddlers all paying the country registration fee. Powerblades asked if a training session could be given on the loading/unloading of the dragon boats in the shed as it had been some time since last held. Agreed to arrange.
Action: John/Pat
- Noted the concern over the DBSA trailer now placed in the boatshed would be alleviated upon relocation of some of the boats and trailer to the new clubroom in a couple of months.
- Clubs to remind paddlers to bring the boats into the shed positioned front first and to be careful when placing the sweep oars in the boat as the handles were being damaged.
- SADA asked if they were able to promote their club on Coast FM radio station and were advised that this was allowed and encouraged to submit any material to DBSA prior for approval on the content of what would be said.
- Approval given for Adelaide Phoenix to claim the locker in the walkway which was currently not being used. Noted lockers would be available for each club in the new club rooms.
- Details of activity in Barmera with training of a new team by Adelaide Phoenix were sought with response to be given at the RC meeting. The \$500 lease fee would apply if a DBSA dragon boat was being used with Clive Grant advising that he was not aware of this new requirement although it had been mentioned in the September Board minutes.

8 NEXT MEETING

Next Presidents Forum meeting is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.