



**Minutes of Presidents Forum
8:00pm Wednesday 10th February 2010
at Sport SA, Military Road, West Beach**

1 OPEN MEETING

2 PRESENT

Chris Wood	Adelaide Sea Dragons/DBSA	Rick French	DBSA
Chris Payne	Black Dragons	Jennifer Bould	DBSA
Steve Holt	Adelaide Survivors Abreast	Patrick Doogue	DBSA
Alison Miller	Subsonix	John Holland	DBSA
Tim Monson	Powerblades	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Heather Wingard	ASA		

3 APOLOGIES

Sandy Jensen	Dragons Abreast Pt Lincoln	Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors
Jenni Hekmeijer	Adelaide Phoenix	Greg Bond	Waiwilta
Wee-Ching Kong	Dragon Fly		

4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 8 September 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Clearance form is required to be amended to include authorisation from the receiving club.

Action: Chris

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Nationals Exemptions

Clubs advised of the status of the following applications for exemptions for the Nationals:

- Approved - Christine Jan Walsh from Waiwilta to paddle with Powerblades
- Approved – Andrew Spurling to paddle with Black Dragons (rather than NSW club)
- Deferred – Peter Norcliffe from Waiwilta to paddle with Black Dragons due to insufficient information being provided in accordance with the regulations

6.2 Race Day Team Sheets

Clubs were advised that the team sheets had been redesigned into the following three for either immediate use or from Round 9:

- 500m race day
- 200m race day (20s)
- 200m race day (10s)

6.3 New Paddler Register

Chris Wood advised that the register for new paddlers to record their first four free paddles had been updated for easier use as it now allowed for many more entries on the one page. Clubs were reminded that it was a requirement for them to ensure that their new paddlers complete the form as one of its uses was to provide statistical data as part of the grant process and another to cover the new paddlers for insurance purposes.

6.4 AusDBF Coaches Course

The AusDBF Coaches course is scheduled for 22-23 May 2010 at Sport SA with email reminder to be sent out to clubs seeking expressions of interest.

6.5 State Titles

John Holland advised that he would speak with Tim Wood to discuss the logistics of moving the pontoons to ascertain how long it would take on the day. Arrangements to be made to have the dragonboats towed around on the water along with the equipment on the Saturday morning.

Clubs were advised of option to set up their tents for Nationals alongside the officials' tents however an indication was required on the tent sizes and numbers for planning purposes. Security would be arranged from Saturday 17 April.

Suggested race schedule for discussion for discussion at Presidents Forum is:

- Sat am 500m
- Sat pm 200m 10s and B Grade
- Sun 200m 20s

It was hoped that the new trailer ordered for storage of the finish line and starting equipment would be ready by then.

Volunteers were required for setting up the pontoons and course (as required) prior to the state championships with maintenance committee members hopefully available along with club members. Email to be sent to clubs seeking volunteers.

Action: Pat

Rick French reported that there was a good turnout at the induction day for the volunteers with over 47 confirmed with commitments for various days during his period. 70% were from within DBSA and the remainder from Sport SA.

More volunteers would be welcome so clubs were encouraged to follow this up.

All volunteers would be issued with a uniform free of charge which would contain one hat, t-shirt and spray jacket.

Apparel for sale would include polo shirts, caps, t-shirts and spray jackets all branded with "DBSA 25th anniversary" wording and available online for ordering.

John Holland advised that event insurance was considered however considered unlikely that there would be any conditions requiring cancellation of the full event.

Agreed water would be provided in the marshalling area.

Action: Pat

Arrangements to be made to allow clubs to order seating online.

Action: John

John Holland noted that all participants competing at the Nationals would have to register online prior to the event or the clubs themselves could arrange to do this.

John Holland reminded clubs of new mixed AusDBF rules being raced for the Nationals of a maximum of 10 males.

6.6 Parking at Aquatic Reserve

Chris Wood reminded clubs that on training nights there is to be no parking on the central area unless there are no other available car parks available. There was no parking allowed under the trees on Bower Road at any time and to be mindful of not encroaching on driveways in the vicinity.

6.7 Strategic Plan 2010-2013

The draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013 was circulated to clubs prior to this meeting for feedback.

Question was asked as to whether the same race day program would be scheduled in 2010/11 season to allow clubs to plan their fee structure.

John Holland advised that the Racing Committee would need to decide this and that in 2011 the Chinese New Year event would be held in Adelaide.

The \$5 fee per participant per race day was discussed and agreed that it would remain at this amount in 2011 as it was at a sufficient level to assist with covering costs.

Suggested that clubs discuss with their members their preferences for race days as there were pros and cons for separating 10s and 20s races.

With regard to promotion and marketing clubs were reminded that they could hold a free Come N Try event and keep 100% of the proceeds however if it was a corporate event and a fee charged than 50% was required to be paid to DBSA.

General consensus was that clubs were happy with the objectives in the Strategic Plan and John Holland noted that the new Junior Development position would focus solely on the schools.

6.8 Australia Day Cup trophy

Agreed that the current holders of the trophy would arrange to have it refurbished at Evright's.

Action: Black Dragons

6.9 Nationals - Juniors

The question was asked as to whether DBSA would subsidise any of the costs for the Juniors to compete at the Nationals.

John Holland advised that there was already no charge for them to compete and that they would need to meet the same eligibility requirements as all state team paddlers. Graham from Subsonix had applied to be the Junior coach and was working with the High Performance Manager.

Noted there were about 20+ juniors registered and they would be able to race in training tops and would be able to readily borrow them.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Water Warriors advised of problems with two of the showers in the Ladies change room.
Action: Chris Wood
- Discussion was held on the more suitable deadline for the submission of team sheets and payment prior to race days as it was causing issues for some clubs. It was agreed that the new deadline would be:
 - Beginning of the work day on the Friday prior and to be in alphabetical order (surname)**Action: Marie**
- Confirmation was sought on the number of races required to be swept for any sweep to retain their accreditation. The response was that 8 races of any category would suffice.
- Steve Clinch advised that managers were required for most of the state teams and that Masters paddlers were also required. The question was asked as to whether each club has encouraged their paddlers to try out for the state team as there was uncertainty as to why the numbers were so low.
- Chris Wood said that they were trying to set up a Great Grand Dragons team to race at the Nationals and if any club had paddlers interested that were eligible (over 60 on 1st day of competition) to send their details to the Secretary.
- Chris Payne advised that the various law enforcement agencies were helping to contribute towards the Special Olympics being held in Adelaide by being involved in the "law enforcement torch run" on Saturday 17 April. Assistance was being sought from DBSA for

one of the torch legs to be by dragon boat on the Saturday of the Nationals at about lunch time. The leg would commence at Trimmer Parade end and finish at the Rowing Club.

It was agreed to support this with as many boats as possible on the day and could be scheduled to fit in with the moving of the pontoons from the 500m line to the 200m line. There would be national television coverage of the event and a supportive crowd cheering on this particular leg. A letter would be forwarded seeking official approval.

- John Holland distributed a folder to each club present containing a DVD and paperwork outlining details of the Coloured Shirt program being established for volunteers and officials whereby they would be provided with a green shirt to wear at events in the hope that they would be acknowledged by all as being a “trainee” and be treated appropriately.

Copy of the folder to be forwarded to those clubs not present at this meeting.

Action: Marie

8 NEXT MEETING

Next Presidents Forum meeting is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:58pm.