



**Minutes of Presidents Forum  
8:00pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
at The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide**

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**1 OPEN MEETING**

**2 PRESENT**

Chris Payne	Black Dragons	John Holland	DBSA
Steve Holt	ASA	Patrick Doogue	DBSA
Paul Melis	Subsonix	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Hans Hekmeijer	Adelaide Phoenix	Julie Clinch	Blade Runners
Tina Puello	Water Warriors	Chris Wood	ASD
Janice Jones	Waiwilta	Michael Burridge	Life Member
Jill Furmage	Waiwilta		

**3 APOLOGIES**

Rick French	DBSA	Jennifer Bould	DBSA
Jenny Chillingworth	Blue Water Raiders	Mavis Gibbes	Blue Water Raiders
Helen Macleod	SADA		

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 6 June 2012 were approved as a true and accurate record.*

*Moved: Steve Clinch                      Seconded: Chris Payne                      Carried*

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

01	Actioned. Council has approved the Finish line on the Ramsay Course being moved to the 500m mark so that the pontoon does not have to be moved. Noted Clive Grant is arranging a prototype of a steel post that will secure the sweep oars on the pontoon.
02	Ongoing. Clubs reminded to familiarise themselves with the Member Protection Policy and ensure those in a Prescribed Position comply with requirement to obtain a Police Check and register this through DBSA. Noted few Clubs have done this to date.
03	Actioned. Noted recent response time of 8 minutes for Ambulance SA to arrive at Aquatic Reserve.
04	Actioned. The Task of booking Ambulance SA for the State Championships has been included on the task list.
05	Ongoing. Channel 44 dummy ads were circulated to Clubs however would not go live until the new DBDSA website goes live which should not be much longer. Clubs encouraged to provide some quality imagery for uploading along with newsworthy articles.

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

DBSA have recently purchased another 60 paddles which are to be used by corporate and social crews only. There are paddles already available for developing Clubs with 20 to be sent to Goolwa along with the Dragonboat. This has all been funded by a grant.

Subsonix requested to come back with further detail from one of their participants in regard to emergency points being set up on the courses. This issue was as a result of the fatality at the recent Nationals.

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Steve Clinch**

🚩 There is a requirement for those that are training for the State team to participate in a minimum of two training sessions a week for their own Club and as High Performance Coach verification of this training being undertaken needed to be provided by Clubs.

Clubs were in agreement to providing details of their State Team paddlers' training attendance to Steve Clinch upon request.

- ✚ Clubs were reminded of the availability of the Scholarship and noted that to date there had been no applications received. Deadline is 1 December 2012.
- ✚ Clubs were requested to advise their sweeps that the Rescue boat served a dual purpose and was also a Safety boat and therefore when requested by Steve Clinch as driver to manoeuvre on a different path that there was a reason behind this request.

## 7.2 Julie Clinch

- ✚ A reminder to Clubs training at West Lakes that the reason behind the exemption to wearing PFDs during daylight hours was given under special conditions. Each dragon boat is to have a mobile phone whilst on the water, the Sweep is to wear a PFD and lights must be used when it is dark.
- ✚ Clubs reminded to keep conversation and bad language to a minimum on the water as sound travels.
- ✚ DBSA has acquired some storage space at the Boatshed underneath the stairs on the outside and if anyone has any spare lockers they would be appreciated. The key to the roller door opens the new section also. Anyone wishing to help paint this new area would be most welcomed and should contact Pat Doogue.
- ✚ Bookings for boats are to be processed through Chris Wood and for The Sailing Club through John Holland.

## 7.3 ASA – from Strategic Planning Session

- ✚ One suggestion put forward by ASA was for a limit to be placed on the number of registered paddlers that any one Club can have. This was noted.
- ✚ Another suggestion was to introduce a pro-rata registration fee. Noted that this proposal has been discussed on numerous occasions over the years. There is a good reason why this is not in place already because it would mean that DBSA would still need to recoup the percentage of income no longer being received. The only way to do this would be to increase fees elsewhere which would penalise a lot of the participants that register before December.  
Various alternatives were put forward for consideration with the outcome being to leave the fees as they are and to remind Clubs that the sport was extremely cheap compared to many others.
- ✚ A third suggestion to encourage more volunteers was for DBSA to pay for their travel costs to events. It was noted that this occurred already for those volunteers travelling to regional events.  
Various options were put forward to encourage Clubs to provide a volunteer each race day with some suggesting that fines be imposed. The DBSA response was that this would not work either and Clubs should encourage their members to undertake the DBSA Official – Level 1 course as mentoring would be provided to them along the way.
- ✚ Query from ASA about the payment of boat and trailer insurance owed by Copper Coast for part of the period and that they would not pay it. The DBSA response was that it was their internal issue to resolve and that the invoice required payment.

## 7.4 Marie Cunningham

- ✚ Clubs were reminded to set themselves up for online processing of registrations if they had not done so already.
- ✚ A reminder that Marie would be overseas on annual leave from Mon 19 Nov – Fri 14 Dec however registrations would still be processed during this period however the ID cards would have to wait until her return.

## 7.5 Water Warriors

- ✚ The question was asked if Clubs could be provided with more keys to the Boatshed than the three already assigned. The response given was that a key register was maintained by DBSA and any Club wishing for a further copy would need to apply through DBSA who would then follow up with the Council as the keys are all numbered.  
Additional keys for The Sailing Club could be copied by Clubs themselves. Clubs to advise Chris Wood what numbered keys they have and how many they would like.

**Action: Clubs**

#### 7.6 **Black Dragons**

- ✚ The question was asked if Black Dragons would need to register those paddlers who they are training up for the World Police Games scheduled for August 2013. Suggested that they put their request in writing to DBSA.

**Action: BDs**

#### 7.7 **John Holland**

- ✚ The DBSA Board and Racing Committee were recommending that the category for the Peter Bristow Long Course event change from Open to Mixed given that the majority of participants were female and this would be more inclusive. This was duly considered and agreed that the IDBF Mixed composition would apply as to AusDBF composition however for this season only the ratio would be a maximum of 12 men.
- ✚ Clubs were all encouraged to sign up to the Star Club program being run by the OR&S as it would assist them apply for grants in future. DBSA's objective is that eventually all Clubs would be part of this program as it will assist them to survive.
- ✚ Noted that the Eyre Peninsula would be hosting a corporate regatta event in Port Lincoln on 13 May 2013 and supporters would be welcome. They plan to host novelty events in a similar vein to that held in Wallaroo recently.
- ✚ Clubs reminded to return trophies after each event.

#### 7.8 **Waiwilta**

- ✚ The suggestion was put forward that prior to such meetings be held in future that everyone introduce themselves because it could not be assumed that everyone knew each other. This was considered to be a worthwhile practice.

#### 7.9 **Michael Burrige**

- ✚ Suggested that DBSA consider a new perpetual trophy for the Peter Bristow Long Course event. The general consensus was in favour of this but John Holland noted that it would unfortunately not be ready in time prior to the event however could be handed over at a later date.

### 8 **NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next Presidents Forum meeting is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.