



**Minutes of Presidents' Forum
8:00pm Wednesday 13 February 2013
at The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide**

1 OPEN MEETING

2 PRESENT

Chris Payne	Black Dragons	John Holland	DBSA
Steve Holt	ASA	Patrick Doogue	DBSA
Paul Melis	Subsonix	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Di Adey	Adelaide Phoenix	Rick French	DBSA
Tina Pupello	Water Warriors	Jennifer Bould	DBSA
Helen Macleod	SADA	Julie Clinch	DBSA
		Chris Wood	DBSA/ASD

3 APOLOGIES

Mavis Gibbes Blue Water Raiders

The website for making bookings at The Sailing Club through SmartSpace was shown to Clubs and noted that it was not yet ready for use. Clubs would only be able to make requests for bookings which would then be confirmed.

The "Life Be in it" website was also visited as it promoted details of the forthcoming Dragonboat Challenge on Tuesdays from 5 March to 9 April. Sessions will be from 11:30am – 2:30pm each day with volunteers to be sought. Clubs encouraged to send along participants as would be an excellent opportunity to recruit new members.

Action: Chris

4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 8 November 2012 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Julie Clinch Seconded: Chris Wood Carried

5 BUSINESS ARISING

01	Ongoing. Adelaide Phoenix given until Friday to advise of key holders so that new keys can be ordered through the Council. Action: Phoenix/Chris
02	Actioned. Letter tabled from Black Dragons seeking dispensation to train paddlers competing in the World Police & Fire Games in 2013 and approval subsequently given. Separate sign in register to be kept to record their sessions.
03	Actioned. 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.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Maintenance

Noted that time and effort had gone into cleaning and repairing the life jackets recently only to find them on various occasions left on the floor or spread throughout the Boatshed. Clubs to remind their paddlers of the importance of securing them away in bundles of 10 however not on the mezzanine floor.

Clubs to remind their paddles that the DBSA paddles purchased are for corporate use and new paddlers only.

The email received from John Harris advising of a recent safety incident whilst moving a boat not secured evenly on a trolley was advised to those present. Agreed onus was on those moving the boat to ensure that it is evenly loaded before moving.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Holland

- Clubs advised that DBSA have introduced a reduced registration fee for any new paddler joining after 1 January however this would not apply to any previous paddler in the system. SmartSpace is being amended with reimbursement to be given to Clubs as required.

As part of the requirement to prove that the DBSA was putting in place processes to encourage participation by seniors it was agreed that a new category of Retiree for any participant over the age of 67 and 1 July would be introduced. Would be the same fee as Tertiary. The spreadsheet outlining the new fees is to be circulated.

Action: Marie

- DBSA have approved the membership of a new club at Goolwa called "Coorong Dragons".
- Come N Try event scheduled for Saturday 9 March 2013 at Victor Harbour with details to be circulated to Clubs.
- Clubs invited to participate in the Wooden Boat Festival on 24&25 February 2013 at Goolwa. Mildura is sending a team along with one from "Pink Victory".
- Clubs advised that Early Bird Discount would apply for Clubs training for the new season before 1 July 2013 and for those Clubs training after this prior to the date they nominate as returning to training.
- Clubs participating at the Nationals were told to register for Early Bird discount ignoring the fee for the State team as this is covered by DBSA and separate.
- Suggestion to be put to Racing Committee to relocate the next event back to Aquatic Reserve given that Triathlon SA is holding an event on the proposed course making parking and course access difficult.
- Noted Clive Grant had arranged for the handrails for the pontoons to be made and approval had been given by SARA to secure them.
- Clubs advised that about 15 volunteers would be sought on the Sunday prior to the State Championships to move the pontoons.
- The general consensus in regard to the discussion point from Julie Hyland to consider lowering the age of Masters category to 30 was that given that DBSA races under IDBF rules that the status quo should remain.
- Steve Clinch reminded Clubs that they had agreed to provide details of their members training attendance to him however very little Clubs had done this. Impetus to be given to ensuring this is done for the period Jan-Mar. Another state training session had been set for Tuesday nights.

State team paddlers who have not yet handed in their paperwork to Steve Clinch are to do so ASAP. A list is placed on the pin board in the Boatshed of those who have done so.

SmartSpace to be changed to allow easier processing of State team details and training attendance for next season.

Action: Marie

- Suggestion has been put to AusDBF by the National Championships Steering Committee that only the Premiers team should be formed through the current process and that the teams that win the relevant Masters Aged events at the Nationals should have the right to form the respective squads.

At a State level this would correlate to the Club that wins the relevant Masters category at the State Titles would have the right to coordinate that team for the Nationals. Clubs to provide feedback on this.

Action: Clubs

- Noted Clubs were in support of the scholarships being offered to State team participants.
- In regard to encouraging applications for the various State Coach positions it was suggested that consideration should be given to offering an incentive package to the successful applicant/s. Perhaps even replace the Premiers scholarship with a Coaches scholarship.
- Clubs reminded to ensure that the fire extinguishers at the Boatshed are not being covered up and are readily accessible.
- Clubs reminded to ensure that if they are the last Club at training that the Boatshed is secure before departing.
- Clubs wishing for details, photos or updates to be made to the DBSA website are to liaise with Chris Wood.
- Follow up to be made with Ronnie Lane to arrange for race results to be updated.
Action: Julie
- Task List to be amended for Aquatic Reserve to ensure Clubs take out a star dropper with them to secure the start and finish line anchor points.
Action: Chris
- Strategic Plan to be circulated to Clubs.
Action: Chris
- Considered that there was a sufficient amount of races available for Sweeps to maintain qualification however if special circumstances prevail than dispensation can be sought from DBSA. SmartSpace allows for Clubs to monitor the number of sweeps races undertaken.

8 NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 10:35pm.