



**Minutes of Presidents' Forum  
8:00pm Wednesday 15 May 2013  
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
Paul Melis	Subsonix	Steve Clinch	DBSA
Tony Morbidelli	Subsonix	Rick French	DBSA
Hans Hekmeijer	Adelaide Phoenix	Andy Kelly	Powerblades
Peter Takos	Water Warriors	Janice Jones	Waiwilta
Tina Pupello	Water Warriors	Glen Marsland	Waiwilta

**3 APOLOGIES**

Mavis Gibbes	Blue Water Raiders	Mary-Ann Holt	ASA
Patrick Doogue	DBSA	Julie Clinch	DBSA
Julie Clinch	Blade Runners		

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 13 February 2013 were approved as a true and accurate record.*

*Moved: Chris Wood                      Secoded: Paul Melis                      Carried*

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

01	<p>Provide feedback on the proposal that the Club that wins the respective Masters category at the States has the right to coordinate the team for the Nationals the following year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This was discussed and agreed although most Clubs were now in support of this idea that Clubs should be allowed further time to consider this and bring back their decision to the next RC meeting in July.</li><li>Any decision made by the RC would need to be a majority.</li><li>Agreed that the results of the 2012 State Championships would be circulated with the winning teams listed in order from 1-3 so that Clubs can see which teams would be responsible for organising the relevant Masters Category or declining and allowing the next on the list to arrange the team.</li></ul> <p><b>Action: John</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The advertisement for the State Coach for 2013/14 would still be circulated as a Premier Coach(es) was still required.</li><li>As an aside noted that the 2014 Nationals will be held on the Sunshine Coast over Easter.</li><li>Thanks extended to volunteers who assisted with the Life Be in It event. Reimbursement yet to be given by DBSA to volunteers. Agreed would participate in 2014 as it was an ideal opportunity to promote the sport and attract members. Contact has been established with each team that participated and they will be followed up with details of the Corporate Challenge event.</li></ul>
02	<p>The race results will be posted to the website upon the return of Ronnie Lane from overseas by the end of June. A sub-committee has been formed (Pat, Corey, Chris, Ronnie, Julie) to look after various aspects of the websites. This will be relayed to members via the website.</p>

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Early-Bird Registrations 2014/15**

Clubs advised that from 2014/15 the Early-Bird date will be set at 1 July regardless of their return to training date. They need to ensure any paddlers returning early are registered.

## 6.2 Online registrations

Clubs encouraged to select the online registration option rather than manual this season to alleviate paperwork and processing time.

It is envisaged that once all state associations are using SmartSpace that registrations for the Nationals can be done through this database.

## 6.3 Online registrations 2014/15

Clubs reminded that from 2014/15 all registrations will only be processed online.

## 6.4 Water Warriors – Nationals cancellation (1/2 day)

Clubs advised that a letter was sent to AusDBF outlining various concerns raised after the recent Nationals (ie medals/inclement weather policy). To be circulated.

**Action: John**

## 6.4 2013-14 Draft Race program - feedback

Version 2 of the race program for 2013/14 was tabled for review. Agreed to schedule the Chinese New Year event on the Torrens and to find out from Triathlon SA their race program.

**Action: Chris**

Come N Try event scheduled at Waikerie for Sunday 30 September 2013. Volunteers would be sought to assist.

Noted Wallaroo event has been cancelled however they are still keen for DBSA to participate.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### John Holland

- The key register was updated during this meeting with keys assigned respectively.
- Appreciation extended to those participants who completed the OR&S 360° survey. A total of 96% participated which was considered exceptional with feedback yet to be released by OR&S.
- Both Sean Carey and John Holland completed the AusDBF Level 1 Coaches Presenters course on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and would now be able to deliver it locally provided they hold a Cert IV in T&AE. Details re the pre-requisites for this course and details will be circulated.  
**Action: John**
- Clubs provided information to DBSA as part of the DBSA Public Liability policy renewal. Any Club wishing to store their trailers and/or boats here or have any of them included on the DBSA policy (and to be charged a portion of the cost) are to advise John Holland by Sunday. Agreed preferred level for Club Public Liability \$10M. Association PL to remain at \$20,000,000.  
**Action: Clubs**
- Clubs reminded of requirement for paddlers and sweeps to wear life jackets at night.
- The AusDBF levy is \$23 per participant which is a CPI increase of \$1.

### Steve Clinch

- Reminder to Clubs to ensure that they stress the importance of hanging up the life jackets in the boatshed. Hooks to be sourced.  
**Action: Steve**
- Noted only 4 scholarship payments were given out of a possible 10.

## 8 NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9:56pm.