



**Minutes of Presidents' Forum  
8:00pm Thursday 10 October 2013  
at The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide**

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**1 OPEN MEETING**

**2 PRESENT**

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| Chris Payne     | Black Dragons  | John Holland   | DBSA             |
| Tony Morbidelli | Subsonix       | Rick French    | DBSA             |
| Steve Savik     | Subsonix       | Jennifer Bould | DBSA             |
| Helen Macleod   | SADA           | Chris Wood     | DBSA / ASD       |
| Greg Bond       | Waiwilta       | Patrick Doogue | DBSA             |
| Steve Holt      | ASA            | Angie Lange    | Copper Coast     |
| Andy Kelly      | Powerblades    | Andy Kelly     | Powerblades      |
| Dennis Wright   | Water Warriors | Marcia Mason   | Adelaide Phoenix |
|                 |                | Jenny Brady    | Adelaide Phoenix |

**3 APOLOGIES**

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| Tina Pupello | Water Warriors | Janice Jones | Waiwilta |
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**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 15 May 2013 were approved as a true and accurate record.*

**Moved:** Steve Holt                      **Seconded:** Andy Kelly                      **Carried**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

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| 01 | Actioned. Obtain copy of Triathlon SA's race program for 2013/14 to sort out timing of their events to avoid clashes at end of lake   |
| 02 | Actioned. Circulate to Clubs the letter sent to AusDBF after the Nationals expressing industry feedback Clubs advised that a letter was sent to AusDBF outlining various concerns raised after the recent Nationals (ie medals/inclement weather policy).   |
| 03 | Actioned. Circulate details and pre-requisites for a Level 1 Coaches Course in Adelaide.  |
| 04 | Actioned. Clubs advised John Holland if they required any Club equipment to be placed on DBSA Public Indemnity Policy<br>Steve Holt reported of recent incident at Bunnings during recent fundraising BBQ whereby the tent fell onto a car. They are reviewing the fine print of the agreement to check responsibility for insurance.                                       |
| 05 | Actioned. Reminder to Clubs to ensure that they stress the importance of hanging up the life jackets in the boatshed. Hooks to be sourced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Noted issue of life jackets still being left on floor at Boatshed. Steve Holt offered to follow up fixing a stand similar to that at The Sailing Club.</li></ul> <b>Action: Steve Holt</b> |

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Directors and Officers Insurance**

Clubs present all expressed interest in being placed on the Directors and Officers Insurance policy and will provide details to John Holland as required. Quote to be obtained.

**Action: John**

**6.2 OR&S 360degree reviews**

John Holland gave a brief outline of DBSA's involvement in the Office of Recreation & Sport's 360degree Review program. He noted that DBSA achieved the highest score in relation to survey completion at 96% and won the \$500 prize.

The Action plan to be submitted to ORS as part of the 360degree Review funding obligations was then tabled for Club input.

In relation to the issue of insufficient “openness and transparency” it was noted to Clubs that anyone is welcome to attend DBSA meetings, that all Minutes are posted to the website once ratified and that Racing Committee meetings and Presidents Forum meetings are also held to which input is sought from participants. Correspondence would next be sent to all Participants requesting that if they have any issues they should submit them in writing and that they would be invited to attend any of the meetings held.

Samples of the proposed clothing for Volunteers were tabled (spray jacket/polo shirt) and noted that only 8 people had registered for the forthcoming Volunteers training day on 20 October 2013. The Volunteer Log Book was also tabled and Clubs reminded that it would be used throughout the season and was currently being completed by Rick French after each race day for each volunteer. Clubs were requested to encourage further attendance at the training day.

**Action: Clubs**

The DBSA website was slowly being updated with recent required changes to be made by the Board noted.

Steve Holt suggested that SmartSpace be amended to have the team categories listed in the same order as that in the mandated order of racing (Policy #027).

**Action: Marie**

In relation to the comment being made that there was “no program to engage new and existing paddlers” DBSA were of the opinion that it was not necessarily up to DBSA to provide this and that the Clubs were mainly responsible for this. DBSA was successful in attracting corporate interest however Volunteers were needed from Clubs to help out on these days.

Angie Lange noted the difficulty in receiving publicity in the country as the main focus was on the other more male dominated sports (ie football, soccer).

There was some disappointment expressed by Water Warriors on the low number of Clubs participating at the forthcoming Wallaroo event.

Clubs were encouraged to establish a relationship with a local school in order to set up a junior program in the next 12 months. Mention was made of Council program whereby they each have a Youth Advisory Officer whose aim is to initiate competitions for the under 25s.

**Action: Clubs**

DBSA has a range of policies and in particular related to Codes of Conduct however they will be promoted more with hyperlinks placed to them in the Newsletter so that Clubs could be reminded of them. Clubs were also asked to mention their availability on the website to their members through their own committees.

DBSA has reviewed the requirement for a Disability Action Plan and now believes that it is important that one be put in place. It was noted that some Clubs now had paddlers with various levels of disability. Angie Lange and Helen Macleod agreed to work on developing this Plan.

**Action: Angie Lange/Helen Macleod**

### **6.3 State Teams**

Feedback was sought from Clubs on the recent correspondence from AusDBF proposing changes to the age groups for some of the categories at the Nationals in future. John Holland advised that this viewpoint had not been discussed with the AusDBF Championships Steering Committee yet which is actually meeting in Adelaide on 9 November.

Entry for the next Nationals would all be done in SmartSpace with registrations opening at the beginning of November and closing at the end of February.

Cubs were generally in favour of retaining the current National program over the 5-days however some expressed disappointment that it was scheduled over Easter given the difficulty of sourcing accommodation at that time.

The general consensus was that the registration process should allow for single payments per day with no fancy payment combinations or compulsory after-party payments. Payment should only be for the events that participants wished to attend.

**Action: John**

The 2015 Nationals will be held at Champion Lakes (WA) and will be the qualifying event for the WCCs in 2016 and would be held the week prior to Anzac Day.

DBSA would be sending out a survey to all registered Participants seeking their feedback on the State team as to their thoughts if they did compete recently and if not, as to why not. Feedback was sought from Clubs if they would be happy for the SmartSpace database to be used on this time to circulate the email with it noted that it would not be a regular occurrence. The general consensus was in favour with Water Warriors asking if this could not occur for a week to allow time to inform their members of this.

Clubs were advised that Chris Wood and Cheryl Watson were appointed as Coaches for the Masters and Grand Masters team. The Premier Coach position has not yet been advertised as this would occur once feedback on the State team had been received via the survey.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **John Holland**

- Clubs gave approval for promotional fund raising flyer from Adelaide Phoenix to be circulated by DBSA to Clubs Presidents and Secretaries for further dissemination.
- Reminder given to Clubs to ensure that the ladder in Aquatic Boatshed is secured (via occy strap) to the right hand bag rack (when not in use) as it has been prone to fall over in recent strong winds.
- Clubs urged to adhere to the boat training times given the busy upcoming schedule (especially Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>).
- Both Pat Doogue and Dennis Wright agreed to work together on replacing the trolleys at the Boatshed.  
**Action: Pat/Dennis**
- Agreed that the \$30 fee for late issue of ID cards (within 10 days of a race day) would no longer apply given that as the Participant/s would already be registered in SmartSpace that they were only required to produce a photo identify card (ie Drivers Licence).
- Noted issue with recent conflicting and reduced carparking guidelines from the Charles Sturt Council and a permit apparently being required to park on the grass verge. This was being addressed by DBSA with the hope that further carparking would be made available.
- The recently installed defibrillator was tested by SADA and most appreciated. Pat Doogue was taking into consideration the feedback received from SADA about its location etc.
- SADA advised Clubs of forthcoming Canoe Club event and that they were doing a BCA Mini Field of Women on the same day.
- SADA were keen to swap their slot during the Port Adelaide Festival from the Sunday to the Saturday. Noted there were still some slots available for interested Clubs.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting closed at 9:52pm.