

08	Actioned. Circulate "western youth week' details to Clubs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no participation by DBSSA at this event as Clubs did not provide any volunteers to attend.
09	Actioned. Consult with younger members to see if any are interested in helping out on Fri 4/4/14 Western Councils event at St Clair/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs encouraged to source a younger paddler within their Club who is willing and able to take some time off to assist in future with this type of event. <p>Action: Clubs</p>
10	Actioned. Send Life Be in It event details around and seek volunteer sweeps/paddlers/drummers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event went well with positive feedback received. Time trials were included on the program which allowed a final series to be held with teams racing against those in their time which proved to be popular. Interest has been received from 2-3 teams to participate in the Corporate Challenge. Remuneration from DBSA will be sent to those Club volunteers who assisted.
11	Actioned. Send out details of invite from Caudo Winery for DBSA activity during True Grit event on 26/04/14. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&D responsible for this event in 2015.
12	Ongoing. Update SmartSpace to introduce the three new levels of Volunteer as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tier 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 x race meetings over two seasons Competent in one specific task Tier 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 x race meetings over two seasons Competent in multiple tasks Tier 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 x race meetings over two seasons Competent in every task
13	Actioned. When submitting public liability renewal paperwork decrease the Excess payment for Clubs to \$500.
14	Actioned. Update SmartSpace and rego forms to reflect revised category of "67+" instead of "Retiree".
15	Actioned. Schedule a SmartSpace training session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs wanting training can contact Marie Cunningham direct.
16	Ongoing. Arrange to take some photos of the Finish line tent and print them out and place in DBSA trailer for those Clubs setting up the tent.
17	Actioned. Check why Jill Furnage is not receiving email copies of Dragons Breath.

Noted that Adelaide Phoenix were successful in being considered eligible by AusDBF to compete in the World Club Crew Championships (WCCCs) in Ravenna. ASD and SADA are also competing.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 State Championships – feedback

This event was considered to be successful with few issues noted. It finished on time with results posted quickly. The Starts had a few minor issues.

The discussion paper put forward by Waiwilta to segregate the competition into an A and B category similar to other sports and to revert to points being awarded throughout the season resulting in no requirement for a State Championships was tabled for consideration.

John Holland noted interest from some Canadian clubs to participate in the next season to train up for the 2016 WCCCs and the current format would allow them to compete on a race day for a particular category.

The general consensus was to continue with the current format.

6.2 DBSA recommendation:

The following recommendation from DBSA was put:

- THAT all State Championship costs should be covered by the participants competing in this event.

The provision of the medals for the State Championships was noted as being a huge cost for this event at \$11,000. Noted that IDBF only provides medals as follows:

- 2 x boats – gold
- 3 x boats – gold and silver
- 4+ boats – gold, silver, bronze

AusDBF currently order medals for more than one season as they are able to change the insert wording annually.

Agreed that consideration should be given by DBSA to following the same procedure for medals as AusDBF as this would allow for more than one year to be ordered at a time which would reduce the overall cost. Currently DBSA is required to place an order in February and often medals are discarded given that there are not enough teams participating in a category.

John Holland flagged that the race fee for State Championships in 2014/15 may increase to \$10 per person per day.

Jill Fumage stated that it would be beneficial if the accounts would provide a separate cost centre for Racing income and expenditure which would make it easier to determine whether or not the race fee needed to be increased each year. She felt that it was not clear enough now to determine this and the Board's recommendation needed to be based on the facts.

The question was asked of those present it was proven by DBSA that the costs to hold the Championships in 2014/15 was higher than this season would they have no objection to an increase. Given that some Clubs have set fees already as part of their 2014/15 membership any increase would not be supported. Agreed therefore that the status quo of \$7.50 per person per day would remain for the 2014/15 season.

In relation to the discussion paper from Waiwilta Clubs were requested to give it due consideration and noted it would be discussed at the forthcoming Racing Committee meeting. It was felt that any changes could not be implemented until the 2016/17 season anyway as there was not sufficient time before the next season was due to commence.

6.3 Nationals – feedback

Some comments from participants at the Nationals were as follows:

- Noted some DBSA Clubs were listed on the team sheet although they had not registered for the event.
- Tents were somewhat spread out along the course which did not allow for much atmosphere especially during the Premier racing.
- Insufficient seating available.
- Weather conditions turned out good.
- Two different types of 10s boats were supplied which meant that they could not be used.

Noted that the State team attained 3 x silvers and 3 x bronze medals in the Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters events.

Clubs advised that the WCCCS would now be held in Adelaide in April 2016 a few days after the Nationals are held. Clubs wishing to qualify would need to participate at the 2015 Nationals in Perth.

Noted that there were approximately 6000 competitors at Ravenna and it was expected that in Adelaide there would be about 4000. The aim would be to set up the course as was done for the previous SA Nationals.

DBSA is in the early stages of planning with AusDBF. The Events SA large marquee will be used for marshalling and articulated buses will be scheduled to stop at various hotels throughout the day to collect and return participants. Volunteers would be sought to act as chauffeurs for the various IDBF officials and VIPs.

6.4 DBSA Coaches Course – July

Noted still some interest also in Gavin's Coaching course which could be held in October/November. Follow up to be made to check Gavin's availability.

Action: John

6.5 End of Season Function – 28/06/14

Discussed earlier with new July date to be proposed and details circulated.

6.6 P&D Portfolio – Subcommittee formation

Discussed earlier with follow up email to be sent to Clubs.

6.7 2014-15 Season – race programme discussion

The draft 2014/15 season programme was reviewed with some changes put forward for consideration at the next RC meeting.

Subsonix feedback was that they were not in favour of competing at Wallaroo this season as they would prefer a change of country venue. Noted Goolwa was not in a position yet for a regatta to be held there and have suggested a long distance race instead.

Some Clubs were not in favour of Scullers Reserve being used for various reasons. Not all Clubs were assisting with putting away the boats and the time it took for this to happen meant that socialising after the event did not happen for some participants.

John Holland advised that he would be asking the Charles Sturt Council to put in a beach at Scullers Reserve to make it easier to access and beach the boats.

Waiwilta feedback was for all races to be held at Aquatic as they could not see any advantage for their older paddlers in relocating.

The counter argument was put forward that Aquatic Reserve was actually the worst course available for racing at West Lakes. There were other positives noted.

The Discussion papers put forward by Black Dragons and Water Warriors were discussed at this time as they were considered to be pertinent to this discussion.

The suggestion was put forward that perhaps a roster could be put in place whereby 3 x Clubs would be allocated on race days to put the boats back so that it would be assigned evenly throughout the season. This would allow those Clubs not involved in being able to undertake other tasks and to socialise after the event.

The Task Lists would be amended to reflect that 6 x paddlers are required for those Clubs assigned with the task of boat return outside of Aquatic Reserve at West Lakes.

Action: Marie

Discussion was held on the best way to tackle the moving of the pontoons with John Holland advising that his preference was to coordinate with volunteers rather than assigning this task to specific Clubs. In future commitment would be sought to assist with the return of the pontoons to the required position.

The above discussion points would be brought up at the next RC meeting.

Action: Marie

Jill Furmage suggested that DBSA consider changing the Constitution to bring it into line with the OR&S and other bodies whereby the Board actually sets the membership fee and not the members.

John Holland responded that the Board actually sets the fee and only recommends it to the Members for endorsement. His preference was for this to continue as he felt that the association was small and robust as a group to discuss this. He noted that the only comment from OR&S about the Constitution had been that for the removal of more than one vote per Club.

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 20 August 2014 and Clubs were advised that they could put up any recommendations at that time by following the due process.

6.8 Water Warriors (Tina's) email of 15/05/14

Discussed above.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Di Adey asked if there were any survey results from the use of Scullers Reserve. Noted that no survey had been undertaken and the consensus was that none was required.
- Clubs encouraged to discuss any racing issues with their RC delegates prior to the next meeting as at that time the 2014/15 program would be set.
Action: Clubs
- John Holland advised that there was the opportunity for the B Grade to be regraded to allow more categories as demand required. Jill Furnage responded that it still needed to be formalised and aligned more closely with other sports.
- John Holland stated that DBSA had adopted IDBF and AusDBF Rules governing the mix between men and women in each category which was based on the women.
- It was noted that there had not been any decline in membership numbers since 2009/10 season.
- Agreed that SmartSpace would be changed to allow Clubs to only enter 14 participants in for 10s events and 26 for 20s events.
Action: Clubs
- Apology put forward by Marie Cunningham in relation to the rescheduling twice of the 21 May 2014 RC meeting. It was noted that the venue was not available on the 21st and when changed to the 28th that Water Warriors would be overseas and that they had particularly requested that the meeting be held before they departed particularly since they submitted a discussion paper for consideration. The new date of the 26th unfortunately results in ASA not being available and was considered regrettable but not able to be changed again.
- Dennis Wright asked if the RC committee could ask that the Chief Officials and all Clubs have a clear understanding of what 'clear water' was in turn races and how they are supposed to be held.
Action: RC meeting

8 NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Presidents Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 August 2014 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 10:20pm.