



**Minutes of the Presidents' Forum  
Held at 8:00pm Thursday 14 May 2015  
at the Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

**1 OPEN MEETING**

**2 PRESENT**

John Holland	DBSA	Raelene Fuller	Blue Water Raiders
Rick French	DBSA	Debbie Attewell	Water Warriors
Pat Doogue	DBSA	Dianne Adey	Adelaide Phoenix
Steve Sadik	DBSA	Neil Parker	Powerblades
Chris Kelley	DBSA	Raelene Fuller	Blue Water Raiders
Jennifer Bould	DBSA/Life Member	Steve Holt	ASA
Tony Morbidelli	Subsonix	Mary Newland	SADA
Anne Richardson	Black Dragons		

**3 APOLOGIES**

Copper Coast	Wilma Key	Marion Bennett	Victor Dragons
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt		
Waiwilta	Adrienne Etherington	Jenny Chillingworth	Blue Water Raiders
DBSA:	Sam Kelsh	DBSA/ASD	Chris Wood
Powerblades:	Andy Kelly	DBSA:	Jen Le Ray

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 19 February 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.*

**MOVED: D. ADEY**

**SECONDED: A. RICHARDSON**

**CARRIED.**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

01	Actioned. Coordinate next Sweeps' training session. § Details of session scheduled for Saturday 29/08/15 from 10am-2pm at The Sailing Club to be circulated. <b>Action: Pat/Chris</b>
02	Ongoing. Provide details of Sweeps requiring training. § BWRs to coordinate for their Sweeps' Assessor to arrange a training session who can sign off on the modules. Liaise with John as required. <b>Action: BWRs</b>
03	Ongoing. Send email out advising of date for P&D meeting and encourage Clubs to attend.
04	Ongoing. Prepare paperwork to change Constitution and reflect consensus for new Board structure whereby Committee elects the Office Bearers. § OR&S have provided two sample constitutions which include this structure which will be incorporated into DBSA Constitution accordingly and then put to the Members to vote upon at the AGM.
05	Actioned. Amend Policy #042 to show medical clearance only required for paddlers aged 60+. § Noted two incidents reported after the Port Vincent Challenge with one ASD paddler being flown by RFDS to hospital for heart issues and a Copper Coast paddler admitting themselves to hospital with health related issues. ASD have agreed to make a small donation to RFDS for their services. § Clubs were encouraged to urge all of their members to have annual medicals.
06	Actioned. Set a training roster for Clubs on a Thursday night to rotate them to start at 7pm or to train otherwise at the Sailing Club. § Noted that this roster worked well and would be re-established next season as demand requires. § Clubs wishing to register their training preferences are to do so through Chris Wood.

07	Actioned. Forward details of Port Vincent Girl Guide Tuckerway camp for inclusion in DragonsBreath. § Reasonable place – recommend good for team bonding.
08	Actioned. Send email to Clubs seeking 2 x Maintenance people to assist with session planned for 28/2 & 1/3 weekend.
09	Ongoing. Follow up establishing the sport at Mawson Lakes.
10	Ongoing. Forward to Debbie & Deanne (WWs) details of any contacts made at Mawson Lakes and relevant correspondence.
11	Ongoing. Forward draft letter to John for forwarding on to the CSC for funding submission via their DWA program for a new timing system (Brookes) § Noted Cheryl is no longer in a position to assist as her position as changed at CSC and there may be a potential conflict of interest. § Agreed to follow up with Alison Bretones – Pat & Steve Sadik.
12	Actioned. Advise Chris Wood of any suitable/available Juniors to assist at promotional events. § Adelaide Phoenix provided some younger members to assist with this.
13	Completed. Come back with ideas on how best to fill vacant sub-committee positions. § All positions are now filled.
14	Forward 1-2 (high-res) action paddling photos to Chris Wood for uploading to the website and corporate brochure. § Photos need to be action shots. § Clubs advised very few suitable photos provided by Clubs and unless provided they will find that the DBSA promotional brochure which consist of photos mainly from the one Club so were duly encouraged to source suitable photos.

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Nationals – wrap up

§ John Holland advised that at the last Racing Committee meeting Sean Carey brought forward an issue arising from the Nationals whereby exemptions were given by AusDBF to participants, Sweeps and Drummers from one Club to compete with another in the Club Crews event despite the rules to the contrary.

This was discussed and the consensus was that DBSA should submit an issues paper to AusDBF on this requesting that this no longer occur and that the racing rules be followed accordingly. Special circumstances for last minute emergencies could be considered.

**Action: John**

§ A number of other issues from the event were discussed. Noted a number of teams were late inclusions on the race draw which subsequently caused some problems to other teams and the draw.

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§ The Race Officials have all recommended afterwards that if a team is not marshalled at the designated time then they would not be able to compete and that all race rules are followed.

§ Some apparent confusion with some Clubs providing laminated team sheets to Administration however were advised that if they had used SmartSpace that they did not need to as they had already being printed and laminated. This caused some confusion and delay as there were additional team sheets confusing the issue. Noted this should not occur in Adelaide with all teams having to use SmartSpace.

§ Disappointment expressed at the medals that were issued as they were of poor quality, colour, weight and design. Noted if the respective coloured lanyards went missing it would not be possible to determine the medal awarded. The States medal differing from the Club medals was of concern.

§ The photos taken by the appointed photographer were extremely disappointing and below par with most Clubs not ordering any.

§ The standard, quality and variety of food provided was below par as well however AusDBF was hamstrung as the services were provided by the WA government. Noted this would not be an issue in 2016.

§ It was expected in Adelaide that there would be a maximum of 3,500 people at the course on a given day. The CCWC race format would be the same as in Perth with Masters events held first over three days and the Premiers and Juniors events would be held over three days. The old DBSA boats would be available for Clubs wishing to train during the event at Aquatic Reserve.

§ Question asked if the race program details were meant to be sent by AusDBF to Club Presidents. Noted that AusDBF correspondence re the event was emailed to those team managers registered.

§ Noted some Clubs were apparently cheating by pushing themselves off from the pontoon which was eventually dealt with. It was not felt that they had an advantage from this.

## **6.2 State Championships – wrap up**

§ Successful event with consensus being to continue in same format. Is next scheduled for 19&20 March 2016.

§ Weather was perfect and volunteers were commented on as being “great and enthusiastic”.

§ The medal quality and design was favourable.

## **6.3 Season 2015/16 – planning**

§ General consensus was in favour of the planned program.

§ Version 2 to be circulated once dates and venues have been resolved with Canoe SA and SARA for the Ramsay and Scullers Reserve courses.

**Action: John**

## **6.4 Season functions**

§ 14/06/15 – Volunteers acknowledgement lunch on the Sunday at The Sailing Club.

§ 27/06/15 – Pre-season launch dinner at the Cruising Yacht Club.

§ 11/07/15 – DBSA & PAAF Quiz night – at the Sailing Club. Clubs encouraged to support event by filling tables of 10 and providing items for prizes and auction. Silent auction, raffle to be held to raise funds to cover the management costs to run the club. DBSA to provide volunteers to run the bar and provide PA system.

§ 02/06/15 – Sport SA launch of their Sport Hall of Fame in the city. Tickets were circulated as part of fundraising for the event.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

§ The lease for The Sailing Club expires in May 2016 and would be revisited by DBSA in January 2016.

§ Clubs arranging new uniforms were advised to check the Style Guide on the AusDBF website and that the DBSA logo was mandatory however the AusDBF was not. DBSA logo could be provided by John Holland.

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§ Debbie Attewell was going to raise the issue of orphan paddlers competing with another Club at the Nationals and to request that if this was to occur then all participating Clubs be advised and orphans could choose who they wished to paddle with. Noted this had been addressed earlier in the meeting with an issues paper to be submitted by DBSA to AusDBF against this.

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§ ASA holding a quiz night on 1 August at the Youth Centre on Marion Road.

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§ Question asked how much Clubs make from Come N Try sessions through Groupon and noted that majority of income was retained by Groupon with Clubs potentially getting new members.

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§ Question asked if DBSA would be purchasing any of the new single, double, four-man dragon boats displayed at the Nationals. Noted that DBSA would not at this stage be purchasing any but expert advice will be sought from the State Coaches. Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd would purchase new boats for the Dragons Down Under event with a number subsequently being offered to Clubs for sale.

§ Mary Newland asked if Presidents had been specifically invited to attend RC meetings with Marie Cunningham responding that they were included in on all RC correspondence sent by her for information only however they would be welcome if they wished. John Holland noted that he only sent RC emails to the delegates and it was up to them to circulate accordingly.

- § Details of the Officials' course to be held prior to season commencement in order to be relevant and timely would be forwarded once the date was set.
- § Tony Morbidelli expressed some concern raised from one of the Subsonix committee members as to whether there was sufficient time for Clubs to adequately consult on any changes to DBSA policies before the Board reviewed and ratified them.

The response given was that DBSA often approached the RC and Clubs for their input to any proposed changes to Policies before they were ratified, if relevant. Clubs and participants were always able to submit an Issues paper to the DBSA Board on any issue regarding a Policy at any stage and were encouraged to do so.

- § The following email from Chris Wood was read to:

§ *The use of State Squads for recruiting purposes is unacceptable and any movement of paddler/s or sweep/s within 6 months of having competed at an Australian Championship will be carefully reviewed by the DBSA Board to discourage poaching.*

This was duly discussed with Clubs encouraged to support this.

- § Details of the Coaches' course scheduled for 21 June have been circulated along with the nomination form.
- § The sample entries for the logo design for Dragons Down Under were circulated. The consensus was in favour for the leafy dragon photo one and with the Australian map to be included behind the dragon.
- § Noted ASD were seeking approval to place a sign on The Sailing Club fence advertising their weekly Come N Try session on Saturdays from 10am.

Lengthy discussion ensued and given there were some Clubs not in favour John Holland agreed to withdraw the request.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next Presidents' Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 August 2015 after the AGM at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 10:05 pm.