



**Minutes of the  
Presidents' Forum  
Held at 8:30pm Thursday 17 August 2016  
at the Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

**1 OPEN MEETING**

**2 PRESENT**

▪ John Holland	DBSA	▪ Kay Turbill	Adelaide Phoenix
▪ Pat Doogue	DBSA	▪ Meredith Brown	Adelaide Phoenix
▪ Chris Wood	DBSA	▪ Andy Kelly	Powerblades
▪ Jennifer Bould	DBSA/Life Member	▪ Valda Cooper	Copper Coast (phone)
▪ Tony Morbidelli	Subsonix	▪ Raelene Fuller	BWR (phone)
▪ Michael Burridge	Life Member	▪ Marion Bennett	Victor Dragons
▪ Steve Holt	ASA	▪ Linda Dehle	Victor Dragons
▪ Lesley Sheffield	ASD	▪ Mary Alice Swan	KIDS
▪ Louise Gordge	ASD	▪ Carol Hammond	KIDS
▪ Judi Sweatman	SADA	▪ Julie Clinch	Blade Runners
▪ Chris Payne	Black Dragons	▪ Steve Clinch	Blade Runners
▪		▪ Sandy Jansen	DAPL (phone)

**3 Apologies**

▪ Tanya Mitchell	Coorong Dragons	▪ Rick French	DBSA
▪ Hazel Kirlew	Copper Coast BDs	▪ Deanne Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Tony Morbidelli	Subsonix	▪ Chris Kelley	DBSA
▪ Jennifer Le Ray	DBSA	▪ Bruce Ordway	Vicki's Pride
▪ Marina Osman	Blue Water Raiders		

Opened at 8:55pm.

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes from the previous Presidents Forum meeting held 12 May 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**MOVED: A. KELLY      SECONDED: J. SWEATMAN      CARRIED.**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS' MEETING HELD – 14/5/15				
NO.	ACTION	REQUIRED BY	ACTION OFFICER/S	STATUS
01	Follow up with Silvana S (Black Dragons) to see if she is interested in managing the DBSA website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted that Silvana was not interested.</li> <li>▪ Support still sought.</li> </ul>	31/5/16	Graeme Horsburgh	Done
02	Help with moving 10s boats to back of Boatshed (9 stacks x 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted that the 3 boats on the trailers would be going to Mt Isa next week allowing the trailers to be used to move the Champion boat to the Sailing Club.</li> <li>▪ Clubs to assist with turning over 10s boats whilst at training. <b>Action: Clubs</b></li> <li>▪ The 2 x boats with the sweep oars hoop still in will remain.</li> </ul>	NOW	ALL CLUBS	DONE

ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
03	Provide articles for Sports Star magazine on an ongoing basis and on any specific events held (ie P&C Challenge). ▪ Noted this magazine has superceded the DragonsBreath magazine that used to be produced by DBSA.	ASAP	ALL CLUBS	
04	Send email out advising of date for P&D meeting and encourage Clubs to attend.	ASAP	Christine	Done
05	Follow up with Council on the setting up of a regatta for the 16/17 season at Mawson Lakes.	<b>Urgent</b>	Debbie & Deanna	Ongoing

DBSA insurance policies are now covered under AusDBF's in an endeavour to reduce the cost of the policies Australia-wide. There has been a reduction of about \$2,500 to the DBSA policy as a result. There is no current requirement for Clubs to submit declaration forms which is beneficial to them.

The Events Reimbursement policy (#045) is now on the website and any expenditure requires approval beforehand from DBSA if reimbursement is being sought by completing the claim form.

Confirmation is being sought from the course convenor for the next First Aid course tentatively scheduled for 10 September with Clubs to be advised in due course.

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Season Launch – Club representation

As a result of a survey undertaken some years prior, Clubs preference was for an annual social event to be held which have been scheduled either as a pre-season or end-of-season event. It was noted that in recent years' attendance numbers were down and the next one would be held in the city in an endeavour to hopefully improve this.

Clubs were asked to consult with their members to see if they would still support this type of event or had ideas for an alternate event. **Action: Clubs /Chris**

Mention was made of this event incorporating an Awards presentation with AusDBF being followed up on the awards that they are looking at introducing in order to match them.

### 6.2 Strategic Plan – aligned with AusDBF strategic plan

Is now aligned with AusDBF's plan.

### 6.3 Promotional brochures – Boatshed

The DBSA promotional brochure was recently updated with about 200 printed and left in the Boatshed for Clubs to take a small quantity in the interim until it is updated with new club details in the near future.

### 6.4 AusDBF Member Protection policy

AusDBF have developed their own policy which is similar to the DBSA one however has some differences such as a different process for handling complaints whereby they are adjudicated by the AusDBF Board if no resolution is reached prior.

Through Sport SA there is access to the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre for addressing any DBSA complaints which was felt to be a better option and would remain.

Clubs were recommended to adopt the DBSA policy.

### 6.5 Come N Try Tailem Bend – Sun 4-Sep

This event is now scheduled for Sunday 18 September 2016. Noted that the Tailem Bend Rowing Association has reinvigorated itself and was keen to have a Come N Try event scheduled. Volunteers would be sought with boat needing to be towed from either Goolwa or Victor and hopefully left there. **Action: Chris**

### 6.6 Council – changes to Grant program

Noted Charles Sturt Council has changed some of the grant criteria and amalgamated some of them resulting in less grants being available.

## 6.7 Mats

Clubs reminded to ensure that the mats are left in the boats.

## 6.8 AusDBF Pricing for National Champs

Advice circulated recently from AusDBF on their proposed new pricing structuring for the National Championships to simplify the process. Agreed to circulate again as not everyone was aware of it. **Action: Chris**

A fee would be imposed per boat, per category rather than per paddler. Various examples were worked through to give Clubs an understanding of how it would work.

A \$100 deposit would be charged per category and if a Club withdrew then they would not receive a refund in an endeavour to reduce the number of changes to the program

The IDBF registration program would be used which would also produce the race draws.

Discussion then ensued on whether the National Championships should incorporate only the best of the best rather than have majority participation. Various points of view were put forward with some suggesting that perhaps a major festival event should be held in addition. Clubs to seek feedback on this and report back to Chris Wood so that it can be sent to AusDBF for consideration by 7 September. **Action: Chris**

Noted AusDBF would now schedule the race draw in a specific order making it easier for Clubs to program their crew races.

## 6.9 KIDS – promoting dragon boating in regional areas

Noted regional clubs were generally interested in being able to participate as a regional crew in a number of events throughout the season.

Discussion ensued on how best to progress this with the emphasis being placed on the regional teams to ensure that they have participation as it had proved difficult in the past, even for SA based teams to get sufficient participation in events. It was noted that they could be scheduled in a spare lane at any stage but those participating paddlers have to not be competing in another category in the same race. This may prove difficult to arrange therefore and some flexibility with crew compositions may be needed.

Blue Water Raiders noted they were looking to schedule another corporate event in 2017 which could also include regional racing on the Sunday.

Copper Coast advised that they still wanted to hold a Come N Try during their event on the Sunday at which time regional paddlers could get together to train.

Suggested that official training be scheduled at the same time to maximise regional paddlers time and effort to get to an event.

There was much commitment from the regional clubs to make this work and agreed that the P&D sub-committee would be formed to work with the Clubs on this. First action would be to contact the regional teams and discuss the options first then set dates and develop it as it went along. Port Lincoln to be considered as the first event for this. **Action: P&D**

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A pulley system is now in place at the Torrens boatshed which should make it easier to access the boats and be safer to do so. The services of a welder were sought to work on the frame from of the Chinese boats to make it even easier. Steve Clinch advised he would follow up on this.  
**Action: Steve**
- Clubs requested to ensure that the proper care of all equipment. Weights are to be returned to the shelves rather than being dumped on the ground. The DBSA trailer will now be relocated and repainted due to an inordinate amount of rust from sand weights and wet gear being left on the trailer.
- Reminder mats to be left in the boats when not in use.
- Noted Black Dragons would no longer be providing the BBQ on race days. Off Tapas have been contacted to provide the catering on the Torrens with their food being trialled and once at Aquatic they will also provide coffee. Cafe2U will no longer be used.

- Paul Richards the radio announcer from the DDU event has agreed to provide this service on the majority of race days at a cost of about \$250 per day.
- The Council exclusion zone notice is to be recirculated. **Action: Chris**
- Channel 44 – invitation received for DBSA to promote the sport with John Holland taking this up and highlighting the recent DDU event which was the footage being circulated. They are offering regular guest appearances and would be invited down to the season launch at West Lakes. Under the new arrangement it will only cost \$500 for the first year and if it is effective then further money can be invested in the following year.
- The DDU video is almost finished with the final version expected to be completed in a week.
- Noted there were a number of paddlers transferring recently to DBSA who were then paddling with a number of Clubs on more than one occasion. Clubs advised it is up to them to look at their membership criteria to ensure that it allows for this and perhaps consider making them Affiliate members. Noted DBSA could not enforce this as it was up to Clubs to monitor.
- Problem remains with the Boatshed roller door often being left half way up and the back gate open so Clubs reminded to ensure that if they are the last ones in the Boatshed and there are no Clubs returning in close proximity to lock it.

The email from Copper Coast would be discussed at the next RC meeting.

- Blue Water Raiders advised that they could do what they like with the superfluous DDU clothing.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The remaining Presidents' Forum meeting is scheduled for 8pm on Thursday 10 November 2016.

The meeting closed at 10:12pm.