



**Minutes of the  
Presidents' Forum  
Held at 8:30pm Wednesday 8 February 2017  
at the Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

**1 OPEN MEETING – 8:05PM**

**2 PRESENT**

▪ John Holland	DBSA	▪ Julie Clinch	Blade Runners
▪ Sharon Knights	DBSA	▪ Chris Payne	Black Dragons
▪ Chris Wood	DBSA	▪ Di Bilney	Coorong Dragons
▪ Jennifer Bould	DBSA/Life Member	▪ Sandra Jansen	DAPL
▪ Steve Holt	ASA	▪ Dalia Sweeny	Powerblades
▪ Vivian Akkermans	ACDC	▪ Judi Sweatman	SADA
▪ Andrew Akermans	ACDC	▪ Tony Morbidelli	Subsonix
▪ Lesley Sheffield	ASD	▪ Deanne Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Louise Gordge	ASD	▪ Karen McKerlie	Vicki's Pride

**3 Apologies**

▪ Marion Bennett	Victor Dragons	▪ Andy Kelly	Powerblades
▪ Hazel Kirlew	Copper Coast	▪ Terry Caldow	Waiwilta

**4 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes from the previous Presidents' Forum meeting held 10 November 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**MOVED:** J. SWEATMAN

**SECONDED:** C. PAYNE

**CARRIED.**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

<b>ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS' MEETING HELD – 14/5/15</b>				
<b>NO.</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>REQUIRED BY</b>	<b>ACTION OFFICER/S</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
01	Advise BBC of response to sponsor/loyalty program offer that the preferred option was for DBSA to trial the venue first by hosting a Christmas Drinks night and end of season /new season launch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This event was not held due to insufficient interest from Clubs. Noted ASD and ACDC have held functions there.</li> <li>▪ Feedback was sought with the consensus being not in favour.</li> </ul>	30/11/16	John	NFA
02	Clubs to remind paddlers <u>again</u> of importance of hanging life jackets back in bundles of 10 and their size order.	ASAP	ALL CLUBS	Ongoing
03	Advise members to look after the Cox mate wiring and speaker system in the boats as it is valuable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted some one keeps ripping the speakers off which is annoying. Replacement velcro tabs are in the Boatshed to secure any loose wiring or speakers.</li> <li>▪ Covering cases were handed out to those Clubs that have a cox mate GPS.</li> </ul>	ASAP	ALL CLUBS	Done
04	Advise members that if they come across any broken equipment or maintenance issues that they should first try and resolve this themselves or report it to their maintenance delegate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted Chris Kelley is now Maintenance Chair and he recently arranged a successful meeting of maintenance delegates who have already undertaken a number of tasks.</li> </ul>	ASAP	ALL CLUBS	Done

05	Schedule introductory session in Revolutionise either in person or online in Adelaide (or both).	January	Marie	Done
06	Attend introductory session in Revolutionise as scheduled. Arrange for Presidents, SmartSpace operators to participate.	January	ALL CLUBS	Done
07	Send email to Clubs seeking their preference for tent placement and circulated revised plan if required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A New mud map has been produced for Scullers and Aquatic and will be sent out to Clubs for feedback.</li> </ul>	9/2/17	Christine	New
08	Advise PF dates for 2017.	When set	Marie	Done
<b>ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING</b>				
NO.	ACTION	REQUIRED BY	ACTION OFFICER/S	ACTIONED
09	John to work on the frame from one of the Chinese boats for use as a trolley at the Torrens Boatshed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been done with assistance required for John to collect and take one to the Torrens and one to Aquatic.</li> </ul>	ASAP	John	Ongoing

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Revolutionise Feedback

Feedback was sought from those that participated in the Revolutionise webinar the previous week. Written comments from Victor Dragons, Copper Coast and ASA were all read out to the meeting.

The general consensus was overwhelmingly in favour with pursuing the changeover to the new online database system. Follow up to be had with the company to find out how the race draw side of the program works as there was little time spent on this and whether it will work with the FinishLynx system for race results. **Action: John**

## 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### ▪ Blade Runners

Request put forward if Clubs competing in the State team are going to ask a paddler from another Club to train with them for the States, then out of courtesy they should contact the Club first.

### ▪ SADA

SADA were advised that the exemptions for some Coorong Dragon paddlers to compete with SADA at the Nationals were declined by AusDBF because the reasons were considered inappropriate.

### ▪ Powerblades

Noted that Andy Kelly has a proposal for dealing with any emergency situation whilst paddling around the lake which could be used by all users (ie Canoe SA, Rowing SA etc) to readily highlight a number of signed pick up points which emergency services could readily access to assist if called. It would require liaison with the Council to erect the signs and with the emergency services to provide them with a copy of the plan and brief them on it.

This was considered to be a worthwhile idea however it was felt it best not to involve the Council. Andy to contact Canoe SA to ascertain if they have something in place already and then proceed with putting together this plan. **Action: Andy**

DAPL advised that they had introduced something similar and identified 3-4 places where their boat could be taken to either in the marina or on the beach. Each dragon boat has a map in the front highlighting the emergency pick up points.

The importance of having a mobile phone whilst training in the boat was highlighted.

### ▪ DAPL

Details of the discussion held at the recent Sweeps' meeting on West Coast Sweeps' Assessor proposal would be advised by John Holland in due course.

**Action: John**

Noted the Port Lincoln Regional Regatta planning is proceeding well with over 68 paddlers from six regional Clubs participating.

## 6.1 DBSA meeting

- Club of the Year – Metro and Regional

The draft criteria for these inaugural awards was circulated to Clubs prior to the meeting and it was agreed that further time was needed for them to digest them. Feedback to be provided by 28 February. **Action: Clubs**

- Categories – States

The list of the proposed categories for racing at the State Championships was circulated in a bid to inform Clubs of those categories which currently were unlikely to be raced in case they wished to reconsider and enter them in the remaining races:

- Senior B Open – 20s over 500
- Senior B Women – 20s over 200
- Senior C Open – 10s over 500
- Senior C Open & Women – 20s over 500
- Senior C Open & Women – 20s over 200

The medals for these categories are being ordered after Thursday night's RC meeting.

- Caravan – vendors

Noted DBSA is looking at purchasing a vendor's caravan for use rather than towing the DBSA trailer around. It would house the Starter's tent and Finishing Equipment and store racing equipment. The proposed budget is \$10,000 which would include fit out costs.

Clubs were requested to keep an eye out for any suitable caravans.

- Wax on paddles – phase out at end of season

Clubs were reminded that the New Participant Manual advises that putting wax on paddles in the boat is prohibited and that it is to be phased out at the end of this season. An alternative of stripper wax was considered to be preferable.

- Mats in boats

Clubs reminded that when they take a boat out they must take one mat out and return the same as this is often not happening with mats wither being left behind or not placed in the boats.

- Regional Masters Games

Dragon boat component is being held in Wallaroo with a few Clubs participating on their own or forming a composite crew.

- Robe – update

Noted interest from some Victorian Clubs located in the area (Ballarat, Arrarat and Bendigo) to participate in this event. A registration form will be designed.

- Rowing SA / Canoe SA paddling event – December – early notice

There is interest by all parties to schedule this event again and it will be held as a Christmas event with sufficient notice to be given beforehand for Clubs to plan their availability.

Suggested that the boats could be taken over and back on the trailer to allow time to enjoy the frivolities afterwards.

- DBSA Board/Club Liaison

The Clubs previously assigned to Mick Cahill were re-allocated as follows:

- ❖ Copper Coast – John Holland
- ❖ Powerblades – Christine Wood
- ❖ Black Dragons – Sharon Knights

- Photos

Clubs reminded to provide photos from the remaining events for the website and Facebook page.

- Promotional brochures

Clubs were advised that the promotional brochures had been printed and were available for them to collect after the meeting. Noted 50 would be sent to each regional Club.

**Action: Marie**

- Paddles

Noted that DBSA has about 30 brand new Gladiator paddles (48") on sale at \$143 (GST incl.). Interested parties to let him know.

- Exemptions Nationals

Clubs seeking exemptions for Nationals were advised to send them to Chris Wood in the first instance for DBSA endorsement / comment before they are submitted to AusDBF.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

## 8 NEXT MEETING

The remaining meeting dates for 2017 are as follows:

- Thu 11-May
- Wed 16-Aug (after AGM)
- Thu 9-Nov

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.