



**Minutes of the
Presidents' Forum
Held at 8:30pm Thursday 9 November 2017
at the Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:40pm

2. PRESENT

▪ Chris Kelley (Chair)	DBSA	▪ Anne Morris	Dragons Abreast Adelaide
▪ John Holland	DBSA	▪ Mary-Alice Swan	KIDS (phone)
▪ Steve Holt	ASA	▪ Peter Button	Powerblades
▪ Lesley Sheffield	ASD	▪ Judi Sweatman	SADA
▪ Louise Gordge	ASD	▪ Sharon Knights	Subsonix
▪ Clive Grant	Adelaide Phoenix	▪ Karen Peterson	Victor Dragons
▪ Chris Payne	Black Dragons	▪ Marion Bennett	Victor Dragons
▪ Jerry Sanders	Coorong Dragons	▪ Deanne Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Valda Cooper	Copper Coast BDs	▪ Andres Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Sharon Hannagan	Copper Coast BDs		

3. APOLOGIES

▪ Terry Caldow	Waiwilta	▪ Karen McKerlie	Vicki's Pride
▪ Jennifer Bould	DBSA / Life Member	▪ Chris Wood	ACDC
▪ Andy Kelly	Powerblades	▪ Mavis Gibbes	BWR (by phone)

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the Presidents' Forum held 16 August 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.

MOVED: D. JONES

SECONDED: A. MORRIS

CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS – 11/5/15

NO.	ACTION	REQUIRED BY	ACTION OFFICER/S	STATUS
01	Book CYC for Sat 28 th April – Season Launch & Club ▪ Clubs to advise John or Sharon of numbers of guests now for planning purposes.	ASAP	John	Done
02	Let John know if interested in AusDBF Level 1 Coaches course know on 2&3 September weekend. ▪ Course was held with four students.	24/8/17	CLUBS	Done
03	Sweeps' course on Sun 27 th August from 9:30am. Rego form is online and to be sent to John. ▪ Pat Doogue will be setting date for January so Clubs to let them paddlers know.	Urgent	CLUBS	Done
04	Trial team entry and regatta side of Revolutionise to test to see if it is going to work and meet DBSA needs. ▪ Noted appears to be working well although not all those present are using it. ▪ Any issues to be advised to Marie for follow up.	Urgent	CLUBS	Done
05	Replenish forms in the "New Paddler" folder in the Boatshed.	ASAP	Sharon	Done
06	Send email re Volunteers' training on Sat 23 rd September.	Urgent	Sharon	Done
07	Send email to Clubs with the correct codes to be used for making Registration payments via EFT.	ASAP	Marie	Done

6. DBSA GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 SADA – Progress re the registration format for SA Masters Games

For information, see the excerpt below from President' Forum May 2016

6.4 Masters Games – SADA

Judi Sweatman reported on their Club's participation during the regional Masters Games held in Murray Bridge. ASA and SADA were the only DBSA Clubs participating after receiving encouragement from DBSA to support this event. She felt that the event went well and the officials worked extremely hard however the registration process was extremely time consuming (107 entries) and if the process was not changed she may reconsider it in future.

John Holland advised that all sports had the same problem and that Sport SA was addressing it and is being encouraged to introduce the one database that will handle each event rather than leaving it up to the organisers to arrange their own registration database.

The importance of participating at this event was highlighted because if not supported then

This Agenda item was put forward by SADA who were keen to know if the registration issue had been resolved and it was noted that the same system would be in place. SADA advised that they would not be participating for this reason as it was an extremely time consuming process requiring an inordinate amount of registrations and the fees were too high.

7. DBSA

▪ FloatFest 2018

FloatFest is a world record-breaking event over two days at Murray Bridge on the same weekend as the Robe event on 7&8 April 2018. Clubs were asked which event they would support.

<http://southaustralia.com/atdw-product?itemid=a1d8d5ec2f9744449e9bb852d871bb3f>

The general consensus was in favour of supporting the Robe event so the organisers would be advised of this and that the date clashes with another event. **Action: John**

▪ Drummers' toggles after last race day – wrong ones used

Noted that the Drummers' toggle line for the last race day was the wrong one used as it belonged to the Ramsay course and this was why the Starter called for them not to be used by teams.

Clubs reminded to make sure that they take the correct reel as they are all tagged with the course name.

Clubs advised to inform their members that:

- Same person who takes equipment should return it back to the same place
- Number boards and screws to be kept together and returned to the correct place
- Office door to not be left open
- Paddles are being left out after training
- Back gate beings left open when nobody is around
- Shed roller door being left open
- Trolleys not being left either on the shore or at the Boatshed for the remaining boats
- Chains are being left on the floor of boats causing rust stains
- Trolley to be placed under seat five
- Life jackets to be worn by all paddlers under the age of 18 and everyone involved in a Corporate event
- EFM event on Sat 25th Nov from 8:30am-10am will utilise the majority of boats so Clubs to plan ahead and train elsewhere, at an alternate time or use the 10s boats. Volunteers will be sought.
- Sweeps/Drummers involved in Corporate events will now be reimbursed direct for their help by 31st May each year rather than an honorarium payment to the Club. A record of their involvement kept over the time along with their bank details. They will be able to use this payment towards their DBSA registration fee.

DBSA will coordinate a training day at the Club for RC delegates and Drummers/Sweeps so that they can learn all about the equipment and how to set up the course lines.

- State training – strong numbers on the water with mixed training dates being set. Clubs advised to encourage their members to participate even if not attending the Nationals this year. Aim is to build up a strong team over the years. Allows for good opportunity to mix and train with paddlers from other Clubs.

- Copper Coast – Hat Regatta

Clubs asked to support this event on Saturday 17 February which will also celebrate the opening of their new boatshed. A number of regional teams are participating with names of paddles to be pulled out from a hat.

- DBSA Board agreed to recommend to the Racing Committee that teams not eligible to race due to insufficient numbers, will have their time and place recorded for posterity but noted as 'DNQ'.
- Poaching is strongly discouraged and noted there had been a couple of incidents recently. Clubs to warn their paddlers against this practice as they may not be aware of the issue.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Junior fees – noted if competing in a full junior crew do not pay a race fee otherwise they do and that their DBSA registration fee is discounted.
- Noted security erroneously changed over the locks to the front gate and shed access at The Sailing Club on Monday night which stopped Adelaide Phoenix from training. This was rectified that evening by John Holland when noted.
- Victor Dragons extended appreciation to John Holland for helping them out over two days the previous weekend to fix their boats saving them heaps of money in repairs.
- ASA tabled a new top that they would like permission to wear which they had approval given to race in during the last event. Approval was given by the Presidents for it to be worn during the Peter Bristow Long Course event.

Noted DBSA approval was required for future wear and a photo was taken of it for circulation by Chris Kelley to the Board so that approval could be granted prior to the next Board meeting. **Action: Chris**

Noted DBSA would be issuing a policy on the future Club design of uniforms.

- Dragons Abreast Adelaide noted they were in the process of designing their new tops and were advised to send in the sample design to DBSA for approval prior.
- Copper Coast extended appreciation for DBSA and Club support with their Hat Regatta.
- KIDS – coordinating the Mercure KI Dragonboat Club event on 3 December for corporates residing on the island which is being sponsored by the Mercure Lodge. Email to be sent seeking Sweeps.
Action: KIDS

9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting dates for 2018 are as follows:

- Thu 9th Feb
- Thu 10th May
- Wed 15th Aug
- Wed 14th Nov

The meeting closed at 8:56pm.