



**Minutes of the
Presidents' Forum
Held at 8:30pm Thursday 8 February 2018
at The Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:40pm

"We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional owners of this land we meet on. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region"

2. PRESENT

▪ Chris Kelley (Chair)	DBSA	▪ Chris Wood	DBSA
▪ John Holland	DBSA	▪ Anne Morris	Dragons Abreast Adelaide
▪ Steve Holt	ASA	▪ Mary-Alice Swan	KIDS (phone)
▪ Carol Hammond	ACDC	▪ Peter Button	Powerblades
▪ Lesley Sheffield	ASD	▪ Judi Sweatman	SADA
▪ Clive Grant	Adelaide Phoenix	▪ Sharon Knights	Subsonix
▪ Chris Payne	Black Dragons	▪ Karen Peterson	Victor Dragons
▪ Mavis Gibbes	BWR (by phone)	▪ Deanne Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Jerry Sanders	Coorong Dragons	▪ Andres Jones	Water Warriors
▪ Fiona Sanders	Coorong Dragons	▪	

3. APOLOGIES

▪ Julie Clinch	Blade Runners	▪ Karen McKerlie	Vicki's Pride
▪ Terry Caldow	Waiwilta	▪ Jennifer Bould	DBSA / Life Member

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the Presidents' Forum held 9 November 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.

MOVED: S. HOLT

SECONDED: D. JONES

CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS – 11/5/15

NO.	ACTION	WHEN	ACTION BY	STATUS
01	Clubs to advise Sharon or John of number of guests approx. for Season Launch event at CYC on Sat 28 th April. ▪ Clubs to follow up as on responses received yet..	ASAP	CLUBS	Ongoing
02	Let paddlers know next Sweeps' course will be set by Pat Doogue for January some time.	ASAP	CLUBS	Done
03	Advise FloatFest organisers that the date clashes with another event unfortunately.	ASAP	John	Done
04	Send ASA new top design to Board for approval prior to next Board meeting.	ASAP	Chris Kelley	Done
05	Send in email seeking Sweeps for Mercure KI Dragonboat Club event on 3 December. Used own sweeps on the day.	ASAP	KIDS	Done

6. DBSA GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 DBSA Board meeting items of note

- Flyer was tabled which will be circulated to clubs and placed at Aquatic listing a number of steps to follow to "take care of DBSA dragon boats". Clubs were encouraged to let the members know what they need to do in the shed with regards to the boats and operating the pulley system as many were not following the correct procedure. Suggested even to hold regular training sessions. Recommended that they go through the procedures for lifting the boats.

- Noted boats have all been numbered from #1-10 and Clubs will be assigned a boat each to maintain. In the hallway is a cupboard with a lock on which is opened by the same key for the Boatshed which now has cleaning gear inside. Maintenance representatives to be advised of this.
- Comment made that the slings are damaging the gelcoat on the boats which would be investigated.
- The majority of boats have cox vox units installed back in them and Clubs were reminded to take care and be mindful of them when getting in and out of the boats. Boats #1-3 are yet to have their units installed.
- New “GB brand” lightweight carbon fibre paddles have been ordered and will be available to purchase at \$143 (GST inclusive) each. Clubs will be advised when available.
- Murray Bridge Regional Games are scheduled for Saturday 21st April. Clubs are encouraged to consider participating if not yet registered and noted was not overly expensive at \$69 to register.
- Coaching course will be scheduled in May.

6.2 SADA - Clarification of the process to be adopted when voting is held to determine future race categories.

- This was discussed and agreed that DBSA would undertake a survey of members for their feedback on the categories to be raced in 2018/19 season. The results would be sent to Clubs for their information and consideration also.

RC meeting to then be held Wed 16 May with Clubs to come back with their preferred choices of categories to be raced taking into consideration survey feedback also These would all be put out to Clubs to vote on then at the next RC meeting. Voting would be done by secret ballot.

Action: Marie/Clubs

Noted course bookings for next season are due to be submitted in June however they only require the dates and not the categories.

- Play by the Rules workshops (Child Protection and Harassment & Discrimination). Noted those holding a prescribed position in a Club are doing so before the deadline. Those Clubs requiring members not holding a prescribed position, who are undertaking the course are to advise John Holland of the numbers undertaking it so OR&S can be advised. **Action: Clubs**
- Noted with the move from SmartSpace to Revolutionise the exact date when sweeps were accredited has not been maintained. The Sweeps committee will be meeting soon and they will place those on the list into random groups and give them each a different expiry date for their accreditation so that they will not all be up at the same time.

A new procedure will be put in place for sweeps to maintain their accreditation where a log sheet will be required to be maintained and signed off by the Coach on a regular basis. Upon the expiry of accreditation then the log book will need to be produced otherwise a sweep can choose to sit the course again.

AusDBF will be looking into linking the Sweeps and Coaches records nationally via Revolutionise.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- John Holland – advised that he would be looking after the sweeps nationally on behalf of AusDBF with the whole process to be streamlined. Reps would be appointed in each State with a meeting scheduled at the nationals with all of the reps attending to produce a minimum list of requirements to be a sweep.
- Judy Sweatman – advised that in support of the Paddle for Prostate fundraiser this weekend that SADA will wear its pale blue uniforms on race day and will be collecting donations. Noted they have had three members recently with prostate cancer. Clubs were encouraged to bring along some loose coins.

- Peter Button – asked if PFDs will be supplied at the Nationals and noted there was no requirement in Qld for life jackets to be worn however from 1st January 2019 all paddlers under the age of 18 will have to wear PFDs Australia-wide.
- Peter Button – asked if there would be any events at Scullers Reserve next season. Response given was that it was up to the RC next season to set the schedule and now was a good opportunity for Clubs to discuss this with Coaches and members beforehand. Noted Council would be undertaking some works there to make it more usable with some notable improvements hopefully.
- Carol Hammond – advised there was a new change of guard at ACDC with the Club starting afresh.
- Clive Grant – gave some insight into the background into the Paddle for Prostate event this weekend with Jennifer Le Ray and Deb Grant doing a 24 hour paddle around the lake. This will commence on Saturday at 9am and finish at 9am on Sunday.

The aim is to raise sufficient funds to support another prostate nurse being employed in South Australia as currently there was only one so those wishing to donate online should do so under “Bob’s paddle” so that the money goes direct to this purpose.

An invitation was extended to any Clubs or paddlers to support them both during this race if they wished to paddle around the lake with them. Agreed for Clive Grant to coordinate with the Finish line for the timing of the end of the event so that DBSA can support this on the day.

- Chris Kelley – advised that the cancellation of the last race meet was actually due to a Council regulation requiring there be a working safety boat in place at all times otherwise the event cannot continue. Noted that the boat has since been serviced and negotiations to be held with SARA to borrow one of their support boats if needed.
- Chris Kelley – advised that as at 1st December 2017 new government regulations were in place regarding the wearing of life jackets and DPTI has been contacted to request an updated letter granting same exemption as received previously for the lake.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING

The remaining PF meeting dates for 2018 are as follows:

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

The meeting closed at 8:52pm.

ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS’ MEETING HELD – 8/2/18				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
01	Arrange RC meeting for Wed 16 th May for Clubs to put forward options for the next season for categories to be raced taking into consideration survey feedback.	ASAP	Marie	
02	Clubs to come back at RC meeting on 16 th May with feedback on categories they would like to race in 2018/19 season.	16 th May	CLUBS	
03	Let John know, if Club members (other than those in a Prescribed position) are undertaking Play by the Rules workshops.	ASAP	CLUBS	
04	Clubs to advise Sharon or John of number of guests approx. for Season Launch event at CYC on Sat 28 th April.	ASAP	CLUBS	