



**Minutes of the
Presidents' Forum
Held at 8:00pm Wednesday 20 February 2019
at The Sailing Club – Port Adelaide**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:00pm

"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	DBSA	▪ Sharon Hannagan	Copper Coast BDs (ph)
▪ Chris Wood	ACDC	▪ Jeremy Sanders	Coorong Dragons
▪ Chris Finlayson	ACDC	▪ Fiona Sanders	Coorong Dragons
▪ John Holland	ACDC	▪ Francesca French	DAA
▪ Jeremy Sanders	ACDC Coorong	▪ Sandy Jansen	DAPL (ph)
▪ Steve Holt	ASA	▪ Peter Button	Powerblades
▪ Kat Reid	ASD	▪ Judi Sweatman	SADA
▪ Mavis Gibbes	Blue Water Raiders (ph)	▪ Michael Petrovs	Subsonix
▪ Clive Grant	Adelaide Phoenix	▪ Jill Harvey	Vicki's Pride
▪ Chris Payne	Black Dragons	▪ Sue Adams	Water Warriors
▪ Julie Clinch	Blade Runners		

3. APOLOGIES

▪ Sharon Knights	Subsonix	▪ Karen Peterson	Victor Dragons
▪ John Klopp	Waiwita	▪ Louise Gordge	ASD

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the Presidents' Forum held 15 November 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record.

MOVED: C. WOOD SECONDED: J. SANDERS CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS – 15/11/18

NO.	ACTION	WHEN	ACTION BY	STATUS
01	Clubs to let their Maintenance delegate know to send an email to Chris Kelly advising if they have done their initial maintenance check	ASAP	CLUBS	Done
02	Review storage facilities at boatshed for options to secure more room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This was done and noted there was little to be done now. ▪ Possible long term options at Rowing SA venue for a multi-club facility and Canoe SA with their upcoming outside storage. 	Next race day	BOARD	Done
03	Remove bar fridge from Boatshed.	ASAP	ACDC	Done
04	Arrange for Maintenance Committee to purchase an air vent and install this in the container.	Urgent	Chris K	Done
05	Purchase appropriate signage to be placed on the container in the interim to warn against smoking / ignition source.	Urgent	Neil	Done
06	Trophies – DBSA to consider: 1. awarding them at an end of each season function as was done several years ago. 2. introducing an Honour Board which would include Life Members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted Board has decided that an electronic Honour Board will be uploaded when the new website is in place. ▪ Noted Board has decided to revisit trophies next season. 	Next Board meeting	Board	Ongoing

07	Follow up with Canoe SA for a sensor light inside at the Boatshed.	ASAP	Sharon Knights	Done
08	Source a stainless steel plate for the Boatshed lock.	ASAP	Steve Holt	Ongoing
09	Produce position paper on formation of DBSA "away team".	ASAP	Chris W	Ongoing

6. DBSA GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 DBSA

6.1.1 Club boat allocation – maintenance reminder

Clubs reminded to maintain their assigned boats throughout the season. Velcro tabs are available in the Boatshed cupboard. This is accessible by the general access key for use to secure the cox vox units in the boat to reposition the speakers.

6.1.2 Club of the Year awards (Regional/Metropolitan)

Noted the criteria was for both awards were circulated prior to the meeting for feedback. Agreed to leave as is for this season with invitation to submit to be circulated.

Action: Chris W

6.1.3 Flag bearer – AusChamps

Clubs were asked to provide nominations for flag bearers for the AusChamps prior to deadline of 28 February. Several Clubs have done this already. An impartial selection panel will then be chosen.

6.1.4 Volunteers' thank you event

The event will be changed this season with only those volunteers who have helped out a number of times invited along to reward them, rather than the expectation that you need to only volunteer once to be invited.

Instead of the usual lunch, a stand-up finger food type function will be held at a more central location. Clubs to be advised of these changes once arrangements have been finalised.

Action: Chris W

6.1.5 Peter Bristow memorial service

An intimate memorial service will be held for Peter Bristow to lay some of his ashes on the water at Aquatic reserve on Monday 1 April @ 5:30pm for a few invited guests.

DBSA Board members are invited along with 1-2 representatives from each Club and several other invited guests. Clubs to let Peter know if attending. peter.button@sa.gov.au.

Action: Clubs

6.1.6 Spreader bars reminder

Reminder given to use these bars to support the boats and the washing baskets for the chains.

6.1.7 Inappropriate language – loading/unloading boats

Clubs reminded that there are a number of juniors, B-grade paddlers, general public around on a race day and to be conscious of not using inappropriate language.

6.1.8 No smoking reminder

Noted there is a Policy (002) in place and that this was hard to police as the general public is also in attendance. Options were given for the best location to smoke away from the event.

6.1.9 Life be in it event - reminder

Scheduled for April 6, 13, 20 and 27 with another reminder to be sent out in due course.

Organisers are keen to actively encourage participants to continue paddling with those Clubs that participate.

DBSA will need to ensure there are enough volunteers on hand to stow the boats away at the end of each event.

6.1.10 Safety/equipment issues?

The Charles Sturt Council was contacted about the slippery boat ramp at Aquatic with an online maintenance request then submitted. General response time is within 20 days.

Noted the yellow blocks in the shed used for weights in the boats are often being left out on the pathway creating a tripping hazard. They should either be placed against the wall or thrown away.

Comment made that some of the DBSA paddles are a bit worse for wear. In response DBSA have purchased some new paddles which are being introduced slowly and they are available only for Come N Trys, brand new paddlers and corporate events. Any paddles that could potentially cause an injury should be taped up or brought to the attention of the paddler's Maintenance delegate to arrange this.

Boat trolley – usual reminder given to be aware of any Clubs out on the water to leave them either at the boatshed or at the shore.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Powerblades – will be presenting the SA Good Sports Club of the Year Runner Up award that they won prior to the overall presentations on Sunday. Approval was given to them to leave a folder containing information on the Good Sports program and Tackling Illegal Drugs program out for anyone to take for their own information.
- Black Dragons – noted will be conducting several training sessions as held in previous years for those entering the World Police Fire Games to be held in China, in August 2019 as they are trying to put together a team. Approval given for this and to Powerblades who will also be looking at entering a team.
- Dragons Abreast Adelaide – sought clarification if some overseas paddlers touring Australia and paddling with various DA Clubs could compete in Sunday's race day and train with them as they were here for a week only. Approval was given.
- SADA – tabled designs for the new Club uniform with no issues noted with the design. Noted no need to submit to DBSA.
- SA Regional Masters Games event – noted will be about 5-6 crews paddling plus 3 from the Council. Details of those wishing to paddle in a composite crew to be provided to Chris Wood (name, age, gender, weight, preferred paddling side).
- Australian Masters Games – details on website. <http://www.dragonboatsa.com/events/upcoming-events/2019/october/2019-australian-masters-games/>. Clubs encouraged to register as soon as possible. Noted a team from Singapore is entering. Dates for paddling are 10-12 October.
- Charles Sturt Council school holiday program – scheduled for Monday 15 and 24 April.
- Blade Runners – the background to a young 12 year old suffering from cystic fibrosis starting a new business making macramé items was regaled. The request for her to have a stall free of charge at the State Championships to show and sell her items was discussed and approved.
- Blade Runners – noted there was a death of a NSW state team paddler during training recently and reminded Clubs to be mindful of paddlers having health checks. Noted the AusDBF website has a new Wellness Checklist system in place.

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/piano.revolutionise.com.au/cups/ausdbf/files/bu3nohbyckfn1vww.pdf>

- Julie Clinch – sought clarification before she takes on the role of Chief Official again on who the Club delegate should be when requested by the Chief Official to go to the tower as to whether it was a specific person or position (ie Captain/Sweep/Coach). It was agreed that any person from a Club can be the delegate as it was up each Club.
- Julie Clinch – raised several issues from the last race day that she wanted clarification from Chris Kelley. Chris Kelley in turn said he would address these after the meeting had finished.
- Steve Holt – sought clarification on a new numbering system for the Sweep when a boat overturns as he was not aware of it and noted that several other sweeps were not also.

Noted as part of the national overhaul of the Sweeps' course that it had been introduced and requires the Sweep to ask the paddlers to "number off" from their left and then go around the various paddlers in the water, around the boat. The last number should be the total number of paddlers that numbered off at the start.

Current Sweeps to be advised by Clubs taking this information back and to give a reminder to conduct a head count each time on the water. **Action: Clubs**

- Copper Coast – sought clarification on upcoming Coaching course. Advised details are on the website and Facebook and the AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course is scheduled for 18&19 May.
- Copper Coast – sought clarification on how many races a Sweep needs to do before becoming qualified. Response given that it was 4 x 10s and 4 x 20s and that these could be done at the Port Pirie event.
- DAPL – provided feedback on the Streaky Bay Hat Regatta noting it was fantastic event, well organised with beautiful weather and extended congratulations to Adelaide Sea Dragons for coordinating the event. 2020 location may be Victor Harbor or Ceduna. This was seconded by Sharon Hannagan.
- Vicki's Pride – noted that they had been requested by a metropolitan Club for any paddlers who may wish to compete at Sunday's regatta as they were not going to the race and that it had subsequently been withdrawn and sought clarification on this.

Noted it could be raised at the Captain & Sweeps' meeting on the morning of the race and the respective Club would not be competing 'for points' however generally paddlers do not register with one Club and compete with another.

This led to a discussion on a potential merger with ASA and how this could be best managed noting the restrictive Constitution in place by one of the Clubs. Noted this would be followed up by both Clubs outside of the meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

The PF meeting date for 2019 are as follows:

- Wed 08-May (PF)
- Wed: 21-Aug (AGM + PF)
- Wed: 13-Nov (PF)

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS' MEETING HELD – 20/02/19				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	WHO	STATUS
01	Circulate Club of the Year awards nominations to Clubs.	ASAP	Chris W	
02	Advise Clubs of new arrangements for Volunteers' thank you event.	Once set	Chris W	
03	Advise Peter Button if attending Peter Bristow Memorial Service on Mon 1 Apr @ 5:30pm at Aquatic. peter.button@sa.gov.au	ASAP	CLUBS	
04	Ensure Sweeps in each Club: 1. Are all aware of the new process for boat overturns whereby the Sweep asks the paddler in the water to his left to number off first and then it goes around the boat consecutively. The remaining number should be the total that "numbered off" at the start. 2. Reminded to do a 'head count' each time in the boat.	ASAP	CLUBS	
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