



**Minutes of the  
PRESIDENTS' FORUM  
8 May 2019 @ 8pm  
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                  | ▪ Francesca French | DAA                   |
| ▪ John Holland  | AusDBF                | ▪ Sandy Jansen     | DAPL (ph)             |
| ▪ Fiona Sanders | Coorong Dragons       | ▪ Peter Button     | Powerblades           |
| ▪ Steve Holt    | ASA                   | ▪ Judi Sweatman    | SADA                  |
| ▪ Clive Grant   | Adelaide Phoenix (ph) | ▪ Sharon Knights   | Subsonix              |
| ▪ Sandy Beagley | ASD                   | ▪ Jill Harvey      | Vicki's Pride         |
| ▪ Ming Fan Zhou | Black Dragons         | ▪ Sue Adams        | Water Warriors        |
| ▪ Julie Clinch  | Blade Runners         | ▪ Jill Watkinson   | Victor Dragons        |
| ▪ Steve Clinch  | Blade Runners         | ▪ Di Turale        | Victor Dragons        |

**3. APOLOGIES**

|                  |                 |                       |                    |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| ▪ Mary-Ann Holt  | ASA             | ▪ Jenny Chillingworth | Blue Water Raiders |
| ▪ John Klopp     | Waiwita         | ▪ Louise Gordge       | ASD                |
| ▪ Jeremy Sanders | Coorong Dragons | ▪                     |                    |

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes from the Presidents' Forum held 20 February 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record.  
MOVED: S. ADAMS                      SECONDED: P. BUTTON                      CARRIED.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

| ACTION ITEMS – 20/2/19                             |   |          |            |            |
|--|---|----------|------------|------------|
| NO.  | ACTION  | WHEN     | ACTION BY  | STATUS     |
| 01   | Circulate Club of the Year awards nominations to Clubs.   | ASAP     | Chris W    | Done       |
| 02   | Advise Clubs of new arrangements for Volunteers' thank you event.   | Once set | Chris W    | Done       |
| 03   | Advise Peter Button if attending Peter Bristow Memorial Service on Mon 1 Apr @ 5:30pm at Aquatic.   | ASAP     | CLUBS      | Done       |
| 04   | Ensure Sweeps in each Club:<br>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.<br>2. Reminded to do a 'head count' each time in the boat. | ASAP     | CLUBS      | Done       |
| ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS' MEETING HELD – 15/11/18 |   |          |            |            |
| 05   | Source a stainless steel plate for the Boatshed.<br>▪ Re allocated to Maintenance committee at Board level.   | ASAP     | Steve Holt | With-drawn |
| 06   | Produce position paper on formation of DBSA "away team".<br>▪ Re allocated to Board.  | ASAP     | Chris W    | With-drawn |

## 6. DBSA GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 DBSA

#### 6.1.1 Season 19/20

Noted at the first RC meeting scheduled for next week that Club delegates need to be in a position to decide on behalf of their Club on the upcoming program (categories/dates etc) taking into consideration the overall benefit of the sport.

Noted Early-Bird season opens on 1 June and Clubs to check their relevant contact details in RevSport for correct Club contact and various committee contacts.

Noted AusDBF requirement for Clubs to have a Level 1 accredited member as a minimum however this person does not need to be the Coach as long as the training/race program is set by them. Noted may impact on insurance coverage otherwise. Next course is on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May.

Reminder given that those who undertook the previous course and did not complete the paperwork are not considered to be accredited.

Sweeps – noted RevSport does not currently allow for Clubs to view their Sweeps' records and this is being looked in to at the AusDBF level. The expiry date set is when the first aid certificate expires. Suggested that those interested in being a Sweep should do about 20 hours beforehand so that they don't cancel during the course. Report to be extracted for Clubs. **Action: Chris K**

Sweeps course held last week with about 14 participants. Clubs to ensure that their experienced Sweeps mentor the up and coming ones and ensure that they practice reversing on the buoys.

Clubs can contact Chris Kelley to find out at any stage their Sweeps' details.

#### 6.2 AusChamps

Noted that future AusChamps cannot be held just over five days under the current arrangement with so many double rostering delaying the program. It might be that the categories change to 40+ and 55+ rather than Senior A/B/C.

The State Vs State was reduced to half a day to fit in the program which was disappointing. A survey conducted beforehand resulted in their being no desire for a sixth day of racing. AusDBF are keen for it to continue and are seeking a major sponsor for this particular day which should be more attractive to them. Either have to have an additional day or lose a category.

From DBSA perspective noted it was beneficial for the State V State day to be held as it creates a strong sense of bonding amongst the paddlers and brings them together from the various Clubs.

Noted there will be a change to the 2000m racing rules with a dispute still being held.

Noted there is a huge interest from interstate teams for the Masters Games however few have registered locally.

#### 6.3 Safety/equipment issues?

Question was asked if metro Clubs paddle at night with the response given that they do under certain rules with the need to wear a life jacket in the dark.

Comment made that the Boatshed is always in a mess particularly after a race day with gear left around, life jackets not put away in bundles of 10. Broken equipment is being left and not reported. Will be brought up at RC meeting and allocated possibly to organising Club.

Noted inside sensor light is on Canoe SA's maintenance task list.

Follow up to be had with Council on status of action on boat ramp. **Action: Chris K**

Reminder given to wear covered shoes at Aquatic currently given recent warning about blue ring octopus in the lake.

#### 6.4 State Championships

General consensus was that despite the weather the event went really well and finished both days almost as scheduled.

Noted only two volunteers available to assist with moving the pontoons on the Saturday which was disappointing however it was mentioned that the coordinators took off to arrange this as soon as the event finished. Volunteers had been called a number of times prior to the event finishing but may have still been out on the water or just back at their ten.

#### 6.5 AusChamps – feedback

Feedback given as follows:

- Weather, event and drone footage were all positive.
- Dust was an issue for some for breathing and on the ground.
- Live streaming had some issue with the times and finishes not marrying up.
- Noted was a shame that nine repechages were cancelled due to double rostering and delays in boat loading.
- Marshalling was a waste of time as could be readily circumvented and was also lengthy at times.

Noted that AusDBF have agreed that they are to be run on an accredited course in future with next venues set for Penrith, Perth and Adelaide.

AusDBF survey and DBACT survey has gone out for feedback.

### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Attendees advised that there was some promotional material from Good Sports that they could take back to their Clubs.
- Julie Clinch – noted that Scott was injured whilst in a boat at AusChamps and wanted to document the incident and that the insurance information on the DBSA website was out of date, expiring in 2017. In response noted that she should contact the insurance company direct and that the out of date insurance information would be removed. **Action: Julie/Marie**
- Julie Clinch – asked if she was able to mentor some paddlers locally or if only those listed in DBSA Board minutes (16/1/19) as being part of the AusDBF Mentoring scheme could do so. The response given was that they were different in the sense that AusDBF’s mentor program will be an accredited one.
- Noted the end of season dinner date is confirmed for Saturday 15 June at the Glenelg Golf Course with the invitation to be sent out this week.
- Strategic Planning session – schedule for Saturday (10am-3pm) and being coordinated by Tim White (ORS&R). Noted Clubs should all be sending along representation.
- Star Club program – noted that once Clubs feel that they are ready Clubs they are to click on the link “Ready for a consult” so that this can be undertaken and they can be assessed.
- AGM – reminder is set for 21 August followed by the Presidents’ Forum.

### 8. NEXT MEETING

The PF meeting date for 2019 are as follows:

- Wed: 21-Aug (AGM + PF)
- Wed: 13-Nov (PF) – date changed

The meeting closed at 8:53pm.

| ACTION ITEMS – PRESIDENTS’ MEETING HELD – 8/5/19 |  |          |         |        |
|--|--|----------|---------|--------|
| NO.  | ACTION   | DUE DATE | BY      | STATUS |
| 01   | Provide Club with Sweeps’ report.  | ASAP     | Chris K |        |
| 02   | Follow up email sent to Council re boat ramp status.   | ASAP     | Chris K | Done   |
| 03   | Contact insurance company direct re injury to Scott during AusChamps to document the incident. | ASAP     | Julie   |        |
| 04   | Remove out of date insurance documentation from website.                                       | ASAP     | Marie   | Done   |