



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Thursday 17 February 2022 @ 8pm
Via Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:05pm

2. PRESENT

DBSA:	Peter Button
ACDC:	Chris Wood (Secretary)
Adelaide Phoenix:	Thuy Nguyen (President)
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Chris Payne (President)
Blade Runners:	Sandy Douglas (A/President)
Copper Coast	Judy Haydon (President) & Trevor Key (Vice-President)
Coorong Dragons:	Roylene Nixon (President)
DAA:	Jo Hamlyn (President)
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
Mannum:	Julie Metcalfe (President), Sue French
PBs	Neil Parker
Subsonix:	Raylene Sutton (President)
SADA:	Julieanne Kuhlmann (President)
Victor Dragons:	Jill Watkinson
Waiwilta:	John Klopp
Water Warriors:	Vanessa Shepperd (President)

3. APOLOGIES

Blade Runners:	Julie Clinch
Vicki's Pride	Sandra Bennett
ACDC:	Sharon Knights
Victor Dragons:	Les Sharp

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the Presidents' Forum held 11 November were a true and accurate record.

5. BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS – 11/11/21				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
57	Clubs to reconsider x20s support for discussion at RC meeting.	RC mtg 18-Nov	CLUBS	Done
58	Discuss arranging an after party after Peter Bristow at RC meeting. ▪ Appreciation extended for event held at the Big Shed.	RC mtg 18-Nov	Neil & Mary-Ann	Done
ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
33	Follow up Council to see if another set of steps can be located nearer to the caravan. ▪ Waiting on redevelopment.	On hold	Board	Ongoing
40	Follow up with Council if tent pegs can be hammered in after 9am. ▪ Noted is no need to follow this up. ▪ Reminder given to Clubs to not do this before 9am.	ASAP	Peter	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted FinishLynx system will need to be tested so x2 boats from first race will be required to assist early on the water before 9am to be tested going over the line. ▪ Noted issue with Start button has been rectified and the issue with the Capture button will be resolved with a new one being purchased. ▪ Chris Wood advised she would be buying x2 rubber mallets as agreed upon at the RC meeting but suggested that Clubs should each buy their own as well. ▪ Noted Task List had not yet been circulated and reminder would be sent to Clive Grant. 			
52	<p>Take a red PFD to Motor Vehicle Registry for checking if compliant even though there is no AS stamp is on them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted there was no purpose in doing this anymore as there is no AS stamp on it they cannot be used anyway. Replacement PFDs are being purchased. 	ASAP	Peter	N/A
56	Include line item in budget for promotion of the sport as a whole.	ASAP	Treasurer	Done

6. DBSA

6.1 Dragon Pass (DP) paddlers – race fees / qualified status

Peter Button provided an insight into the Board's reasoning behind the Board's decision to charge a race fee for DP paddlers. He noted this new membership category was introduced part way through the season by AusDBF with not much guidance given on it with the basic guideline sent out to Clubs to follow. At a later date the Board received a query with regards to DP paddlers competing on race days and if the clubs should be paying race fees and if the team should be non-qualifying or win the prize if successful. The Board discussed whether or not to impose a race fee with the decision made to impose this fee allowing DP paddlers to race in a 'qualifying team' and be eligible to win the race day prizes.

The following email was received from Sharon Knights (ACDC) prior to the meeting:

I am very disappointed DBSA have decided to charge Dragonpass participants the \$11 race fees. I do not believe this is in the spirit of what was intended by AUSDBF. Indeed the FAQ's mention no race fees, but acknowledge local conditions may apply.

This is a great initiative by AUSDBF and I feel as a State we should be supporting the initiative and not applying a little catch. The clubs are doing the hard work and bearing the cost of promoting and recruiting in SA. Indeed there has not been a DBSA advertising or promotion budget in a very long time. Appreciate the pressure on cost base with equipment due for replacement in a couple of years. However I believe investing in the growth of our sport in SA is an area where the organisation should be spending money. To put it into perspective a 100 Dragonpass paddlers racing would only be a contribution of \$1,100. Pretty small cost to invest when a conversion rate of 50% would generate circa \$13,850 in revenue. As a club we have found our dragonpass paddlers who race have to date 100% converted to membership. What is the logic behind the board decision?

Noted the Board had decided on this and was happy to revisit this if Clubs were not happy with the outcome.

Question was asked if they would be allowed to compete at the State Championships.

Varying viewpoints were put forward and it was agreed as a decision could not be resolved at this meeting to send an email out to Clubs seeking their response if they were in favour (or not) of a race fee being imposed for DP paddlers and if they could compete at the State Champs. **Action: Peter (#34) to contact clubs to provide options for DP**
No fee and be qualifying/win prize
No fee and non-qualifying/no prize
Fee and qualifying/win prize
Allow DP paddlers into State Championship teams of Member Clubs

Noted some Terms & Conditions would need to be put in place for this category next season.

6.2 Proposal – Capital Funds

The proposal from Deb Grant (Treasurer) was circulated just before the meeting so noted Clubs did not have much time to digest the information and discuss this to come up with a position.

Question asked if funding was being sought from the government to assist with the response being that the Board is always applying for available grants, but they may not necessarily be used for capital.

Clubs agreed they would like more time to review the proposal with some regional Clubs not being in favour of a levy being imposed. Agreed to revisit this at the next PF in May. **Action: Clubs (#35)**

Noted DBSA has received x3 Sweep oars and x6 drums at no cost other than the freight which was a bonus.

6.3 Courses:

- 14-May – S&D – noted future courses attendee must have accrued 20 hours sweeping prior to course – to eliminate people doing the course and finding out they don't want to sweep. Clubs to contact Pat Doogue for further information.
- 22-May – First Aid
- 7&8 May – AusDBF Level 1 Coaching

6.4 AusChamps

- Status – Peter Button
 - Noted committee is meeting more frequently. Early Bird registration closes on Sunday with an update to be given from AusDBF at Monday's meeting as to registration numbers and the efficacy of running the event.
 - SA Health have requested a Word version of the Covid Management Plan and feedback is awaited on its approval and any direction. AusDBF are receiving enquiries from Clubs on the Covid management of the event and have been advised still waiting on SA Health response.
 - Plan indicates will have x10 Covid Marshalls in attendance and Clubs requested to provide their own sanitisers and wipes and a Covid Marshall.
 - Council will be provided with finalised paperwork once the Plan is approved.
- Vaccination reminder
 - AusDBF have instated a double-vaccinated requirement for attendees.
- Volunteers needed
 - Noted there are only about 30 volunteers registered for this event with around 100 needed.
 - Suggested Clubs may be holding off until they register.
 - Event details have been submitted to Volunteer SA to source volunteers from their database.
 - WWs – suggested Council be contacted also as they have people interested in volunteering and noted this was in train already.
 - Noted one person who had volunteered had not received any acknowledgement. Noted the current Volunteer register was being maintained by AusDBF and would be handed over to DBSA In response noted the email address of this person had been obtained and would be followed up.
- Plan to move 4 boats from Torrens and 4 boats from the Sailing club Sunday 20 March and stage at Angle Park Training centre – weighing all boats on the same day
 - Noted this would take a significant effort to coordinate.
 - Request will be sent to Clubs to provide volunteers to assist with a team of 10 people minimum required for both events.
 - Noted GRD would be providing one boat to top up the x20s boats
 - Transferring all boats to the Regatta course on Monday 04 April

6.5 Board meeting observers – welcomed

Noted the Board welcomed observers along to any meeting on the proviso should there be any "in camera" discussion that they would be requested to leave during that period.

7. AusDBF UPDATE

Noted any update will be provided with the Minutes.

8. CLUBS / AOB

- ACDC – advised happy to volunteer to prepare the State Champs medals.
- BRs – asked when clarification would be received from SA Health on the wearing of masks for AusChamps. Response given that they were currently reviewing the Covid Management Plan and advice would be given once received.
- Chris Wood – advised that AusDBF have just extended the closing date for Volunteers for AusChamps to 28-Feb and once that date is reached SurveyMonkey would close, and the details passed to DBSA to manage.
- Mannum – noted despite event being postponed that there was a significant number of participants from Regional Clubs that still attended (DAPL, Desert Dragons, VDs, CC). Training sessions were held on the Saturday and Sunday. One VDs participant tested positive for Covid-19, but it was only their Club members who were deemed as 'close' contacts. Rowing Club did a sausage sizzle on the Saturday and a dinner was held that evening at the Community Club. Thanks were extended to Marie Cunningham for attending and taking the photos for the Facebook page.
- Mannum – enquired as to how to find an entry form for the AusChamps. Noted this would be managed by Vi Duong as State Coach and the regional team training session originally set for this Sunday had been rescheduled to the following Sunday. Follow up to be had to ensure that he submits the Regional team entries in by the early-bird deadline of this Sunday. **Action: Marie (#36)**
- ACDC – noted the following comment from Sharon Knights prior to the meeting:

ACDC- Revolutionise

The platform has the capability for paddlers to log-in and maintain and renew their own memberships. Why are we not using this facility as an organisation? If it is licensing costs, what is the cost per member? How much do we spend on administering the system, printing and paper trails? Turning this on would greatly reduce the admin burden for clubs and DBSA and bring us into the modern world.

In response it was noted that this would be addressed at the Board meeting. **Action: Marie (#37)**

Chris Wood asked if Clubs could make this decision themselves to go down this path and said she would follow up with RevSport.

- VP – advised had missed most of the meeting and that Les Sharp had asked that she raise the issue of the proposed Capital fund levy and that they were not in favour of this for regional Clubs. Response given that this would be discussed further at the next PF in May with Clubs given the opportunity to provide their feedback then.
- PBs – noted had advised AusDBF (Mel) that the link on page 4 of Bulletin #1 for Day 1 and 2 is the same.
- PBs – suggested that the coordination of the relocation of the boats for AusChamps be done in a fair and equitable way with each of the major metropolitan Clubs involved.
- DBSA – noted that the AGM is six months away and there is a distinct possibility that five of the Board members would be stepping down. Clubs to bear in mind that the Board would be looking for people to nominate and step up and aspiring persons would be welcome to attend Board meetings in the interim.
- DBSA – hoped the next meeting could revert to a face-to-face option as well as online.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Forum is scheduled for 8pm on Thursday 12 May with remaining dates set:

- Thu 18-Aug (after AGM)
- Tue 8-Nov

The meeting closed at 8:48am.

ACTION ITEMS – 18/2/22				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
34	Send email survey to Clubs asking for position on if they are in favour of a race fee being charged to DP paddlers and if they can compete at the States.	Urgent	Peter	
35	Clubs to review Capital Funds proposal and come back with feedback at next PF in May.	May	CLUBS	
36	Follow up with Vi to make sure he registers the Regional State team for AusChamps before early-bird deadline expires.	Sun 20-Feb	Vi	
37	Place on Board Agenda – Sharon’s email re Revolutionise and moving towards online registrations.	Next Board Agenda	Marie	Done
ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
33	Follow up Council after redevelopment has occurred to see if another set of steps can be located nearer to the caravan.	On hold	Board	Ongoing