



**Minutes of the  
PRESIDENTS' FORUM  
Thursday 18 August 2022 @ 8:30pm  
Angle Park Training Centre and via Zoom**

**1. OPEN MEETING – 8:35pm**

**2. ATTENDEES**

**Present – in person**

DBSA:	Peter Button, Maria Darby, Mick Cahill, Julie Clinch, Chris Wood, Mary-Ann Holt
ACDC:	Sharon Knights (President), Norman Voss, Manuela Voss, John Holland, Chris Wood
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President), Steve Holt
Blade Runners:	Julie Clinch (CEO), Steve Clinch
DAA:	Jo Hamlyn (President)
Powerblades:	Neil Parker, Tasha Youngman, Peter Button (President)
SADA:	Pat Doogue, Michael Rubini
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President), Ronnie Lane, Allison Bretones, Tracey Gardiner
Victor Dragons:	Les Sharp (President)
Life Member:	Jennifer Bould

**Present – via Zoom**

Adelaide Phoenix:	Sam Kelsh, Jason Thompson
Coorong Dragons:	Roylene Nixon (President)
Copper Coast	Judy Haydon
Mannum:	Alison Barr, Jason Kuhlmann
Vicki's Pride:	Sandra Bennett (President)
Waiwilta:	John Klopp (President)
Water Warriors:	Vanessa Shepperd

**3. APOLOGIES**

Adelaide Phoenix:	Thuy Nguyen (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Chris Payne (President), Louise Gordge (Vice-President)
Copper Coast:	Trevor Key (President)
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
KIDS:	Ants Harris (President)
Mannum:	Julie Metcalfe (President)
SADA:	Julianne Kuhlmann (President)
Water Warriors:	Jacky Smith (President)
DBSA Board:	Vi Duong, Julie Lister

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion:  
THAT the Minutes of the Presidents' Forum held 12 May 2022 were a true and accurate record.  
Moved: C. Wood                      Seconded: S. Holt                      Carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS**

NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
38	Send out Constitution to Clubs for feedback mid-June.	15-May	Marie	Done
39	Check RevSport report on Dragon Pass paddlers converted and advise if anyone is missing.	ASAP	CLUBS	Done
40	Copy over DBVic's DP page to DBSA website.	ASAP	Marie	Done

41	Place rechargeable lights in the Club Container to provide better lighting. ▪ Notated lights are being rotated to keep charged as long as possible.	ASAP	Peter	Done
42	Come back to next Forum with response if in favour or not of introducing a 12-month rolling membership for the 2023/24 season.	Next PF	CLUBS	Done
43	Board to consider producing a Business Plan for Clubs to review prior before making any decision on the Capital Fund proposals. ▪ Noted Board had a Strategic Plan in place and felt there was no need for a Business Plan to make this decision.	ASAP	BOARD	N/A
44	Follow up Valda if KIDS are eligible to be classed as a Remote Club for registration fee purposes. ▪ Noted KIDS are eligible.	ASAP	Marie	Done
<b>ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING</b>				
33	Follow up Council after redevelopment has occurred to see if another set of steps can be located nearer to the caravan. ▪ Agreed to withdraw this action.	On hold	Board	N/A

## 6. DBSA

### 6.1 Admin

#### 6.1.1 Registrations 2023/24 – subscription mode / seasonal mode.

Feedback was sought from Clubs if they would prefer to stay with the current “seasonal” mode for registrations or change to a “subscription” mode.

The latter option would mean that renewals would fall due (1 year later) anytime throughout a year rather than on 1 July each year.

The question was asked as to what would happen with clearances under the seasonal mode. The response given was that the Board would have to advise how they would be managed but the same rules would most likely apply, over that specific financial year.

The question was asked if the agreement was to change to “subscription” mode if that would mean that all Clubs would need to process their registrations online.

Varying viewpoints were put forward however the consensus was that more time was needed before a decision could be made along with more details of the pros and cons of both to be provided. Agreed to defer to November meeting.

**Action: Board (#45)**

#### 6.1.2 Registrations going forward – discussion around online only

Noted that ACDC were the only Club who is managing their registrations totally online this season. Sharon Knights advised that the change was positive and the process now super easy to manage and outlined the process followed.

With respect to payment, they offer EFT and credit card payments via the use of a Square and chose not to use the RevSport option as that was considered too expensive.

They found it easier also for their Dragon Pass paddlers to register this way.

Noted that Clubs would not be able to do half manual and half online registrations as it was a case of one or the other.

Clubs were encouraged to contact Sharon for further details to change over to full online registrations.

#### 6.1.3 Policy #03 – Regatta Recognition of Winning Categories

Feedback was sought from Clubs on this draft Policy which moves away from offering bottles of wine for winning race categories for adults and chocolates for juniors, being mindful of Good Sports policy covering this.

Feedback was provided and the overwhelming consensus was for the Board to withdraw this draft Policy. **Action: Board (#46)**

#### **6.1.4 DAPL – note is now Dragons Afloat Port Lincoln**

Noted.

#### **6.1.5 Race fees - \$11 (race days) + \$16.50 (States)**

Noted and also that Juniors race free throughout the season except for the State Champs when they pay \$11.

#### **6.1.6 Clearance Application – updated**

Noted form has recently been updated to ensure that incoming and outgoing Clubs acknowledge that their Club committee have reviewed the application to ensure appropriate governance.

#### **6.1.7 Dragon Pass / Come & Try – blending**

Noted Clubs are welcome to offer both options to new paddlers.

#### **6.1.8 PFDs post 2025 – new Australian Standard**

Noted Department of Infrastructure and Transport have advised of a new Australian Standard post 2025 for life jackets. The DBSA pdfs currently looked at meet this standard with the rest to be checked to ensure that they do so also.

Agreed to send a copy of this advice out to Clubs. **Action: Peter (#47)**

Noted an exemption for the wearing of PFDs has once again been submitted to DIT with response awaited.

#### **6.1.9 Update from Julianne Kuhlmann (AusDBF D&I)**

Held over.

### **6.2 Courses:**

#### **6.2.1 First Aid – Sat 5/11/22**

Noted registrations are now open for this course.

### **6.3 Events:**

#### **6.3.1 Sun 9-Oct race day – “Pink Day”**

Noted that a fundraising event is being held to raise funds for the Otis Foundation which provides accommodation to BCS survivors’ friends and families at no charge. There will be pink and blue lady cut outs placed on the lawn and Clubs are encouraged to wear pink if they like.

### **6.4 Finance**

#### **6.4.1 30-day payment terms reminder**

Reminder given that the Board has the option to impose this late fee.

### **6.5 Season 2022/23**

#### **6.3.1 Training Roster – Aquatic**

Noted there are currently six boats at Aquatic with another to be located there next week. Larger Clubs are requested to take their boats from the stack to allow smaller Clubs to use the trolleys.

Subsonix advised that they would be changing their training time from 8:30am to 9am on a Sunday to avoid upsetting one of the local residents, in particular.

## **7. AusDBF UPDATE**

Nil report.

## **8. CLUBS**

- Copper Coast – noted working with Council for approvals for the Marina Challenge and Regional Masters Games (RMG) at the same time.

John Holland advised that he had received a phone call from the Council seeking to move the date of the dragon boating event for the RMG to the week before AusChamps. This was because of some misinformation from Tatiara around accommodation availability however it should not be an issue this time around. The current and preferred date remains the 15 April 2023.

- ACDC – question asked about the first race day as to anticipated problems without access to toilets given the redevelopment will not be completed. Noted the first race day will be at Scullers Reserve and may need to get additional toilets as needed.
- Peter Button advised he met with Council contact recently onsite after a long delay on their part and was advised that there were some latent conditions found on site causing the delay. They are hopeful of meeting the December deadline.

The manual handling issue with the boats going forward was raised along with the assurance given previously by the council that they will come up with a solution. They also promised to provide a copy of the updated building plans.

- FinishLynx Operator – noted Maria Darby would not always be available on race days and regrettably the replacement is no longer involved with the sport. Noted if a replacement could not be found would need to revert to the use of volunteers to time the races via a stopwatch or phone app. Maria Darby would be available to teach any new incumbent.

Clubs were encouraged to see if they knew of anyone willing to take on the role.

Agreed that a position description was needed first for the role and would be circulated to Clubs.

**Action: Julie C & MA Holt (#48)**

MA Holt noted that there is a good relationship established now with Volunteering SA, the Council and the AusChamps volunteers who may be interested in this role.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Hat Regatta – noted as there had been no volunteers willing to tow the boats to and from the venue that Peter Button would take two on the trailer.

Noted for use of stopwatches that an App can readily be used instead.

- Noted Board representative needed to attend the AusDBF Members Q3 Forum to be held online on Thursday 25 August. Noted Chris Wood would represent DBSA.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next Forum is scheduled for 8pm on Thursday 17 November.

The meeting closed at 9:29pm.