



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Wednesday 31 May 2023 @ 7:00pm
The Sailing Club / Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – 7:00pm

Mary-Ann Holt (DBSA) opened the meeting and read to the Welcome to Country.

2. ATTENDEES

Present – in person

ACDC:	Chris Wood (President) – part meeting
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Chris Payne (President)
Powerblades:	Peter Button (President)
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President), Lynette Ferrari (Secretary)
Blade Runners:	Julie Clinch (President), Steve Clinch
SADA:	Julianne Kuhlmann (President)
SC Chair:	Pat Doogue

Present – via Zoom

Adelaide Phoenix	Thuy Nguyen (President)
Coorong Dragons:	Roylene Nixon (President)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon (President), Trevor Key
DAPL:	Sandy Jansen (President)
Mannum:	Julie Metcalfe (President), Jason Kuhlmann – part meeting
DAA:	Jo Hamlyn (President)
Vicky's Pride:	Miranda Roccisano (President)
Waiwilta:	John Klopp (President)
DBSA:	Jennifer Bould, Tash Youngman

3. APOLOGIES

Victor Dragons:	Les Sharp (President)
BWR:	Mastroy Myles (President)
DBSA	Julie Lister, Tracey Youngman

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION
THAT the Minutes of the Presidents' Forum held 15 February 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: P. Button and Seconded: C. Payne CARRIED.

Noted the Annual memorial ceremony did not happen when scheduled and will be held during the State Championships.

5. BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS – 15/2/23				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
55	Follow up with Martin why Lynette Ferrari was unable to access an incident report she lodged in Safe365.	ASAP	John	Ongoing
56	Clubs to come back to first RC meeting for next season with some novel ideas for race days with nothing off the table.	23/24 RC planning mtg	Clubs	Done

57	Clubs to provide feedback on whether 2 x A-Grade teams or smaller Clubs could form a composite team to help support 20s racing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted Board is working on policy for composite teams. 	ASAP	Clubs	Ongoing with the Board
58	Clubs holding on to perpetual trophies from 2022 to engrave and return to DBSA prior to States.	B4 States	Clubs	Done
59	Advise AusDBF that DBSA agrees to proposal to allow them via RevSport direct communication with individual members/Clubs as long as there is an 'opt out' option against a participant's record in RevSport.	ASAP	DBSA	Done
60	Follow up for regos for AusDBF Level 1 coaching course and check if any can change from May to March weekend so can proceed.	ASAP	Marie	Done
61	Consider taking on junior paddlers in future as there may be some as a result of upcoming Dracademy program and could result in also recruiting their parents.	ASAP	Clubs	Done

6. DBSA

6.1 Admin

6.1.1 Registrations 2023/24 – subscription mode

Noted the training session the Wednesday prior ran by Martin Hastings (AusDBF) had a huge turnout with representations from Clubs both in person and online. Since then further information had been sent to Clubs re the set up procedures.

Noted the Board would make a decision at the 13 June meeting as to whether it would pass on the RevSport fees (ie 2%, 060c per transaction and \$1 RevSport fee).

Noted Clubs would also have to make this decision. AusDBF has chosen to absorb them.

Clubs were encouraged to where possible to have their paddlers register themselves online rather than continue to assist with this process.

Clubs were encouraged to check out the Powerblades and ACDC websites which are on the RevSport portal (no cost) to see how they set their registrations up for new and returning members. Noted there are several videos in the Help section in RevSport to assist Clubs set up their website on the portal.

6.1.2 Registrations – credit card payments – discussion

For those Clubs whose paddlers do not have a credit card and would not get one it was suggested that they obtain a “load and go” type card from the Post Office and / or look to set up a “membership day” where registrations could be done at the one time. Participants could also arrange for someone else to pay for their registration by card and reimburse them.

6.1.3 Race program 2023/24

Feedback was sought:

- Noted Mannum made a mistake in their proposed date for the Regional training day and that it should have been 5th November. Advice given to bring this up at the RC meeting.
- Pat Doogue advised he had followed up after last RC meeting with DBVic re their handicap system and would circulate details of this for consideration at the RC meeting. Noted there was some support for this concept.
- SADA members are becoming disheartened as they are often putting the Club up for races at local Regatta's that are in a younger category and therefore not as competitive as they could be if they could race more in their age category. SADA offer to race in categories that allow other Clubs to race but where they are unable compete equally, often just so that the race can still go ahead. The Club is looking at potential alternatives to some race days for next season that hopefully will allow for more members to be included.
- Chris Wood noted it was still important to keep the competition viable and acknowledged that Clubs have different demographics and that a handicap system for one regatta may assist. She noted the Board was looking at various opportunities for the race season.

6.1.3 Draft Constitution

Noted the draft Constitution was circulated prior to the meeting for Club feedback. Of note:

- Some Clubs had not yet had time to review it prior to the meeting.
- Noted new Constitution removed voting rights for all Life members, introduced a Grievance & Appeals Committee, and was reduced down to reduce some duplication.
- Clubs were keen to have a summary report of the actual changes made. Agreed to provide copy of changes provided by the lawyer. **Action: Marie #62**

6.2 Events

6.2.1 AMG Thu 12-Oct to Sat 14-Oct

An update was given. Of note:

- Food vendors arranged – Rotary Club (West Beach) will do the BBQ
- Toilets organised,
- 20-25 volunteers will be needed
- 450+ registered already (35 crews)
- Emails received seeking volunteer role.
- Those wishing to be an Official can let John Holland know.
- Early-bird registration closes end of June.
- Event will be at Scullers.
- Next organising committee meeting is set for 8 June.
- Bulletin #2 will be finalised and circulated across the socials.

6.2.2 AMG Socials – Insta / FB / website

Noted Facebook, Instagram accounts have been set up with Clubs encouraged to follow them.

6.3 Courses

6.3.1 Officials level 1, 2 & 3 – July

Noted Julie Lister is coordinating this event with dates to be confirmed in due course.

6.3.2 S&D Course – Sat 17-June

Noted course is scheduled however no EOIs received to date.

7. CLUBS

- CDs – tackling RevSport with new registration requirements.
- DAPL – excited about RevSport registration requirements.
- Copper Coast – working through RevSport registration requirements.
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- Powerblades – won the Charles Sturt Council Sports Award (Club Association of the Year). Approval sought from Clubs for Peter to advertise via DBSA his upcoming CEO's fundraiser event.
- Subsonix – highlighted issue with the appeal process through DBSA and AusDBF noted that it needs fixing as there was no avenue to follow up after mediation.
- MA Holt advised that is why the draft Constitution looks to introduce a Grievance & Appeals committee. DBSA would need to prepare a Policy & Procedure for this committee and sought feedback from Clubs as to what they would like included. **Action: Clubs #63**

8. AusDBF UPDATE

Nil report.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Forum is scheduled for 8pm on Thursday 14 September 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.