



**Minutes of the  
PRESIDENTS' FORUM  
Tuesday 21 November 2023 @ 8:15pm  
Aquatic Boatshed / Zoom**

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**1. OPEN MEETING – 8.27pm**

Julie Lister (DBSA President) opened the meeting noting the Acknowledgement of Country had been delivered at the earlier meeting.

**2. PRESENT**

**In person:**

DBSA Board:	Chris Wood, Mary-Ann Holt, Julie Lister, Tracey Gardiner, Jennifer Bould
Life Members:	Chris Wood, John Holland, Julie Clinch, Steve Clinch, Pat Doogue (non voting)
ACDC:	Chris Wood (President)
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Chris Payne (President)
Blade Runners:	Julie Clinch (CEO)
DAA:	Deb Elfenbein (President), Julie Howie (Vice-President)
Powerblades:	Peter Button (President)
SADA:	Helen Macleod (President)
Subsonix:	Lynette Ferrari (Vice President)

**Online:**

ACDC GRD:	Anne-Marie Kerry (President)
Adelaide Phoenix:	Kierney Sieberhagen (President)
Coorong Dragons:	Annabel Kitchin (President)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon (President)
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
Mannum Dragons:	Julie Metcalfe (President)
Pink Dragons:	Robyn McKenzie (Secretary)
Vicki's Pride:	Miranda Roccisano (President)
Victor Dragons:	Morag Craig (President)
Water Warriors:	Simon Murphy (President), Imants Didrichson (Secretary)
DBSA:	Jennifer Bould (Life Member)

**3. APOLOGIES**

Pink Dragons:	Tenielle Stokes (President)
Subsonix	Jack Salagaras (President)
Waiwilta:	Kay Cameron (President)

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Agreed that the Minutes from the President's Forum held 14 September 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**4.1 Business Arising**

Nil.

**4.2 Action List**

ACTION ITEMS – 14/9/23				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS

64	Send email out for AMG seeking volunteers from 5am-8am for a live cross on the Friday.	30-Sep	Chris	Done
65	Follow up with Mannum engineering company if they would be interested in providing a quote to install a gantry system at Aquatic and if so have them contact Julie L for further details.	ASAP	Julie Metcalfe	N/A
66	Follow up company that provides fob to ensure access to rear side door is working.	ASAP	Julie	Done
67	Follow up Paddle SA re status of request to council for inside front light switch.	ASAP	Julie	N/A
68	Advise Pat that his Level 2&3 discussion papers from the SC would be held over until after the AusDBF SC meeting on 27 September and he is to report back to Board on the outcome of this meeting.	ASAP	Marie & Pat	Done
69	Send EOI to Clubs for First Aid course.	ASAP	Marie	Done
70	Provide update if Clubs can paddle on the Port at the Speedboat Association's club rooms if an arrangement is put in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JH advised that the venue is available, and they are keen to have more on water activity to remain viable with Scoth College Rowing training from there and it is large enough to store dragon boats there.</li> <li>▪ JH advised that ACDC was not keen on paddling in that area further so had not progressed it further.</li> <li>▪ Agreed to provide Clubs details of this venue and if there is any interest in paddling from there.</li> </ul>	When known	John	Done
<b>ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING</b>				
63	Reminder to be sent to Clubs to provide feedback on what they would like included in a Grievance & Appeals policy and procedure.	31-Oct	Marie & CLUBS	Done

## 5. DBSA

### 5.1 Regional Training (morning/afternoon) Sun 5-Nov – rescheduled to Sun 25-Feb-24

Noted an action item has been assigned separately from the RC meeting to email regional Clubs to ascertain what they would like to have included and glean from the day (ie coaching, stroke technique, sweeps' coaching, 2km turns for sweeps/paddlers, experience in a 10s boat etc).

### 5.2 Boatshed update

Julie Lister noted a steel structure had been recently installed which still needed the mechanism installed for the gantry aspect and extended thanks to John Holland for his innovative thoughts on using the old steel from The Sailing Club and the former DBSA Aquatic boatshed.

John Holland advised that the dolleys for the gantry system from the previous gantry were not safe and engineers are working on them to make them safe, and it should be completed by Wednesday afternoon.

Noted once the new block and tackles (chain system) has been purchased then it will be able to be used.

Noted some Clubs were asking how they could best access the 10s boats with the response being that they would be made available in due course once some of the remaining equipment has been relocated.

John Holland advised that he and the engineer have designed a rack to be put against the wall for the family boats, OC-2, TKs (x2) and then the trolley with the x2 10s boats can be placed next to it. The 10s boats will then be able to use the gantry to offload the boats for use.

With respect to the gym training equipment, it was noted that it would be eventually relocated towards the back end of the boatshed.

### 5.3 Equipment / maintenance

Julie Lister advised that two boats out on the grass are having the underneath repaired and should be available within the next week at the latest. New seats will be looked at for some of the boats that currently have silver tape around the seat and a maintenance working bee will be scheduled early in 2024.

Noted a replacement Starter's frame had been purchased however unfortunately was not taken up to the Wallaroo Marina Challenge so the old broken one reported previously by Helen Macleod was used instead. Intent is at the next race day to take the canvas roofing off from the old tent and place on to the new frame.

## **5.4 Events**

### **5.4.1 AMG – feedback**

Consensus was that it was a fabulous event however the weather was inclement.

Morag Craig suggested that if two fleets of boats are used in future that it would be helpful for there to be more boat wranglers so they could have more breaks and a changeover over of teams as some worked 10 hours on the first day and 8 on the second.

### **5.4.2 Peter Bristow Long Course – feedback**

Consensus was that it was a fabulous event however the wind was extreme and that going forward, a backup date would be scheduled as an alternate option.

Julie Lister advised that there was one injury due to a Sweep backing out from the beach which had more to do with the weather conditions on the night.

Noted there are often issues with sweeps reversing out on race days and not necessarily looking over their shoulder and being aware of what is happening around them.

Suggested that paddlers not make the decision to push a boat out until advised by the Sweep or Drummer and that for the event next year, that all boats be placed on the beach with the dragons' head facing out to the water.

### **5.4.3 Wallaroo Marina Challenge – feedback**

Consensus was that it was a fun and fabulous event with participants enjoying themselves and that it had been a good decision to cull the last races although disappointing for those Clubs impacted.

Holding the 1000m race during the middle of the day was a good decision and everyone found it exciting. Agreed to better inform the B-Grade teams on the rules for this event next time.

Helen Macleod asked why there was some confusion initially with this event as to whether it would proceed as it appeared there were not enough positions being filled by the volunteers. She noted that it was an official event which should be supported by DBSA at all levels and some paddlers had already committed time and money to attend, and needed certainty that it would proceed.

Julie Lister responded that the Board would take it on notice and understood that perception was very important going forward. In addition, if the event was going to be cancelled then a decision would have been made much sooner.

Question was asked if the event will proceed next year given the proposed land development by the Council with the response being it was uncertain at this stage however the Council is keen for water sports to continue in the marina. Council is developing land opposite the tavern to include boat ramps and loading options.

### **5.4.4 Lunar New Year festival – Sun 11-Feb**

Reminder given to Clubs to enter their teams in advance to assist with the coordination and ordering of medals early.

## **5.5 Courses**

### **5.5.1 AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course – new dates Sat 3 & Sun 4 Feb**

Noted registrations for his course are to be submitted via RevSport.

### **5.5.2 First Aid Course – on hold**

Noted email sent to Clubs advising that this course was on hold due a new hybrid format being offered which had yet to be reviewed by the Board.

## 6. CLUBS

- Morag Craig sought clarification if the Mannum regional training day in January would proceed as they had members who had made online bookings and may lose their deposits if it does not proceed. They were also keen to know where it would be held as they had some nervous paddlers who were involved in the capsizing the year before.

Julie Metcalfe responded that Pat Doogue will be there on Saturday and will be checking out the back end of the marina which no boats have access to for suitability. If approved, then the only time the boats would be on the river would be to paddle from the normal boat ramp there. The normal BBQ social function would be held afterwards, and they may look to hold a quiz night again on the Saturday evening.

Noted the event is scheduled for Sunday 14 January 2024 and will proceed.

- Judy Haydon extended appreciation to everyone who assisted with making the Wallaroo Marina Challenge a fabulous event noting that their Club had received positive feedback.
- Kearney Sieberhagen sought clarification on what was happening to the area across the road from Aquatic which is usually used for overflow on race days as it had been blocked off for access and how this would impact parking on race days. Agreed to follow up Council. **Action: Chris #71**
- Mary-Ann Holt encouraged Clubs to let their members know when parking on the grass circle to be considerate and to not block cars from leaving. An ASA member was unable to leave the previous Saturday to attend another appointment and upon returning sometime later, was the only car on the lawn and had received a fine from the Council. It was subsequently waived as a one-off by them.

Noted other issue of cars often parking just around the perimeter not allowing any access in between.

- Helen Macleod expressed concern that the defibrillator was currently inaccessible to some whilst placed on top of the lockers and needed to be mounted. Julie Lister responded that it was not possible to mount anything on the walls and she would investigate this with Peter Button to find somewhere suitable. **Action: Julie / Peter #72.**

Question asked if an external unit could also be placed by the Council as it was not always possible for individuals to access the boatshed rapidly. Agreed to follow this up with Paddle SA in the first instance as the leaseholder. **Action: Julie #73**

- Helen Macleod expressed concern that the defibrillator was placed in a plastic shopping bag and given to the Umpire's Boat for the Peter Bristow Long Course event as it could be easily overlooked when being searched for use.

This was noted.

- Helen Macleod expressed concern that it was important that hygiene products and sanitary bins be provided for younger female participants and that there were also no "sharps" containers in any of the toilets both inside and outside.

Agreed to follow this up with Paddle SA in the first instance for internal toilets. **Action: Julie #74**

Noted separately that the female external toilet cubicles have two broken locks which is a council issue however would be reported to Council. **Action: Julie #75**

## 7. AusDBF UPDATE

John Holland advised that the Board has been in caretaker mode for the last few weeks due to upcoming AGM on Saturday 25 November and the changeover of Board members. He noted he would be standing down along with Martin Hastings, Philippa McLean, Sylvia Wong and Carlos Diz with nominations being received from Maggie Boyce, Peter Camps, Barbara Clarkson, Adrian Stephens and Sylvia Wong for the five vacancies.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting dates for 2024 will be advised in due course.

The meeting closed at 9:17pm.