



**Minutes of  
Special General Meeting  
7:45pm Tuesday 21 November 2023  
At Aquatic Boatshed / Zoom**

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**1 OPEN MEETING – 7:45pm**

Julie Lister (Chair) opened the meeting and read to the Acknowledgement of Country.

**2 PRESENT**

**In person:**

DBSA Board:	Chris Wood, Mary-Ann Holt, Julie Lister, Tracey Gardiner
Life Members:	Chris Wood, John Holland, Julie Clinch, Steve Clinch, Pat Doogue
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:	Lynnette 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)
Waiwilita:	Kay Cameron (President)

**4 VOTING STRENGTHS**

Noted.

**5 LIFE MEMBERSHIP – VOTING RIGHTS**

Julie Clinch read to a prepared statement clarifying previous advice that all AusDBF member states do not allow Life Members a vote to note that DBVic, DBACT and DBWA constitutions still allow this.

John Holland responded that all AusDBF member states had agreed to align their constitution with AusDBF which did not allow a vote for Life Members, and they were working towards this.

Julie Clinch noted that the recently resubmitted August 2022 Constitution to Consumer & Business Services had not been put to the members first for adoption.

Julie Lister responded with the background behind the resubmitted Constitution at the request of C&BS with the final version uploaded to the website for members to review as needed.

With respect to the rest of the comments made by Julie Clinch, Julie Lister advised that they would be taken on board and the meeting would now address the discussion point put forward prior to the meeting as follows:

*To provide some background to the SGM being called and the Agenda item: #3 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP – VOTING RIGHTS, please note that DBSA is seeking Member Organisations and Life Members consensus on whether Life Members are entitled to have voting rights or not. The August 2022 Constitution has proved ambiguous in its meaning:*

(v) individuals granted Life Membership from the adoption of this Constitution shall not have voting rights.

- *Individuals who were granted Life Membership prior to August 2022 continue to get a vote and that new Life Members post August 2022 do not; OR*
- *That from the date of adoption of the Constitution (August 2022) individuals with Life Membership (granted before or after) do not get voting rights.*

Julie Lister advised that she had contacted C&BS for some advice prior to the meeting re conflicts of interest for Life Members on this issue. They had responded that Life Members would have a conflict of interest, as they have a “self-interest” in the outcome and as Clubs represent their members, they do not. She noted that the Life Members eligible to vote would have a conflict of interest.

Before the vote was taken the opportunity was given for questions or points to be raised.

John Holland advised that Sport Australia’s best practice for constitutions is that Life Members do not have a vote and that those AusDBF members who do not have this in place in their constitution are addressing this. Each member of AusDBF had agreed to align their constitution with AusDBF.

Question was asked as to how active the Life Members were with it noted that it was not relevant however an update was given by Jennifer Bould on those Life Members who are active.

It was agreed that a vote was only necessary to be taken on the below:

- *Individuals who were granted Life Membership prior to August 2022 continue to get a vote and that new Life Members post August 2022 do not.*

A vote was taken with the result being 12 in support of the above, 9 against and 1 abstention.

The agreed outcome is that “Individuals who were granted Life Membership prior to August 2022 continue to get a vote and the new Life Members post August 2022 do not”.

Noted that the Constitution would be updated to reflect the vote. **Action: DBSA #1**

## **6 CLOSE MEETING**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:22pm.