



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Thursday 14 September 2023 @ 8:30pm
Aquatic Boatshed / Online**

1. OPEN MEETING – 9:10pm

Julie Lister (DBSA President) opened the meeting and read to the Welcome to Country.

2. ATTENDEES

DBSA:	Chris Wood, Mary-Ann Holt, Julie Lister, Tracey Gardiner, Jennifer Bould
Life Members:	Chris Wood, John Holland, Jennifer Bould, Julie Clinch, Steve Clinch
ACDC:	Chris Wood (President), John Holland
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Adelaide Phoenix:	Kierney Sieberhagen (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Chris Payne (President), Lyn Payne
Blade Runners:	Julie Clinch (CEO)
DAA:	Jo Hamlyn (voting)
Pink Dragons	Tenielle Starkey (President), Robyn McKenzie
Powerblades:	Neil Parker (voting), Todd Amos
SADA:	Helen McLeod (President), Heather Wingard
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President), Lynette Ferrari
Observers:	Christine Graham, Sandy Douglas, Sandra Douglas, Marie Cunningham

Present (online)

Blue Water Raiders:	Jenny Chillingworth (Secretary)
Coorong Dragons:	Annabel Kitchin (President)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon (President), Trevor Key
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
Mannum Dragons:	Julie Metcalfe (President)
Subsonix:	Ronnie Lane
Vicki's Pride:	Sandra Bennett (President), Miranda Roccisano
Water Warriors:	Simon Murphy (President), Imants Didrichson
Victor Dragons:	Morag Craig (President)

3. Apologies

DAA:	Deb Elfenbeim (President)
Mannum Dragons:	Jason Kuhlmann (Vice President)
Powerblades:	Peter Button (President)

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION
THAT the Minutes of the Presidents' Forum held 31 May 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: C. Payne and Seconded: C. Wood CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS – 31/5/23				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
62	Provide a copy of the changes made to the Constitution by the lawyer.	ASAP	Marie	Done
63	Clubs to provide feedback on what they would like included in a Grievance & Appeals policy and procedure.	16-Jun	CLUBS	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to recirculate this action for feedback by 31 October. 			
ACTION ITEMS – 15/2/23				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
55	<p>Follow up with Martin why Lynette Ferrari was unable to access an incident report she lodged in Safe365.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that this has since been resolved and request made for Lynette to inform the Board should the issue arise again. 	ASAP	John	Done

6. DBSA

6.1 General

Nil.

6.2 AMG Event

John Holland advised:

- Over 900 participants registered.
- Noted online entry system is not ideal so team managers are producing lists as they do normally. The basic template from RevSport will produce the race draw.
- There are 3 races for every category and the best two times will decide the medal winners.
- Some races will have in excess of 20 crews.
- Need 12 Officials and 26 Volunteers which they may have.
- Clubs encouraged to send in crew list asap.
- DBSA Clubs are requested to bring their own tents which will be in the one assigned area with interstate Clubs being supplied their own tents.
- Security will be in place from the Wednesday evening.
- Publicity – keen to get paddlers out on the water from 5am-8am on the Friday morning for a live television promotion. Email to be sent seeking volunteers. **Action: Chris #64**

6.3 Lunar New Year Festival – Sun 11-Feb

Julie Lister advised:

- This event will be somewhat different to a normal race day given 2024 is the Year of the Dragon and the aim is to celebrate this with something different and bigger with the Board considering some different races to be held. Will include all categories, and composite and corporate teams.
- Dragon dancers, drummers, dancers, lanterns and Chinese food are all being considered.
- Looking at the cost effectiveness of having medal presentations instead of bottles of wine.
- Entries will need to be in sooner to assist with coordinating and some early details will be communicated to clubs in the next few weeks for planning purposes. Will work out what can possibly be run and closer to the date will have actual entries.
- Event will remain at Aquatic Reserve.
- Noted it is an actual sanctioned race day so some compensating criteria will be in place for state championships qualification given the large amount of races to be held so not all usual categories may be held.
- 10s&20s over 200m + 2000m.
- Composite crews can also register for 20s and 2000m.
- Corporate crews will be encouraged which will help promote the sport.

6.4 Courses

6.3.1 AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course - EOIs

Noted there are four registered for this course thus far with a minimum of x8 required.

John Holland advised he is waiting on four participants from the last course to complete their paperwork.

6.5 Equipment & Maintenance

Julie Lister advised:

- Maintenance has commenced on three sets of heads and tails in preparation for the AMG with an update provided on what has been occurring.
- Moving forward the Board is conscious of need to maintain the boats, heads and tails with most of the heads and tails being repaired recently however there may be the need for a maintenance day to be scheduled in future with assistance sought from Clubs.
- Noted 3 heads & tails are with a local fibreglass company for repair.

- Noted there are various damaged seats which have been taped up for identification and they will be considered for replacement or repair along with those at Angle Park.
- A maintenance reimbursement figure has been agreed with AusDBF post the AusChamps.
- Noted will need 13 boats for AMG.

6.6 Aquatic Boatshed

Julie Lister advised:

- On the status of the installation of a gantry system noting it was difficult to find willing companies or reasonable quotes.
- Julie Metcalfe advised she had an engineering company contact and would approach them to see if they were willing to provide a quote. Suggested that she ask them to contact Julie Lister to discuss it further if they were. **Action: Julie M #65**
- John Holland said the gantry equipment at The Sailing Club remains and they were looking to remove that and take it to a Port Adelaide company to modify but the company is since no longer operating.
- Paddle SA is the land leaseholder for this venue and it had proven not possible as part of the initial planning discussions for the new building and since, for DBSA to hold its own lease. This possibly could be revisited at the end of Paddle SA's long term lease but would only be if they were willing to enact this which would be unlikely given DBSA pays them rent.
- Noted fobs were not working for the side door and this would be followed up with the company that provided them. **Action: Julie #66**
- Noted waiting on Council to come back to request submitted for a light switch / light to be installed inside at the front entrance to avoid any potential trip hazards. Follow up to be had on status with Paddle SA. **Action: Julie #67**
- Clubs were encouraged to submit a Hazard report via Safe365 so this can be reported to the Council to hopefully speed up the process.
- Noted Pat Doogue had submitted some papers from the Sweep Committee in respect to changes to Levels 2&3 and was hoping to dial in to the meeting to discuss them. John Holland proposed that DBSA should take on board the AusDBF requirements for consistency and an AusDBF Sweep Committee meeting on 27 September will look to implement a national program taking into consideration regional based Sweeps. JL proposed that the discussion be placed on hold with Pat to report back to the Board or an additional changes/impacts to the initial proposal. Pat to be advised this is on hold and he is to provide an update to the DBSA Board after the AusDBF meeting. **Action: Marie #68**

7. CLUBS

- First Aid course – agreed to send out EOI to Clubs. **Action: Marie #69**
- ACDC – John Holland said they would be looking to train at Aquatic Reserve some Saturday mornings when they cannot access their other two locations however this would be from 9:45am so should not impact on any Clubs. This Saturday they will have a Member of Parliament paddle with them.
- The question was asked if other Clubs could train on the Port River with the response being that ACDC have an arrangement with GTS Dolphin so that would not be possible however if an arrangement can be made with the Speedboat Association who are keen to extend their aquatic activities, then they could. Update to be provided in due course. **Action: John #70**

8. AusDBF UPDATE

Nil.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Clubs reminded When vacating the boat shed, to please ensure the internal door connecting the storage area to the change rooms and training room is closed, to ensure no non-dragon boat people can access the storage area (other building patrons can access the building via the side door).
- Clubs reminded if a crew is known to be out on the water to please try to leave a trolley on the beach for them.
- Noted not all Clubs are aware of how to take a boat off the trolley and should seek advice on this from other Clubs.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Forum is scheduled for 8pm on Tuesday 21 November.

The meeting closed at 9:56pm.