



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Tuesday 14 April 2024 @ 6:15pm
Aquatic Boatshed / Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – 6:10pm

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, John Holland, Teresa Goodwin-Riccio
ACDC:	Chris Wood (President), John Holland
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
BSD:	Chris Payne (President)
Powerblades:	Peter Button (President)
SADA:	Pat Doogue
Victor Dragons:	Morag Craig (President)
Waiwilita:	Kay Cameron (President), Jill Furmage

Online:

Adelaide Phoenix:	Kierney Sieberhagen (President)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon
CDs:	Sue Jones (Vice-President)
DAA:	Julie Howie (Vice-President)
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
Mannum Dragons:	Jason Kuhlmann
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President)
Vicki's Pride:	Miranda Roccisano (President)
Water Warriors:	Simon Murphy (President)

3. APOLOGIES

Coorong Dragons:	Annabel Kitchin (President)
DAA:	Deb Elfenbein (President), Tracey Gardiner
DBSA:	Jennifer Bould
KIDS:	Ants Harris (President)
Pink Dragons:	Tenielle Stokes (President)

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes from the President's Forum held 7 February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #82**

4.1 Business Arising

- Nil.

4.2 Action List

- Reviewed. Of note:
 - #78 – Pat Doogue advised he was also drafting a procedure on how to “connect the boats together to tow behind the power boat”.

5. DBSA

5.1 Code of Conduct – reminder

Clubs reminded of this document and that registered paddlers need to abide by it annually or upon joining. <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/ausdbf/files/xaux0ohrmwfxgsj5.pdf>.

5.2 Events

5.2.1 State Championships – feedback

- Consensus was event went well and agreed for future events to check sand level a month prior to ensure the beach access is adequate to avoid any safety concerns.

5.2.2 Regional Masters Games Wallaroo – feedback

- Well organised event.
- New racecourse direction was good and allowed for spectators along the course and in the hotel to watch the races which garnered some interest from hotel patrons.
- Good camaraderie amongst the teams.
- Composite teams provide a great way of getting to know other paddlers.
- DAPL sent 8 paddlers who enjoyed the event, received some medals and appreciated being able to join a team.

5.2.3 AusChamps – feedback

- Noted ACDC, BSD and PBs were the only participating Clubs.
- Well run event with 60+ clubs represented overall and standard was very high.
- Pat Doogue advised as being an on-water observer for the entire five days that he was pleased with the SA Sweeps overall compared to some others.
- For those not attending the updates on Facebook and results was good.
- Disappointment from one nonparticipant not being able to access a Club tent space to avoid the hot sun and as a result did not attend every day.
- Insufficient shade for spectators and those in the marshalling area with no tent provided.
- Tent size not adequate and not enough seating provided.
- Highlight that there were 3 SA teams in the one final.
- Impressive race results.
- No leader board published although NSW won the overall award so results must have been determined.
- John Holland advised he would report back on this feedback at upcoming AusChamps Review meeting next week.

5.2.4 Sat 18-May – End of Season Awards dinner – update

- Event is scheduled at The Royal Adelaide Golf Club on Saturday 18 May with a band booked for entertainment, set menu.
- 97 dinner registrations.
- Noted there were some plaques that had not been returned and replacement ones arranged with those Clubs who had not returned them to be invoiced for replacement cost.
- Water Warriors advised that they have one of the missing plaques for the Premier Mixed 10s 2000m and were asked to return it. [Action: WWs #83](#)

5.2.5 Sun 16-Jun – Volunteers & Officials lunch – update

- Mary-Ann Holt is coordinating this event scheduled at Aquatic Boatshed on Sunday 16 June and liaising directly with the officials and volunteers with further information to be sent out next week.
- Follow up is being had on the recognition pins for the volunteers (ie 5, 10, 15 years) and if anyone is overlooked, advice to be given to Mary-Ann.

5.2.6 Race program 2024/25 – draft

- Noted two versions of the program were circulated for review at the next meeting.
- Aim is to hopefully finalise the program at that meeting rather than going back and consulting further with Clubs, so delegates requested to be in a position to make a decision.
- Clubs to provide feedback to Marie Cunningham to consolidate prior to the meeting.
[Action: Clubs #84](#)

5.3 Aquatic Reserve facilities – security reminder

- Noted Paddle SA have advised of several occasions when the meeting room door has been left unlocked and have raised this concern with all users.

- Noted there have been occasions when paddlers have entered the kitchen to fill their water bottles and departed via the meeting room door which may have not been left secure afterwards as a result.
- Noted all doors are self-locking apart from the meeting room door and it was not certain if this was widely known amongst the paddlers. **Action: Clubs #85**

6. CLUBS

- DAPL – noted Maxine Barker their founder and original life member passed away in March which has shattered their Club. This happened a month before they celebrated their 20th birthday.
- Subsonix – noted meetings have tended to be on a Tuesday night lately which impacts them and other Clubs that train on that evening and asked if they could be rotated more fairly going forward or put back later to after training.
DBSA response was that this would be taken into consideration going forward.
- BSD – good to see release of Policy #34 – SOP Lifting equipment and noted that it was common sense that Sweep oars can go back into the boat however unsure as to why the scoops and buckets are being left in a bucket which can be unhygienic, and mats were not left in the boats.
- Waiwilta – noted there are sometimes no weights available on Saturday mornings to help balance the boat as they are all being used.
- SADA – noted items such as bailers, weights are often being left on the beach and should be taken back up to the boatshed.
- Waiwilta – queried on the status of the trollies if they are to be returned to the boatshed whilst out on the water or to be locked up as there was no consistency.
- DBSA – agreed to produce some guidelines on the above issues raised and to include that trolleys can be left back on the beach for the time being. **Action: Julie #86**
- Waiwilta – queried how the meeting room can be booked. Response given that it is done through Paddle SA (David) by email to: sa@paddle.org.au.
- VDs – provided an update on their lack of storage facilities and negotiations being held with the council on this to find alternate solutions to the sporting and recreation precinct originally proposed however now being managed by a private developer leaving them to find another location.
- ASA – having a friendly paddle with VDs on 8 June. Hoping with new members that they will be able to race in their own right for the majority of regattas however will rely on Mannum again and connections with DAPL. Celebrating 20 years in March 2025.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Any other

- John Holland advised that he has a discount code for anyone wishing to attend the Festival of Sport conference being coordinated by Sport SA. Agreed to advise this to Clubs.
Action: Marie #87
- Pat Doogue advised of the following upcoming events:
 - Sat 1-Jun: Sweep Come & Try session from 10am.
 - Sun 23-Jun: Sweep & Drummer Course.
- Noted AGM scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday 15 August prior to the PF.
- Marie Cunningham advised that AusDBF had not yet set their 2024/25 levies and would hopefully do this no later than at their June Board meeting. As a result, advice of the DBSA registration fees had not yet been advised.

Marie noted that the 2023/24 fees in RevSport for DBSA were incorrect as they were showing as being GST exclusive rather than GST inclusive and that this would be reflected correctly going forward. This meant registered paddlers had paid a lesser amount.

7.2 Presentation from Teresa Riccio-Goodwin on Risk Culture

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered on this topic and it was agreed to circulate a copy of it with the Minutes to Clubs. **Action: Marie #88**

8. NEXT MEETING

The remaining 2024 meeting dates are set for: 7:30pm on Thursday 15 August (after the AGM) and Wednesday 13 November 2024.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

ACTION ITEMS PF – 14/5/24				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
82	Upload PF Minutes from 7-Feb meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
83	Return 2023 awarded plaque for the Premier Mixed 10s 2000m category.	ASAP	Water Warriors	
84	Provide feedback to Marie to consolidate on 24/25 race season program prior to meeting.	19-May	ALL CLUBS	Done
85	Clubs to advise members to avoid exiting via the meeting room door as it is not self locking.	ASAP	ALL CLUBS	
86	Produce some guidelines on boat equipment and trollies (ie mats, bailers, sweep oars placement).	ASAP	Julie Lister	Done
87	Advise Clubs of discount code available from John if attending the Sport SA's Festival of Sport Conference.	ASAP	Marie	Done
88	Circulate copy of Teresa's Risk Culture PowerPoint presentation.	ASAP	Marie	
ACTION ITEMS PF – 7/2/24				
78	Write a procedure for task #27 – "Assist boat drivers with the 2km buoys to/from boatshed etc."	ASAP	Pat	