

EG MEETING

Caloundra, Qld

22 April 2009



Opened: 5.30pm

Attendance: ACT x 4
NSW x 4
VIC x 4
TasDBF x 4
DBWA x 4
DBSA x 4
DBNT 4
QDBF x 4
DAA x 4

Michelle Hanton (MH), Melanie Cantwell (MC), Kel Watt (KW), Janine Lette (JL), Christopher Alexandrou (CA), Loretta Lewis (LL) Austin Chin (AC)

KW handed floor to CA who went through the background to the Constitution.

Moved: CA
Seconded: DM

Darryl Manzie spoke for the Constitution in particular how the past constitution needed to be updated as it was extremely outdated. Reiterated that it was a living document. Recommend and support the

Against:

DAA formally moved an amendment as per their email sent to the Members on 18 April 2009 as follows:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass a Special Resolution to change the Associations Constitution as follows:

- a. For the purpose of membership classification Dragons Abreast Australia shall be deemed to satisfy the regional requirements for full member status.
- b. This clause shall not grant Dragons Abreast Australia the right to compete in State v State racing as an independent entity.

Moved: Michelle Hanton
Seconder: Janelle Gamble

Lisa Reid = spoke and supported the amendment.
Grace DBNT – spoke and supported the amendment.

John Holland – stated we were all sympathetic and we cannot get away from them not being a State. Special category in the Constitution – does not disengrate them but in fact lifts them up from the ordinary. Does not see them as a Member organisation as these are the bodies that rule their State or Territory.

Darryl Manzie – unique organisation as their whole aim is to enable survivors to take the place in a sport otherwise not available for them. Their marketing is extremely positive this is frustrating at times when we approach sponsors but this is a highlight as to how well their marketing is. I do not see them as threat to DB but 1 that enhances DB. We need to learn from what they do and continue the status quo.

Julie Clinch – created a membership between the low rank and full member but still acknowledges that they are still not as big as a state body

Vic – why do we need this membership classification as it is confusing. Agreed that DAA should be given full membership status.

John Holland – 7.4 DAA cannot be a member organisation because they do not control the sport in their state as they aren't a state.

Lisa Reid – living doc does not need to change periodically, does not see an issue with DAA having equivalent status as States.

CA – need an Associate Membership category – difference between DAA and some other groups, they have a National structure, current right under the constitution and shouldn't be going backwards

Vic – what do other countries do – they haven't sorted this out and they are looking for.

Close – we are unique and we have gotten where we are through the cooperation they have had within Australia. DAA members have always been encouraged to be members of their State or territory. They are seeking the place they deserve and demonstrated for 10 worthy of holding.

Amendment read again.

The 28 day notification delay was raised and discussed.

Amendment:

For: 26
Against: 8
Abstained: 2
Amendment failed

Constitution as emailed on 25 March 2009

Vic F – 7.2 this erodes existing members rights

CA – correct

Vic F – 8 subscriptions and fees should we add the membership year

Vic F – 11.1 is this supposed to be 'member organisation'; 21.1(b); 26.6

Janelle Gamble: 7.8 were this constitution to pass, and DAA would then be an Associate Member therefore 8 as they are in each State and Territory, so could have 16 votes? [There were a lot of head nodding around the room]

KW – asked that everyone please familiarise themselves with the document prior to the meeting.

For: 14

Against: 20

Abstained:

Motion lost. Continue operating under the current Constitution (ie 2001)

Closed: 6.28pm