

# Australian Dragon Boat Federation Inc

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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Saturday  
31 January, 1998

**Venue:** Hellenic Club  
Callum Rd  
Woden ACT

**Attending:**

Les Williams	Canberra Dragon Boat Assoc (ACT)
Dan Curtis	NAVMAT Dragons (ACT)
Richard Smith	Capital Dragons (ACT)
Jon Taylor	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Darren Stevenson	Pacific Dragons (NSW)
Raymond Leung	Australian Chinese Dragon Boat Festival (NSW)
Peter Smith	Dragonboat Assoc of SA (SA)
Mick Burrige	Subsonix Dragon Boat Club (SA)
Brian Usher	Gold Coast Dragons (QLD)
Bruce Lewis	Gold Coast Dragons (QLD)

**Apologies:** Trevor Huggard VDBA  
K C Ong VDBA

Meeting commenced: 8.30pm

1) **Registration of Delegates and appointment of Meeting Chairman**  
Jon Taylor was confirmed as initial Chairman of the meeting

2) **Minutes of National Conference held 25 October, 1997 in Canberra**  
Jon spoke to the Minutes of the National Conference held on 25 October, 1997.

3) **Report of Incorporation sub-committee**  
A report of the Incorporation sub-committee was presented. See Attachment 1. The formation of ADBF and the submission and application for membership to IDBF were confirmed.

4) **Confirmation of interim membership applications.**  
The list of membership applications received to date was read and the meeting confirmed the applicants as members of ADBF. The Chairman noted that he had so far only received a verbal confirmation from WADBA of their intention to become ADBF members. No written application had so far been received.

5) **Financial Report**  
Les reported that approx. \$850.00 had been received in Membership fees. Expenses to date were around \$700.00. Les said he would set up a local ACT bank account for ADBF.

6) **Elections for ADBF Board of Management**

a) President	Nomination(s)	Trevor Huggard	Elected
b) Administration Director	Nomination(s)	Jon Taylor	Elected
c) Finance Director	Nomination(s)	Les Williams	Elected
d) Other Directors (4)	Nomination	K. C. Ong	Elected
	Nomination	Richard Smith	Elected
	Nomination	Raymond Leung	Elected
	Nomination	Peter Smith	Elected

In the absence of Trevor Huggard Jon Taylor remained in the Chair.

7) **Confirmation of host organisations and venues for 1999 and 2000 Australian Dragon Boat Championships**

The meeting discussed the venues for the next two ADBF Australian National Championships. Jon reported that VDBA was willing to host the 1999 Nationals subject to a review of the impact on their financial situation. Les said he would provide VDBA a breakdown of this years Nationals in the ACT revenue and costs. The meeting agreed that ADBF give VDBA three months in which to confirm the invitation to host the 1999 National Championships. Sydney was confirmed as the site for the year 2000 Australian national Championships.

8) **Motions on Notice**

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| a) To consider and if thought fit adopt the Constitution of the ADBF  | Passed |
| b) To consider and if thought fit adopt the IDBF Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing for use at ADBF regattas | Passed |
| c) To set membership fees for 1998/99 as being \$400.00 for Ordinary Members and \$100.00 for Associate Members     | Passed |

9) **General Business**

i) Masters Games

Brian Usher tabled some publicity material for the Masters Games to be held in Queensland from 31/10 to 8/11. ADBF to publicise.

ii) Doping Policy

The draft doping policy was discussed. Jon agreed to do a costing of the policy before proceeding.

iii) State Events List

Richard felt a State events list needed to be set-up. Richard offered to set-up a web site for ADBF and that this would be an appropriate place for the state event schedules.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm.

***Jon Taylor***

signed as true & accurate  
Jon Taylor  
Chairman

Attachment 1

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## Report from Incorporation Sub-committee for Inaugural AGM - Canberra 31 January, 1998

### Background

A meeting of state associations held in Canberra on 25 October 1997 discussed the current problems at the national level and agreed to form a new national dragon boat body, to seek IDBF recognition and to seek ASC recognition. The meeting set up an Incorporation sub-committee (Jon Taylor & Les Williams) to progress the formation of the ADBF up to the inaugural AGM.

### Progress

Most of you are aware from the regular Updates on what has been achieved since the 25 Oct meeting. The following is a summary:

- Name "Australian Dragon Boat Federation" registered in the ACT
- Incorporation of ADBF completed in the ACT on 16 Dec 1997
- Draft Constitution prepared for AGM
- Membership applications sent to each state
- Dialogue with IDBF established, submission posted 30 Jan 1998
- Meeting with ASC held 14 Nov 1997. Submission to be posted shortly.
- Draft doping policy prepared and circulated for comment
- Development Plan questionnaire prepared and circulated for comment
- DBA invited to talks on 24 Nov 1997 but declined to attend.

### ADBF Support

The following is a summary of ADBF support on a state by state basis:

State/Region	Name	Status	No of elite teams in State	Comments
Qld	SE Queensland Dragon Boat (Sporting & Cultural) Assoc	Not supporting ADBF. One of the elite teams (Gold Coast Dragons has joined ADBF as an Associate Member)	2	Are members of DBA. Membership consists of one social team (Burleigh Fire Dragons). Neither elite teams are members.
NSW	DBNSW Inc	Joined ADBF	25	DBA has started a NSW rival DBNSW Inc called DBA-NSW Branch. 19 out of 25 elite teams support ADBF.
ACT	Canberra Dragon Boat Assoc Inc	Joined ADBF	13	
Vic	VDDBA Inc	Joined ADBF	approx 5 elite & 20+ corporate teams	VDDBA is a festival organiser and does not have clubs as "members". In the absence of a state club association VDDBA is representing Vic clubs.

SA	DASA Inc	Joined ADBF	6	
WA	WADBA Inc	Joining ADBF	11	Had earlier joined DBA. Has verbally advised us they have decided to join ADBF and "the cheques in the mail".
NT	DBNT Inc	Supporting ADBF	Nil	Currently establishing state association. Hope to run first regatta in Darwin in next 12 months.

**The (immediate) Future**

The IDBF Council will be meeting in Wellington on Friday 20 February 1998. One of the agenda items will be the situation in Australia. Jon Taylor, Ray Leung and maybe Trevor Huggard will be in Wellington at that time. We have requested the opportunity to make a presentation to Council members regarding the ADBF. We are waiting for a response from IDBF to our request.

The new Board will no doubt advise ADBF members and other interested parties of the outcome.

Jon Taylor & Les Williams  
29 January, 1998