



# AusDBF Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 14 November 2021

Via Zoom video conference

Started: 12:33pm (NSW time) / concluded: 14:09pm (NSW time)

## AusDBF Board

John Holland (Chair)  
Martin Hastings (Finance)  
Rex Tindal (Director)  
Deb Moran (Director)  
Philippa McLean (Director)  
Sylvia Wong (Director)  
Janine Lette (Director)  
Dr Ruth Bollard (Director)  
Zijing Chu (Director)

## Member States

Blair Gamble (DBQ-President)  
Loretta Lewis (DBQ Board member)  
Deb Matthews (DBQ Board member)  
Nicola Frowen (DBNSW-Chair)  
Tony Henderson (DBNSW-CEO)  
Wynette Monserrat (DBNSW-Director)  
Donald Jenkin (DBACT-President)  
Sue Pidgeon (DBACT-Membership)  
Laura Young (Darwin Waterfront Warriors)

John Cuzzupi (DBV-President)  
Adrian Stephens (DBV – Vice President)  
Craig Ryan (DBV – Op Manager)  
Peter Button (DBSA – President)  
Barbara Clarkson (DBWA-President)  
Ray Curran (DBTAS – Acting Chair)  
Donna Fittock (DBTAS-Board member)  
Sue Sanderson (DBTAS-Board member)  
Leonie Silk (DAA Board member)  
Sue Von Richter (DAA Board member)

Guest: Carlos Diz

Minutes taken Melanie Cantwell (MC)

John Holland welcomed everyone to the 2021 AusDBF Annual General Meeting

## 1. Minutes from Annual General Meeting held 22 November 2020

No concerns were raised from the Minutes

**DECISION:** Minutes were approved by the Members present by show of hands.

Moved: John Holland (AusDBF) seconded: Barb Clarkson (DBWA)

## 2. AusDBF 2020-21 Financial reports

- MH provided an overview of the financial reports and AusDBF financial position
- No concerns were raised from the Audited financial reports

**DECISION:** Financial reports were approved by the Members present by show of hands.

Moved: Martin Hastings (AusDBF) seconded: Sue Pidgeon (DBACT)

## 3. Appointment of AusDBF Auditor for 2021-22

Martins Hastings proposed that AusDBF re-appoint Dickensons Accountants as AusDBF Auditors for 2021-22 financial year.

**DECISION:** The appointment of Dickensons Accountants was approved by the Members present by show of hands.

Moved: Martin Hastings (AusDBF) seconded: Loretta Lewis (DBQ)

## 4. AusDBF Annual report 2020-21

- JH thanked the AusDBF Board and all the Committees for their work during the last 12 months
- AusDBF board is operational more than strategic. The Committees provides the extra manpower to assist with progressing initiatives and tasks.

- Discussion on what AusDBF has done and can do with regards to marketing dragon boating to the wider community. Some of this year's initiatives in collaboration with the States have been – Dragon Pass, Club Finder and the Dragons Tale forums
- JH – mentioned live streaming for AusChamps was also an option
- No concerns were raised by the Members

**DECISION:** AusDBF Annual Report was approved by the Members present by show of hands.  
 Moved: John Holland (AusDBF) seconded: Ray Curran (DBTAS)

## 5. Election of Directors

AusDBF has 5 Director positions up for election.

- Each nominee gave a brief address to Members on who they are, their skills and what they would like to contribute to AusDBF.

Six (6) nominations were received:

- Carlos Diz (VIC) – nominating for a 1<sup>st</sup> term
- Deb Moran (ACT) – nominating for a 1<sup>st</sup> term
- John Holland (SA) – nominating for a 3rd term
- Martin Hastings (NSW)– nominating for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Philippa McLean (VIC) – nominating for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Sylvia Wong (NSW) – nominating for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Election of Directors was conducted anonymously via SurveyMonkey

Directors elected are:

- Carlos Diz
- John Holland
- Martin Hastings
- Philippa McLean
- Sylvia Wong

JH thanked Deb Moran for her contribution to the AusDBF Board

## 6. Motion: 'To consider and adopt the following changes to the 2020 version AusDBF Constitution'

- JH provided an overview as to history of how DAA became a member of AusDBF and that the reason for the suggested change below was based on good governance
- DAA don't administer the sport and are not a State Association or Territory
- DAA would remain as an Affiliate Member, the vote is simply removed

**Clause 5.5 (Affiliate Members)** – amendment to point d

**Current wording:** Subject to the requirements upon it as a Company limited by guarantee, Dragons Abreast Australia Ltd. is recognised as an Affiliate Member under this Constitution **on the same terms that apply to a Member State under clause 5.3 (c) and** may only have their membership suspended or cancelled by Special Resolution of a General Meeting of the Association.

**New wording:** Subject to the requirements upon it as a Company limited by guarantee, Dragons Abreast Australia Ltd. is recognised as an Affiliate Member under this Constitution **and** may only have their membership suspended or cancelled by Special Resolution of a General Meeting of the Association.

**Clause 12.1 (votes for Members)** – amendments to point c

**Current wording** Affiliate Membership has no voting rights attached with the exception of Dragons

**New wording:** Affiliate Membership has no voting rights attached

<p><b>DECISION:</b> Members voted by poll vote (Zoom). 4 votes for and 4 votes against. Therefore, motion failed.</p>
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