

19th October 2014

# Australian Dragon Boat Federation

## AGM Meeting Minutes



Date	19 October 2014	Time	10:10am – 11:50am
Place	Department of Sport & Recreation, 246 Vincent Street, Leederville WA		
Chair	AusDBF President - Kel Watt (KW)		
Minute taker	Christina Wohlsen (CW)		
AusDBF Board Attendees	Admin: Maggie Boyce (MB) Finance: Sean Litchfield (SL) Directors: Christopher Alexandrou (CA), Victor Fazakerley (VF), Martin Hastings (MH)		
Attendees – 4 Voting Delegates per Member to be listed			
Dragon Boat NT: Stephanie Brown (SB)		Dragon Boat Vic: Michelle James (MJ)	
Dragon Boat Qld: Bruce Eckersley (BE), Janine Lette (JL)		Dragon Boat Tas: Donna Fittock (DF)	
Dragon Boat NSW: Trish Tinyow (TT), Martin Hirst (MH)		Dragon Boat SA: John Holland (JH), Pat Doogue (PD)	
Dragon Boat ACT: Debra Moran (DM), Pat Moran (PM)		Dragon Boat WA: Rex Tindal (RT), Barbara Clarkson (BC), Paula Cottingham (PC), Rick Salisbury (RS)	
Apologies			
David Abel - AusDBF Director (DA)		Kristen Priest – DBWA (KP)	
Suzanne Bowen – DAA (SB)			

Agenda Topics	
Item	Description
1	Acceptance of previous AGM Minutes 1 December 2013 Moved: Maggie Boyce Seconded: Janine Lette & Debra Moran
2	Business arising from previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nil reported</li></ul>







### **Martin Hastings – Ordinary Director**

- Just started on AusDBF Board – was previously Finance Director for DBNSW
- Concerned with process and transparency.

### **Kel Watt – President**

- Thanked David Abel who is stepping down as Director for AusDBF. He has done a mountain of work, came onto the Board after AusChamps 2012. He did a wonderful job organising AusChamps 2012, which set a benchmark for future events. He has helped lift the profile of our sport in Victoria. Not lost to the sport, current Aurora Premier Coach. Has made a great contribution over the last two and half years. KW thanked DA.
- Tony D'Andreti came onto the Board after 2012 AusChamps. He drove a lot of reform around the coaching course. His expertise in business management and the training sector was a great asset to the Board.
- Maggie Boyce has been a huge asset to the Board. After ten months in the administration role she plans to move into Development role left by CA - will get the best out of her in high performance role.
- Martin Hastings expertise is in finance, he is going to be a real asset to the Board. SL has done a wonderful job as Finance Director in the past ten months.
- Vic Fazakerley's experience and expertise in Officiating at IDBF level is a great asset to the team.
- Christopher Alexandrou is approaching eleven years on AusDBF. 'Zeus' as he is commonly known has spent a quarter of his life on the Board and due to constitutional changes his time on the Board can never be matched. He has made the most remarkable contribution to our sport. He is incredibly generous and has donated a lot of time and money to the sport and paddlers. He is passionate and has been driven in every aspect of his work from developing grass roots paddling to his commitment to high performance. He is as knowledgeable and skillful as anyone in dragon boating and is a real personality in our sport. Acknowledged the generosity and contribution from Christopher's parents who have opened their doors to many paddlers from all over the country. We owe an incredible amount to him.
- Thanked CW for her work on the Board in the past twelve months.
- John Taylor Award was awarded to Loretta Lewis (LL) in 2014 in recognition of her contribution to the sport. LL is currently on CCWC 2016 organising committee and IDBF Assistant Treasurer.
- AusChamps 2014 was very successful, 3000 participants. On behalf of the National dragon boating community we want to thank QDBF for their wonderful job in organising this year's event held in Kawana – special thanks to Jason Ferrari and Janine Lette.
- International performance: At the Asian Champs 2014 the Auroras were able to retain their medal haul of six. 2014 was a much tougher competition, so to retain sixth position was incredible. The World Cup in China was held this year for the first time, massive success. China regaining control of the sport. Only the top ten countries in the world are invited, bit of money up for grabs. Allows dragon boating a catalyst to attract sponsors due to media exposure in Asia. Wonderful leadership from team captains Marcio Martins and Georgina Wakim and Team Manager Jen Reilly did a great job organizing the team and keeping the crew together. Head Coach Serghei Cucsa led the Auroras. In addition to his great coaching he is a manager of people and personalities and gets the best out of people, continues to lead the Auroras to success.
- CCWC 2014 – Australia had the largest contingency with 24 clubs, Canadians had 22 clubs. AusDBF (along with SA government representative Mandy) promoted CCWC



	<p>2016 being held in Adelaide. Results very good in Sen B, Sen C and some Junior categories – obviously need to work out how we attack the Premier &amp; Sen A competitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Membership was awarded to Melanie Cantwell – first person since 2010. Somebody who is very deserving and very committed to the sport of dragon boating.</li> <li>• Anna Wellings-Booth passed away 3 October 2014. Iconic personality in the sport.</li> <li>• AusDBF pushing to get more involved in IDBF and Asian Federation. KW and LL currently hold positions. Structure of the future World Champs will be based on the 'Australian model'.</li> <li>• Cantwell/Lette Grant Program implemented this year. Named in honor of Janine Lette and Melanie Cantwell. Financial grants awarded across the following categories: Athlete/ Coach/ Official/ Governance. Applications close 31 December 2014 – application form to be distributed.</li> <li>• KW publicly thanked his wife Louise Yabsley for her selfless support.</li> <li>• KW thanked everyone for their support over the past 12 months, look forward to a fantastic year to come.</li> </ul>
5	<p>AusDBF Board Election: President and two Directors</p> <p><b>Withdrawing:</b> Christopher Alexandrou David Abel</p> <p><b>Election of Directors:</b> President / plus two Directors <b>Nominations Received:</b> Kel Watt (President) Michelle Van Niekerk (Ordinary Director) Late nomination received for Lesa Horntvedt Moved: Martin Hastings Seconded: Martin Hirst</p> <p>Returning Officer: Christopher Alexandrou (assisted by Sean Litchfield and Pat Doogue) 36 ballot papers circulated</p> <p><b>Results of election:</b> Kel Watt elected as President Michelle Van Niekerk elected as Ordinary Director Lesa Horntvedt elected as Ordinary Director Sean Litchfield reconfirmed as Finance Director Maggie Boyce reconfirmed as Administration Director</p> <p>CA congratulated new and returning members.</p>
	<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Paddler Levy 2014/2015</b> No increase in paddler levy for 2014/2015 – agreed CPI increase.</p>