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AusDBF 2005 Annual General Meeting
Notice of Meeting

Date: Thursday, 7 April 2005
Venue: Level 4 Conference Room, National Library, Parkes Place, Canberra City

Opened: 5.32pm

PRELIMINARY

- a) **Attendance:** Robert Davey, Michael Cassin, Luchica Leon, Dean Gamblin, Loretta Lewis, Steve Bone, Vivienne Wigg, Christine Wood, Victor Fazakerley, Gordon Waycott, Vicki Naylor, Trevor Huggard, Daryl Menzies, Ken Dwyer, Melanie Cantwell, Janine Lette, Jon Taylor, Christopher Alexandrou, Michelle Hanton, Clive Grant, Elizabeth Thomas, Phil Riader, Vince Hessiran, Sharon Scurer, Helen Hazard, Lee Mavanna, Ann O'Donnell, Margaret Wolf, Les Williams, Brian Harrison, Bruce Brown, Peter Wilkins, Michele Moroney, Les Rita.
- b) **Identification of delegates**
Victoria – Trevor Huggard
DBNSW – Melanie Cantwell, Jon Taylor, Chris Alexandrou
DA - Michelle Hanton
QDBF – Michael Cassin, Steve Bone, Loretta Lewis, Luchica Leon
CDBA – Les Williams, Margaret Wolf, Brian Harrison, Michelle Maroney
DBSA –
DBWA – Victor Fazakerley, Gordon Waycott, Vivienne Wigg, Vicki Naylor
DBNT -

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Loretta Lewis from QDBF advised that it needed to be added that the accounts had not been audited prior to the 2005 AGM.

- a. Moved: John Holland
b. Seconded: Christopher Alexandrou

2. Brief board reports:

- a. President – MP3 (9:29)

China teams – big vote of thanks to Melanie Cantwell who managed the team.
Xanadu Wines – 3 year sponsorship deal of \$20,000 per annum plus \$20,000 in wine per annum. Sponsorship of this magnitude has made a huge difference in what we can do in the future.

Level 1 Coaching Course – developed over a period of 6 – 12 months and is now in full swing. To date, only positive comments have come back.

Government grants - \$4,000 has been received from ASC to promote women in sport and is being used for women attending the coaching course. Jon Taylor advised that this needed to be acquitted by June 2005. Also a grant in the sum of \$10,500 has been received from NSW Sport and Recreation. This will be used to progress the 2007 organisation.

IDBF boat spec – This was currently with the boat builder having a ‘plug’ made. Once the ‘plug’ was completed, it needed to be inspected by IDBF however, the Board believed that the IDBF spec boats would not be far off.

Nationals 2005 – Is the biggest Nationals held to date with 240 crews in total participating.

Jon Taylor thanked the outgoing Board for their co-operation and stated that they were the best group he had worked with since AusDBF was formed in 1998. He also said that there were significant advances made as outlined above.

Jon Taylor made a special presentation to Trevor Huggard of a plaque and a magnum of Xanadu wine in appreciation of him being the inaugural AusDBF President and Trevor Huggard’s ability to get AusDBF where it is today.

- b. Financial Director – annexure A. Loretta Lewis noted that there was money to be refunded to the paddlers who went to Shanghai last year and asked how this was going to be distributed back to the paddler. Christopher Alexandrou said that he had a spreadsheet that he would e-mail to the State Treasurers, together with a cheque for distribution back to the paddlers in that State.

Shanghai Financial Report – annexure B. Christopher Alexandrou advised that these were recommendations prepared by him as a result of the 2004 World Titles campaign to Shanghai, China. Loretta Lewis advised that, after discussion with Christopher Alexandrou, she had perused this report and had also added some items, which she said had been incorporated into this final document.

Moved: John Holland
Seconded: Loretta Lewis
All in favour

- c. Administration director – Janine Lette advised that she after taking on the role she has assisted in the updating of the Rules and Regulations of Racing together with several other documents.
- d. Technical director – Melanie Cantwell advised that she had conducted a site inspection of Lake Nagambie in Victoria. Melanie Cantwell also stated that she had worked reasonably closely with Les Williams and CDBA in their preparation of the 2005 Nationals. She said that with her new job it had been kinda nice to have been able to have paddled in every State but it had been extremely difficult travelling every. Melanie Cantwell said that the Members

had been working through the level 1 coaching course and as Jon Taylor said earlier, only positive feedback had been received.

e. Marketing director – see annexure C

Loretta Lewis asked whether there was anything in the pipeline for the future. Michelle Hanton advise that there were a number of things that she had but there were things that needed to be kept confidential until the deal was struck and/or if she were re-elected on the Board. Michelle said that she would like to lift the profile of dragon boating by way of a National Newsletter. Loretta Lewis asked whether any marketing plans could be passed by the Members. Robert Davey stated that what had been done so far was a great job and thanked Michelle for all her hard work.

It was moved that a marketing work group based on someone from each Member be formed to assist Michelle Hanton.

Moved: Melanie Cantwell
Seconded: Les Williams
All in favour. Carried

3. Resolution regarding membership fees - \$5/head from 2005 onwards.

Jon Taylor said that the resolution had been e-mailed out to the Members for their discussion in order that it can be voted on tonight. The resolution was as a result of the SWOT analysis and in order to progress the things that the members wanted in the Business Plan, a proposal was made at the Canberra mid-year meeting held in December 2004; that \$5 be obtained from each paddler. Jon Taylor opened discussion to the floor.

John Holland asked whether there was a registration in every State to be able to accurately collect the \$5 per paddler. After discussion, it was established that all States do. John Holland stated that his clubs had raised the issue that how would it be quantified to his State and not spent on the larger States. Jon Taylor advised that the Business Plan was a living document and that all States would benefit from it. He also added that all things should be completed by the end of three years, when the Plan would be updated with prioritisation changing to reflect the need at the time. John Holland again said that DBSA were concerned that the minor states would miss out and that development, for example, should go around equally to all the States just like it had with the Level 1 Coaching Course.

Loretta Lewis said that as a generalised statement, a lot of the paddlers you talk to think that the AusDBF is DBNSW. She said that it needed transparency back to the Members making sure that it includes everyone. Jon Taylor stated that the Federation made sure that every State was seen equal. Christopher Alexandrou provided the example of spending the sponsorship money on the boat mould, when DBNSW had just purchased 12 boats. He said that when a person sat on the Board, they were there for the sport at a National level, not as each individual Member. Loretta Lewis reiterated that it was all about transparency and open lines of communication.

John Holland reminded everyone that DBSA provided \$7,000 for the Level 1 Coaching Course. Jon Taylor advised that all Members had contributed money to the production of the course, with DBSA and DBNSW providing the largest amount.

Jon Taylor said that the only comments he had received from DBNT was about whether the juniors would be registered. QDBF and DBSA advised that they charged their members 50% of the Adult fee. Therefore, AusDBF should do the same.

Les Rita asked whether it could be renamed as a Paddler Registration Fee like it is in other sports. The Board agreed and the resolution put to the Members for voting.

Moved: John Holland

Seconded: Les Williams

All in favour.

4. Board of Management Elections

- a. President – Janine Lette called for nominations and Melanie Cantwell nominated Jon Taylor. Jon Taylor accepted his nomination. Seconded by Michelle Hanton. Janine Lette called for any further nominations from the floor and there were none. Jon Taylor was re-elected unopposed.
- b. Financial Director – Jon Taylor nominated Christopher Alexandrou. Christopher Alexandrou accepted his nomination. Seconded by Robert Davey. No further nominations were received from the floor. Christopher Alexandrou was re-elected unopposed.
- c. Technical Director – Loretta Lewis nominated Michael Cassin. Michael Cassin declined. John Holland nominated Melanie Cantwell. Melanie Cantwell accepted her nomination. Seconded by Christopher Alexandrou. No further nominations were received from the floor. Melanie Cantwell was re-elected unopposed.
- d. Marketing Director – Les Williams nominated Michelle Hanton. Michelle Hanton accepted her nomination. Seconded by Melanie Cantwell. No further nominations were received from the floor. Michelle was re-elected unopposed.
- e. Administration Director – Jon Taylor advised that Janine Lette was no longer a delegate but pursuant to the Constitution it did not mean that she could not hold a position on the Board. Robert Davey nominated Janine Lette. Janine Lette accepted her nomination. Seconded by Melanie Cantwell. No further nominations were received from the floor. Janine Lette was re-elected unopposed.

- f. Development Director – Janine Lette nominated Robert Davey. Robert Davey declined the nomination but said that he would assist. No nominations were received.
- g. Cultural Director – Les Rita nominated Ray Leung. Jon Taylor said that he did not have any knowledge of Ray Leung's position regarding accepting or declining such a nomination. There were no further nominations received from the floor and it was decided that subject to Ray Leung's acceptance, Ray Leung would be the Cultural Director.

5. New member applications – Tasmanian Dragon Boat Association

Jon Taylor read out the wording from the AusDBF Constitution. He said that at the moment, there were two clubs (both DA at this stage) in Tasmania. A written submission was forwarded to AusDBF, including a cheque of \$100 for Associate Membership. Council was advised by ??? (Tasmanian delegate) that a steering committee was being formed with only one DA representative plus members from the community. Jon Taylor said that it was a definite welcoming move that he for one would like to support the acceptance of Tasmania as an Associate Member.

Moved: Jon Taylor
Seconded: Les Williams
All in favour. Carried.

6. DA (Aust) becoming Full Members

They were currently Associate Members. For acceptance of this, the Constitution would need to be changed and Christopher Alexandrou recommended it be changed 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.'

John Holland asked why they needed to become Full Members. Michelle Hanton advised that they felt that they had grown and given the impact that they have had in the sport. John Holland said that would not disagree with that but advised that he objected and advised that DBSA did not support them becoming Full Members.

Christopher Alexandrou is to finalise the draft amendment so that it can be e-mailed to all Members for voting.

7. Rules of Racing

Jon Taylor asked whether there were any comments from the floor regarding the proposed amendments. He said that if they were passed tonight, they would be effective as of tomorrow. Jon Taylor stated that after the 2004 Nationals not only

a number of ambiguous rules were realised but also the serious need to update the rules.

- a. Steve Bone from QDBF advised that he had read the document and had issues with the following:
 - i. R1.7 Wash Hanging was ambiguous.
 - ii. R4.4 was a risk management issue when the drummer stood.
 - iii. R6.4 needed to have inserted something about the releasing of the toggle starts.
 - iv. R6.9 suggested that a continuous siren be 'played' and insert 'course umpire's boat will proceed across the front of the dragon boats'.
 - v. R8.3 – Will the \$200 fee change each year? What about junior crews? It was agreed that the protest for the juniors would be apportioned according to their entry fee.
- b. Christopher Alexandrou advised that he saw 9.12 – practice sessions being difficult if a Member hosting the Nationals were to borrow boats in order to have good boats for racing.

Jon Taylor advised that the following items on the Agenda would have to be adjourned:

- 1. 2006 Nationals - confirmation of Nagambie, Victoria
- 2. 2007 Nationals – Sydney, New South Wales
- 3. AusDBF Level 1 Coaching courses update
- 4. 2005 World Champs BERLIN - Australian Team Update
- 5. 2007 IDBF World Champs SYDNEY Update
- 6. 2004-2007 Business Plan Update
- 7. IDBF Spec Boat Mould update
- 8. Annual AusDBF Corporate & Community Championships
- 9. General Business

Meeting closed: 7.30pm