

AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 10 April 2003
Venue: Lakes Resort Hotel, West Lakes, Adelaide, South Australia

Attending:	Jon Taylor	DBNSW* – Admin Dir & Chairman (+ 1 proxy)
	Kylie Bade	QDBF*
	Naomi Johnson	QDBF - Finance Dir
	Janine Lette	QDBF*
	Bill Veitch	QDBF*
	Marie Mann	QDBF
	Janelle Gamble	QDBF*
	Paul Jarvis	QDBF
	Melanie Cantwell	DBNSW* - Technical Dir (+ 2 proxies)
	Steve Davidson	DBNSW
	Bill Weigall	CDBA*
	Peter Wilkins	CDBA*
	Julie Clinch	DASA* - Development Dir
	Steve Clinch	DASA*
	Ken Yiu	DASA
	Mick Burridge	DASA
	Duncan Bee	DASA
	Veronica Maidment	DASA
	Judy Tozer	DASA
	Ken Dwyer	DBNT*
	Rachel Macrae	DBNT*
	Vic Fazakerley	DBNT*
	Kerrie Channells	DBNT*
	Moiria Stronach	DBNT
	Ewan Hall	DBNT
	Michelle Hanton	Dragons Abreast (Aust)*
	Louise Woodruff	Dragons Abreast (Tas)
	Lynn Hill	Dragons Abreast (SA)
		*delegate

Apologies: Trevor Huggard, Ray Leung

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

1. **Identification of Delegates.** 20 delegates, in person or by proxy, were identified. This dropped to 18 after the CDBA delegates left the meeting at 6.45pm.
2. **Minutes of previous 2002 AGM.** Motion to accept minutes of previous AGM (Gold Coast 17/4/02) proposed M Cantwell, seconded J Lette. Carried unanimously.
3. **Board Reports**

Admin

- AusDBF website is up and running, need feedback and information to keep it up to date
- Will put in links to Nationals
- There will be a newsletter to go out after the Nationals
- Financial affairs have now been straightened out and much better, with much thanks to Naomi
- Have paid IDBF full membership for 2 years
- Have submitted preliminary entry for 2003 Worlds
- Have done some work on 2007 World Champs bid



Members

Canberra Dragon Boat Assn
 Dragonboat Assoc of SA
 Dragon Boats NSW
 Dragon Boats NT
 Dragon Boat Federation WA
 Queensland Dragon Boat Federation
 Victorian Dragon Boat Assn

Associate Members

Dragons Abreast Australia

Executive

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 Trevor Huggard

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 Jon Taylor

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 Raymond Leung

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Financial

- apologies for not having printed statement
- there is \$5200 in the bank
- have paid 12 month subscription for website and set-up fee
- All State memberships are due later this year

Development

- not a lot due to having to work on the Nationals
- There is concern over Sweeping accreditation, risk management and other stuff not having been done which affect our insurance policy

Marketing

Was read out by Chairman and is attached

Cultural

Was read out by Chairman and is attached

Technical

- not a lot either, other inspecting the race site for this event
- has major concerns with being locked into using Mainfreight transporting as Melanie has found them to be rude and totally unhelpful

4. Election of 2003/2004 Board of Management

The following were elected unopposed:

President	Trevor Huggard	VIC
Admin	Jon Taylor	NSW
Marketing	Kylie Bade	QLD
Technical	Melanie Cantwell	NSW
Development	Julie Clinch	SA
Finance	Naomi Johnson	QLD
Cultural	Ray Leung	NSW

5. Motion" To consider and if thought fit pass a resolution to approve the 2001/2002 accounts & financial statements "

Proposed: Jon Taylor

Seconded: Julie Clinch

Passed by unanimous vote

NB: an auditor is required to do AusDBF books annually

6. Motion: "to consider and if thought fit pass a special resolution to change the financial year end of the Association from 30 June to 31 December, effective 1 July 2003"

Proposed: Jon Taylor

Seconded: Jeanine

Passed by unanimous vote

7. New member Applications

7.1 None Received

8. 2003 Nationals

8.1 details per Managers meeting

8.2 Suggested we should have a mud model of course to provide to all team managers

8.3 We have video of finish, but we should also consider having a video of starts to cope with conditions sometimes

8.4 Most teams not happy with receiving draw so late, it should be distributed at least 14 days prior to allow for any changes

8.5 Need minimum of 3 teams to form a category



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- 8.6 Masters open/women receive automatic qualification, get preference for World selection
8.7 Nat's is prime selection for Worlds

9. Selection of teams for 2003 Shanghai IWC and 2004 Capetown CCWC

Shanghai – based on the States which win their respective categories.

Capetown – 1st/2nd/3rd in each distance and category

10. 2004 Nationals – WA

- 10.1 suggested dates should be before WCCC Capetown so maximize the teams coming across from the East Coast
- 10.2 Concern over DBFWA given the Nationals to one club to organise, all present agreed it should be a combined effort from all clubs
- 10.3 AusDBF needs to have more input and keep a track and close on where they are up to in terms of organisation
- 10.4 Concern over the fact that WA hasn't been represented at the last 2 Nat's and particularly SA considering it a lot closer for them
- 10.5 Concern over the fact WA may not understand the high standard which the other States now expect from racing at the Nationals

11. 2005 Nationals – ACT

Noted

12. IDBF Update

- 12.1 there are still issues with ICF
- 12.2 They are now looking to meet outside court to try and reach a compromise
- 12.3 This hasn't affected Australia at all as Australian Canoeing is not interested in taking over Dragon Boats
- 12.4 2005 – Berlin
- 12.5 2006 – TBC at next IDBF Congress (possibly Canada)
- 12.6 2007 – TBC at next IDBF Congress (Australia has lodged a formal bid)

13. Australian Sports Commission update

- 13.1 AusDBF have had application for formal recognition in since Nov 2001, it has been a frustratingly slow process
- 13.2 We now need to start using contacts and rattling chains to get this moving along a bit quicker
- 13.3 AusDBF will look at writing a complaint about service they have received from ASC
- 13.4 Each State needs to write a letter to their DSR to push things along as well

14. 2007 Bid for World Champs

- 14.1 on course for presentation in Shanghai
- 14.2 looking extremely positive as at this stage. There appear to be no other country bidding against Australia
- 14.3 Cut off for other bids was March

15. Nationals Guidelines

- 15.1 nothing has been done about this, but will be a priority to be completed before next Council meeting

16. Insurance issue raised by QDBF

- 16.1 Big concern, and we need to do something about this as a group
- 16.2 Steve Davidson has agreed to follow this up

17. General Business

- 17.1 Dragons Abreast are looking at starting up a team in Tasmania, they have funding to buy a new boat
- 17.2 ASPAC Masters has now changed to Pan Pacific Masters to be held on the Gold Coast in Nov 2004



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18. Rules of Racing

- 18.1 we need to look at reviewing rules over the next 12 months
- 18.2 Suggestion for changes to be completed by next Council meeting
- 18.3 Currently rules are aligned with IDBF but maybe we need to change slightly to suit local conditions
- 18.4 Each State needs to submit a person to sit on the review committee for the rules

Meeting closed: 8:00pm

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

Jon Taylor
Chairman of Meeting

Attachment 1.

Marketing Directors Report - Phil Rallings

- AusDBF Championships
MAINFREIGHT DISTRIBUTION Pty Ltd is continuing its contribution to sponsorship of this event. I have presented MAINFREIGHT's management, on behalf of QDBF with a very impressive commemorative plaque (from QDBF) and they continue to express interest in being with us for the long haul.
- General Promotions
Mail-outs, suggesting attractive mutual benefits, to over 50 potential sponsors have not yet resulted in other companies putting up their hands.

Regards
Phil

PS: And, if you think it appropriate and of possible interest or use • Suggestions for Future Marketing

- * Three to Five Year Plan: starting next season; to concentrate on and coordinate club, state and national efforts to consistently promote dragonboat racing and expand participation; ANY scale (large to small); ANY focus (corporate/social/club/state/national), publicity, funding...
- * Marketing (sub) committee of DB or others as a support or think-tank group work with Marketing Director.
- * Budget, or other provision of resources, for costs (telephone/fax, stationery, postage...) for marketing/promotion costs.

Cultural Director Report - Ray Leung

I just want to send my apology for the AusDBF Nationals and Board meeting, although I was looking forward to a break, but all the works really piling up, I just can not get away.

As for the report

Just a few points for the Board to consider:

1 AusDBF and ADBF

1.1 I feel it is essential to establish affiliation with ADBF because Aust. is closer to all the Asia Countries than most American & European members.

1.2 ADBF will enhance the origin of the Dragon Boat Historically and culturally correct being part of the organization.

1.3 I suggest other members can not go Shanghai should support Penang, as they are one of the most hospitable countries in the world of Dragon Boat and a strong ADBF member.

1.4 I feel we can encourage more Asian Australian Teams to take part in this area, so that we can have teams representing Aust. with Asian Origin.

1.5 The feeling I got from Japan with the ADBF members are that they want to operate more independently from IDBF, which I feel they have a better cultural advantages.

1.6 I would like to pursue on the ADBF membership issues with yourself or other members that interested in this membership.

1.7 It is important that we develop this together with AusDBF so that other states Asian Australian teams can take active roles in this.

2 Membership

2.1 I would like to stand as the Cultural Director for AusDBF. As I have projected the Festival and Racing event at Darling Harbour annually. I believe it is the biggest and the most spectators and I still believe strongly that is the way to promote Dragon Boat Racing in Australia.

3 World Championship Bid in Shanghai

3.1 It is important that we project our understanding of the cultural sensitivities in the Country of Origin. I have put aside the time to assist for the bid.

All the very best for the 2003 Nationals and AusDBF AGM.

Best regards to all the Dragons

Raymond Leung



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