

AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Friday
17 March 2000

Venue: Gazebo Hotel
2 Elizabeth Bay Road
Elizabeth Bay NSW 2011

Attending:

Jon Taylor	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Ray Leung	ACDBA (NSW)
Gavin Godfrey	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Linda Ng	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Melanie Cantwell	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Gary McDougal	DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Les Williams	CDBA Inc (ACT)
Dan Curtis	CDBA Inc (ACT)
Ewan Hall	DBNT Inc (NT)
John Hutton	WADBA Inc (WA)
Carmel Eastough	WADBA Inc (WA)
Karen Cussons	WADBA Inc (WA)
Jill Harrison	WADBA Inc (WA)
Kylie Bade	Gold Coast Dragons Club (Qld)

Apologies: Trevor Huggard VDBA Inc (Vic)
Adam Bowden Gold Coast Dragons Club (Qld)

Meeting Commenced: 8:20pm

1) MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from previous meeting held Saturday 30th October, 1999 in Sydney were Ok'd and seconded.

2) BRIEF REPORTS

PRESIDENT - Trevor Huggard

Submitted a report which was read in his absence by Jon Taylor. Refer attached. Jon T moved, Dan Curtis - seconded

TREASURER - Les Williams

Submitted a report - refer attached.

Balance in account - \$2,923.42.

Suggested \$1.00 per sport paddler be donated to ADBF as a way of injecting funds into ADBF.

Need to look at what National Body should fund.

Audit doesn't have to be done as we don't meet audit requirements outlined in ACT Incorporated Associations legislation i.e accounts need to be audited if:

- a) over \$150k in bank
- b) over 1000 members
- c) have a liquor license

Moved by John Hutton, seconded by Melanie

ADMINISTRATION - Jon Taylor

Submitted a report - refer attached.

Major thing working on is grant from Australian Tourism Commission

Moved by John Hutton, seconded by Les

Australian Dragon Boat Federation

Members

Canberra Dragon
Boat Assoc

Dragon Boat Assoc
of SA

Dragon Boats NSW

Victorian Dragon
Boat Assoc

Western Australia
Dragon Boat Assoc

Associate Members

Bond University
Dragon Boat Club

Dragon Boat
Federation WA

Dragon Boats NT

Gold Coast Dragon

Golden
Dragonmasters

Executive

President
Trevor Huggard

Administration
Jon Taylor

Communications
Dan Curtis

Development
Ewan Hall

Finance
Carmel Eastough

Marketing
Ray Leung

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MARKETING - Ray Leung

Strongly feels that to get sponsorship for next year, the profile of ADBF needs to increase.

Communicating is very critical between all states. Is working through the Chinese Community to get support for the sport. All states need to get sponsors for the 'YEAR BOOK'. By pooling resources together, ADBF should be able to do a lot more constructive stuff.

COMMUNICATIONS - Peter Smith

Absent

DEVELOPMENT - Ewan

Started writing rules because of proposal DBNT had to put together for ARAFURA GAMES - Nationals

Will send off to all states for comment.

Moved - Dan Curtis, seconded - John Hutton

TECHNICAL - Adam Bowden

Absent

3) ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Elections were held for the ADBF Board of Management. The following were elected:

President	Trevor Huggard, VDBA
Admin Dir	Jon Taylor, DBNSW
Finance Dir	Carmel Eastough, WADBA
Marketing Dir	Ray Leung, ACDBF
Communications Dir	Dan Curtis, CDBA
Development Dir	Ewan Hall DBNT
Technical Dir	Gary McDougal, DBNSW

4) APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Discussion was held on an application for Associate Membership from the Golden Dragonmasters club from Queensland.

Les from Canberra spoke for the application and in general most agreed, concern was expressed by WA on the fact that we should be accepting State bodies whenever possible and that as there was already a Queensland membership these groups should get together and form a state body, whilst encouraging other organisations in Qld to join a united group.

The motion to accept the nomination was accepted - 8 for, 3 against with a notation that the groups look at forming a State or Regional Body.

5) NATIONAL & STATE RACE SCHEDULES

General discussion was put forward on the timing of National Titles.

Jon Taylor pointed out that some states need to keep in mind their commitments to major festivals so its not always easy to schedule National Titles within a specific time frame. John Hutton requested we look at a window time frame i.e not before or not after. Most present felt this was workable and general discussion pursued on the time frame. Jon Taylor also mentioned that we should keep in mind our international timetable. The time frame of not before the middle of March and not after end of May was tabled. This was generally felt as a too long of a period to be effective and the final motion was to only restrict the not before time.

Karen Cussons moved motion:

TO SCHEDULE ALL NATIONAL TITLES NOT BEFORE THE 15TH April

Seconded:

Carmel Eastough

Carried unanimously

Kylie Bade suggested that all State calendars be set before 1st September and advised to the National body. The meeting was in agreeance to this.

6) AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION UPDATE

Jon summarised the current situation regarding ASC recognition. Jon & Les had met with ASC staff in January and updated them on ADBF's membership to IDBF and general progress since the last meeting with the ASC. ASC advised they would put forward a recommendation to the ASC Board to recognise ADBF subject to two conditions:

- 1) ADBF require a revised doping policy consistent with ASC guidelines
- 2) ASC require ADBF's international body, IDBF, to be a member of GAISF.

Jon noted that a revised doping policy had been prepared and was subject to ratification by the ADBF Council and that IDBF had applied to GAISF for membership.

While at the ASC Jon & Les had met Dusty McGraw from ASC's Active Australia Division and discussed national funding opportunities under the Active Australia Grants programme. As a consequence ADBF had submitted two proposals for projects. ADBF will be advised mid May on the success of the two proposals.

7) SELECTION CRITERIA - 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Discussion was held on the selection criteria of crews to compete in National Titles. It was felt that this was somewhat club orientated and we should be looking to get a true National Titles which would see State -v- State. The meeting felt that it was not up to the National body to identify how each state should select their representatives however that when they were competing in a National Title they would be identified by the State they were representing. Thus allowing each state to select either a club team or a composite team to be their representative. Ie. Fremantle Swan could represent W.A. however whilst competing in a National Race they would be regarded as W.A. and identified as such.

The other aspect of the discussion was to criteria for international selection. Discussion in this area mainly dealt with the changing of paddlers after been given the right to represent Australia. The outcome was that the winning crew ie NSW would be given the right to represent Australia and then it would be that States responsibility to get the best possible team to compete overseas but first right of representation would be given to the paddlers that actually won the right to represent Australia.

Jon called for a vote on this and the motion was carried.

8) 2000 NATIONALS - SYDNEY

Jon outlined preparations for the weekend's racing. He apologised for the problems with dates and venues that occurred in the lead up to the event. Ray Leung tabled the Race Program - see attached.

Jon assured the meeting that the venue was first class and despite the lead up problems the race day organisation would be to the highest standard.

9) 2001 NATIONALS - DARWIN

Ewan from Darwin presented to the meeting an overview on the 2001 Nationals to be held in Darwin and as a lead up to the ARAFURA GAMES. He advised the meeting that they had secured a sponsorship package with ANSETT that gave all clubs the opportunity to purchase airfares at a discount rate of 45%. The course will be a four-lane course and they have the ability if necessary to change the venue.

10) ADBF WEBSITE

Dan said he would take over responsibility for implementing the ADBF website.

11) ADBF STANDARD RACE RULES

Refer Development Director comments above.

12) ADBF YEARBOOK

Generally members agreed with concept. Some had already agreed to contribute \$1,000.00 e.g. DBNSW. Jon will follow each member up for contribution.

13) GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) Need to send strong letter to all states that they must attend ADBF meetings. All members to be followed up prior to next meeting.
- 2) Jon T - Working on getting money for the Assoc so we can pay people either full time or part time to work issues. As the sport grows, more issues arise and it is starting to get too much for people to handle on volunteer basis. To push the sport into the next level we need a more professional approach and time to get things happening.
- 3) John Hutton - suggested AGM be moved closer to 30th June in line with financial year.
- 4) At AGM and Exec Council meetings 75% attendance is too high, maybe we need to change it to 50% attendance so a quorum can happen and subjects voted on.
- 5) John Hutton requested that ADBA look at sourcing an affordable airfare for all participants at National conferences. As it was a financial strain on full members to send four representatives. The meeting agreed to this in principal and the committee would take this into consideration.
- 6) The distribution of correspondence was mentioned and that it appeared that there was a doubling up of information to certain areas. In some cases more than half of the members committee and clubs were being emailed. Jon said that he was not happy that information went out from the Secretaries and therefore intended to continue sending to everyone. Most of the meeting agreed at this stage to continue the correspondence list.

NOTE: Some Agenda items (ADBF 1998-2001 Development Plan Review, Becoming an Active Australia Provider, Replacement of Current Doping Policy) were not discussed at the meeting due to lack of time. It was decided these items should be made by video conference call and that Jon would look into this option.

AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION INC.**FINANCIAL REPORT****March 2000****SUMMARY 1998-1999**

Account Balance as at 29 October 1999	\$ 2,030.48
Surplus (Deficit) ending 17 March 2000	(\$ 7.06)
Account Balance as at 17 March 2000	\$ 2,023.42

EXPENDITURE

Commonwealth Account Keeping Fees, GDT and FID	(7.06)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 7.06
Surplus (Deficit) Year ending 17 March 2000		(\$ 7.06)

CURRENT BALANCE

\$ 2,023.42

PROJECTED INCOME

NSW	400.00	
WA	800.00	
		\$ 1,200.00

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE

Unpresented Cheque	(300.00)	
		\$ 300.00

PROJECTED BALANCE

\$ 2,923.42

(Excluding Account Keeping Fees, GDT and FID
28 Feb 2000 to 17 March 2000)



Les Williams
Treasurer ADBF Inc.

17 MAR 2000

Administration Director's Report 1999/2000

IDBF Membership Application

ADBF's Membership Application to IDBF was ratified by the IDBF Congress in August, 1999. ADBF is financial with IDBF for 1999. The US\$300 sent with our original application in January 1998 is valid for 1999.

IDBF Accredited Officials

Jon Taylor and Ray Leung sat for (and passed) the IDBF Officials (Grade 1) exam in Nottingham in Aug, 1999.

Recent DBA "happenings"

DBA have reported they are taking an action against IDBF in the Court of International Sports Arbitration in Switzerland. I don't believe this will happen. DBA is advertising a "World" Club Crew Championship at SIRC on 8 & 9 April in conjunction with CYL. Will report further after April.

Australian Sports Commission Update

ADBF have kept the ASC informed of all the major developments since Sept 1998. The ASC were sent copies of the IDBF Council decision and details of the Congress vote. Les Williams & Jon Taylor met with Stephen Fox at the ASC in January for a brief update regarding ADBF's intention to apply for recognition status. This was favourably accepted. ASC advised that the two outstanding prerequisites for ASC Recognition status are (1.) a Doping Policy consistent with the ASC model and (2.) that IDBF be a member of GAISF. Mike Haslam has advised that IDBF applied for membership to GAISF last month but don't expect to have their membership approved until Sept, 00.

Active Australia Program

1. Provider Accreditation - ADBF has applied to become an Active Australia Provider. In order to gain accreditation ADBF must satisfy a number of organisational criteria involving on our capacity to deliver sporting programs to the target client groups. More information on the accreditation process will be circulated.
2. Grants Program - ADBF has made two applications for funding under the Active Australia Grants program. One is for approx, \$100,000 to complete the Active Australia Provider accreditation process and the second is for \$30,000 to develop a regatta organisation template. We will be advised on the success of our applications next month.

Current ADBF Membership

<u>Association/Club</u>	<u>Membership Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Dragon Boats NSW Inc	Member	
Canberra Dragon Boat Assoc Inc	Member	
Victorian Dragon Boat Assoc Inc	Member	
Dragon Boat Association of SA Inc	Member	
WA Dragon Boat Assoc Inc	Member	Joined October, 99
Dragon Boats NT Inc	Associate Member	
Bond Uni Dragon Boat Club (Qld)	Associate Member	
Gold Coast Dragons Club (Qld)	Associate Member	
DBFWA	Associate Member	Joined October, 99

New Membership Applications

Golden DragonMasters (Qld) have applied for Associate Membership.

Communications

National Newsletter sent to all members and interested parties 28/2/2000..