



# Australian Dragon Boat Federation AGM Meeting Minutes

Date	21 October 2012	Time	From 10:00am – 1:30pm
Place	<b>Sydney – Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) Gate A, Old Castlereagh Road. Penrith (60 minutes by car from Sydney Central Business area)</b>		
Chair	President Kel Watt		
Minute taker	Admin: Janelle Gamble		
AusDBF Board	Finance: Loretta Lewis; Directors: Christopher Alexandrou, Tony D'Andreti, David Abel, Kylie Bromwich		
Attendees – 4 Voting Delegates per Member to be listed			
Dragon Boat NT – proxy to Janelle Gamble		Dragon Boat Vic Alison Sutton Genevieve Roy	
Dragon Boat Qld Gary & Therese Ellis		Dragon Boat Tas.	
Dragon Boat NSW Mal Wills, Geoff Roberts, Malcolm		Dragon Boat SA John Holland Steve Clinch	
Dragon Boat ACT – Les Williams holding all votes via Proxy		Dragon Boat WA Apology – Proxy given to Kel Watt	
Dragons Abreast Australia Angie O'Reilly – holding 4 votes			
Apologies			
David Abel Tony D'Andreti			

## Notes:

Quorum: Simple Majority of Members

Voting: a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded

Proxy Voting: permitted when a written Proxy is presented to the Administration Director prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Election of Directors: Returning Officers Martin Hirst and Loretta Lewis

President Kel Watt / Director Christopher Alexandrou / Director Kylie Bromwich



Agenda Topics	
Item	Description
	Acceptance of previous AGM Minutes 31 March 2011 - <b>Moved Mal Wills – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Reid - Accepted</b>
	Business arising from previous Minutes
	<p>2012 Finance Report. Written by the Auditor. Audited Financial report – no questions / clear audit.</p> <p>Appointed new auditor as per last Meeting</p> <p>ASIC – very complicated – the auditor now deals with this.</p> <p>“Profit distribution sharing” – instead of “Joint Venture” for future Aus. Champs.</p> <p>Comment from DBNSW – no expenses details included in Annual Report – to be added to the soft copy. Finance Director read out to the meeting the full details, which had been issued to the Members at the Sydney meeting in September 2012.</p> <p>Soft copy only was requested by the Members 31 March 2012; the Auditor strongly recommended we supply one hard copy per Member</p> <p>LL Moved the Financial Report be accepted.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Angie O'Reilly DAA</p> <p><b>Annual Report</b> by Finance Director – comments.</p> <p>ASIC – enormous amount of work. Changed the registered Office of AusDBF to that of our Auditor. Moved archives / records to be stored in QLD.</p> <p>Special Recognition – thank DBNSW allowing AusDBF for allowing us to nominate their office as our registered office. Also for the storage of our records. Thank you to Melanie Cantwell for all her assistance.</p> <p>Data Base – needs some refining. Enormous growth to DBNSW paddler base – well done.</p> <p>Board – challenging times. We are lacking in succession planning. Stand together as one we can grow; fragmenting causes weakness. Grow with strength and integrity.</p> <p><b>Admin report</b> – in Annual report</p> <p><b>Development report;</b> high performance – Aus. Champs. States retain all at grass roots level. Presented and approved the last budget</p> <p>Couple of major areas: High performance – improve grass roots access to Aus. Team.</p> <p>We have a national team model that works in terms of performance.</p> <p>In NSW – used to have a club as the state team – moved to a different model – saw vast improvement in quality of paddlers. Huge improvement in learning – across clubs, states &amp; nationally.</p> <p>Massive workload – on every board. All have jobs and relationships – generally better to phone to discuss.</p> <p><b>President's Report;</b> Thanked fiancée – Boards huge workload– health suffers – Auroras; head coach almost a defacto board member with the amount of work he had contributed. Technology and knowledge brought to the team. How do we measure success – refer to medal chart in Annual report. 2009 – 2012 – double the numbers</p>



competing at Aus. Champs.

International engagement – ADBF meeting in 3 weeks including the Olympic committee members– Chinese Federation setting up a base all countries will be able to access. Grand Prix \$1million prize money.

Mel Cantwell – stepped down in May re employment by DBNSW. Enormous legacy to modern dragon boating. Guided the sport from the early development days. April Aus. Champs – award with special acknowledgement. Nominations will be called.

Aus. Board appointments: Malcolm & Yuen – stepped aside – brought on Kylie B David Abel & Tony D'Andreti.

Peter Bristow: shocking event to experience in Melbourne. Changed how we look at this event. Rename the State trophy in his honour – approach his family to present at the next Aus. Champs.

Pressure / complaints

Move to accept the Annual Report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Angie O'Reilly

**Discussion:** Several personalities involved – accused President of corruption.

**Business class** to Korea. False – economy fare only.

Fake Kel Watt **Face Book** account

**Email address** – hacked into by an anon person – asked for password.

Has been a push not to re-elect Chris & Kel – but no new nominations.

Major differences between some clubs and some states.

Some states prefer to have 2 day meetings – big ask for some States (WA) – the shorter meetings may be interpreted as “pushing things through”.

Secret Member meetings – fees – budgets

Communications – two-way – not happening.

“Crikey”:

Accusations of Board Directors becoming sole Aust. Single craft supplier;

Put things on the table.....

Kylie – choosing not to restand due to a concern raised re the ACT regatta employment. Time pressures behind my choice. Conflict is amazing – very disappointing.

Q: Is Kylie going to continue on the sub-committee of the restructure of the Aus. Champs. (John Holland)

John Holland – no knowledge of the business class issue

Martin Hirst – issues re some AusDBF information on the fee increase / Aus. Champs incident re violence at the Melb. Event / Officials rebutting the decisions made by the volunteers. Choose to be either a paddler or an official. Rules – put in Officials – don't over ride.

- Safety issue – marshalling not coming through – doubling up.
- 2009 QDBF / legal issue – many paddlers penalised.
- Safety Officer questioned when tried to access the pontoon. AusDBF forced to refund 4 clubs due to poor decision by Officials.
- Majority of States wish to retain doubling up.
- **Previously Minuted? – must be at Marshalling 3 minutes prior to the start of**

**your race – to be reviewed by the subcommittee.**

- ASC – Junior Policy – certain protocols sure be enforced. “Leaps & Bounds” – answered an extraordinarily involved document. Asked AusDBF to supply to NSW prior to the first junior camp held in NSW.

Risk Management is being dealt with via the workshops – long list of priorities.

John Holland – junior kayakers – approached by Serge. There have been approaches made to juniors within SA.

These juniors were not from dragon boat – other paddle sports.

DBNSW – re Motion in April 2012 - to make yourself available to the State team.

Notice to appropriate Board involved re disciplining their members.

QDBF President Gary Ellis:

Disciplining State members – AusDBF to address to the State – an issue of perception.

Relations between Federal / States – need a strong Federal Board

2 day meetings are essential – some things may have to happen in a less rushed fashion. Use sub-committees.

Glean info from each other when States meet.

Reports – political.

Non agreement does not mean toxic environment.

All volunteers – rules & regs. changing all the time – always playing catch-up.

Nat Champs. – showpiece of dragon boating in Aus. Need more consultation with Members e.g. prior to announcing how the 2012 will be run.

States – see an attitude of arrogance in the Federal board – too much focus on the Auroras – media exposure? No purpose in importing stars from other paddle sports.

Sees AusDBF involvement as

– international representation

- policy for the whole country

Kel:

- discussed the expulsion of a NSW paddler (legal)
- the NSW Official – re Face Book breach / & ACT “like”
- legal issues with Face Book – Policy
- Hamilton Island – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – international event – involving SLSC / announced on Face Book there would be dragon boat events – come through the AusDBF Board and the QDBF

Requested Kylie to reconsider her decision to restand.

Kel read a solicitor's letter (re Kylie's employment) to the meeting to ensure all agreed the letter ensured there was no conflict of interest.



	Annual Report - Directors Reports – soft copy only as per Members' request at 31 March 2012
	<p>Election – President and two Directors.</p> <p>Kel Watt re-elected President</p> <p>Chris Alexandrou re-elected</p> <p>Kylie Bromwich re-elected</p>

Meeting closed