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
Kylie Bade
Naomi Johnson
Janine Lette
Bill Vetch
Marie Mann
Janelle Gamble
Paul Jarvis
Melanie Cantwell
Steve Davidson
Bill Welgall
Peter Wilkins
Julie Clinch
Steve Clinch
Ken Yiu
Mick Burridge
Duncan Bee
Veronica Maidment
Judy Tozer
Ken Dwyer
Rachel Macrae
Vic Fazakerley
Kerrie Channells
Moira Stronach
Ewan Hall
Michelle Hanton
Louise Woodruff
Lynn Hill

DBNSW* – Admin Dir & Chairman (+ 1 proxy)
QDBE*
QDBF - Finance Dir
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DBNSW*
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QDBA*
CDBA*
DASA* - Development Dir
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Dragons Abreast (Aust)*
Dragons Abreast (Tas)
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

IDBF Member for Australia

Members
Canberra Dragon Boat Assoc
Dragonboat Assoc of SA
Dragan Boats NSW
Dragan Boats NT
Dragon Boat Federation WA
Queensland Dragon Boat Federation
Victorian Dragon Boat Association

Associate Members
Dragons Abreast Australia

Executive
President
Trevor Huggard
Administration
Jon Taylor
Cultural
Raymond Leung
Development
Julie Clinch
Finance
Naomi Johnson
Marketing
Kyle Bade
Technical
Melanie Cantwell

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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

The following were elected unopposed:

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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
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 WC 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 form the East Coast.
    10.2 Concern over DBFWA given the Nationals to one clubs 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 others 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.
    12.5 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 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.
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