Minutes of 98/99 Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday
12 March 1999

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall
Swanston Street
Melbourne Victoria

Attending: Trevor Huggard VDBA Inc (VIC)
Les Williams CDBA Inc (ACT)
Dan Curtis CDBA Inc (ACT)
Jon Taylor DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Peter Smith DASA (SA)
Ewan Hall DSNT Inc (NT)
Will Deussen DSNT Inc (NT)
Adam Bowden Gold Coast Dragons Club [Qld]
Raymond Leung Australian Chinese Dragon Boat Festival [NSW]
Brian Gact Navteam Club [ACT]
Annie Holt Navteam Club [ACT]
Dwara Stevenson Pacific Dragons Club [NSW]
Melania Cantwell Pacific Dragons Club [NSW]

Apologies: David Howarth DBNSW Inc (NSW)
Austin Chin DSNT Inc (NT)

Meeting commenced: 7:15pm

1) Minutes of previous meetings
Minutes of the previous AGM in Canberra [31/1/98] and the meeting in Melbourne [22/9/98] were accepted by the meeting.

2) Reports
President [Trevor Huggard]
Trevor reported that significant progress had been made in the last 12 months. The IDDBF Membership was very good news. Trevor reported the ADBF delegation [TH, RL and JT] to the IDDBF Council Meeting in Wellington last year met with Mike Haslam and a number of other IDDBF members and we were given a good opportunity to put the ADBF "case".

Financial [Les Williams]
LW tabled a Financial Report [refer attached] that was accepted by the meeting.
The meeting agreed to reimburse JT $303.00 for ADBF expenses.

Admin [Jon Taylor]
JT tabled an Administration Report [refer attached].
WD queried if any dragon boat racing happening in Tasmania. Meeting new of no activity.
JT said he would look up White Pages for chinese clubs [e.g. Chung Wah] and sound them out for some interest.

Marketing [Ray Leung]
RL reported new ADBF logo has been designed and was first used at Chinese New Year event in Sydney. RL said he would do some flags for members to purchase and use at local regattas.

Communications [Richard Smith]
LW reported that RS was overseas. No report.
3) Election of Board of Management for 1999/2000

The following were elected by unanimous vote:

- President: Trevor Huggard
- Finance Director: Les Williams
- Admin Director: Jon Taylor
- Marketing Director: Ray Leung
- Communications Director: Peter Smith
- Technical Director: Adam Bowden
- Development Director: Ewan Hall

VOBA (Vic)
CDBA (ACT)
DBNSW (NSW)
ACDBA (NSW)
DASA (SA)
Gold Coast Dragons (Qld)
DBNT (NT)

4) IDBF

Membership progress

IDBF Council vote & recommendations were:

- ADBF become IDBF Provisional Member
- DBA become Associate Member
- DBA's Associate Membership be ratified by ADBF

IDBF Council recommendations will be ratified at IDBF Congress in Nottingham later this year [Aug, 99].

Congress meeting - Nottingham, Aug 99

JT emphasised the importance that ADBF be represented to push home the ADBF message with Congress delegates. TH and RL said they would try to be present. JT and TH to keep in contact over attendance at Congress.

Regional Rep to IDBF Council

JT reported communications with NZDBA regarding a Regional Rep to the IDBF Council. It had been proposed that the NZDBA would represent the Region in Nottingham with an IDBF delegate as understudy (the roles will alternate so that ADBF would send the Council delegate to Sydney in 2000 with NZDBA providing the understudy.)

JT to maintain contact with NZDBA over appointment.

Future IDBF events

2000 World Club Championships
IDBF audit of DBA progress required by April. No further news to report.
JT to gather information required to put contingency proposal to IDBF.

IDBF Officials training & accreditation
JT reported on IDBF officials accreditation process. Stage 1 examination available at Nottingham.

5) Australian touring teams

Code of Behaviour and Good Behaviour Bond
Bond of $1,000 discussed but NOT approved. Meeting agreed to draft a Code of Conduct Policy for ADBF representative crews. JT to progress.

Selection Criteria for Australian teams
JT tabled proposed selection process for Australian Team to Nottingham (refer attached). Proposal agreed by meeting.

6) Confirmation of National Titles

2000 - Sydney
Both Qld and NT indicated an interest in holding 2001 National Championships. Proposals from both will be considered at Sept meeting. Proposals to be submitted by August, 99.
7) **1999 Nationals**
TH outlined some of the basic details for the Nationals. Managers briefing 10am Saturday.

**ADBF Race Jury**
ADBF races jury will be Jon Taylor (NSW), Don Curtis (ACT) & Austin Chin (NT) with some fill-in support from Les Williams (ACT) when he is available.

**Umpires**
Water & land umpires supplied by VDBA

8) **T-bar paddles as future National Titles**
DS raised issue of T-bar paddles not being allowed. The meeting agreed that from 2000 T-bar paddles [ADBF specification] would be the only paddle allowed.

9) **Doping Policy progress**
JT reported costs of implementing dope education program and testing. The meeting agreed to implement education for each state and testing at Sydney titles. JT to progress.

10) **Disbursement of ADBA monies**
LW reported that $700 had been received from ADBF’s predecessor ADBA. The funds represented membership fees from NSW, WA, SA and ACT prior to ADBA becoming inactive. LW tabled an invoice from WADBA for ADBA establishment and other expenses for $547.36. The meeting approved payment of the invoice. The balance of the ADBA funds ($152.63) will be returned to the original ADBA members.

11) **General Business**
1) LW said ADBF should do more to promote Junior teams. ADBF should have a Juniors category at all future National Championships
2) FS said he would like to see the reintroduction of 10’s racing at the Sydney Nationals next year. JT said he would consider what could be done.
3) W/O, speaking on behalf of DBNT, said he would like to record their appreciation to Peter Smith and DASA for providing the Pink dragon boat to DBNT at short notice.

Meeting closed: 1:00pm.

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signed as true & accurate
Trevor Huggard
Chairman
Financial Statement
Australian Dragon Boat Federation Incorporated

01 July 1998 to 03 March 1999

Opening Balance 1 July 98 $850.00

Receipts
Membership Fees (Note 1) $1,700.95
Membership Fees not banked (Note 2) $200.00
Transfer from ADBA (Note 3) $700.00 $2,600.95

Expenses
Admin Fees ($673.89)
Incorp. Fees ($90.00)
Bank Fees ($19.31)
Reimburse ex-ADBA Members (Note 4) ($700.00) ($1,483.20)

Balance at 3 March 99 $1,967.75

Note 1. Fees Received from:
DBNSW $400
DASA $400
VDBA $400
CDBA $400
DBNT $100 $1,700.00

Note 2. Fees Received (not banked)
Bond Uni $100
Gold Coast $100 $200.00

Note 3. Transfer from ADBA
$700.00 received from ADBA (ADBF antecedent body) upon winding up.

Note 4. Reimburse ex-ADBA members
$700 (less any expense claims from ex-members) to be reimbursed equally to ex-ADBA members.

Les Williams
Finance Director
**Administration Director's Report**

**IDBF Membership Application**
In Jan, 99 the IDBF Council voted on three resolutions in relation to ADBF's membership application:
1. ADBF was voted to replace DBA as the IDBF member for Australia
2. DBA was voted to become an Associate Member
3. DBA’s Associate Membership required the endorsement of ADBF each year
The decisions became effective immediately and are to be ratified by the IDBF Congress meeting at Nottingham in August.
ADBF is now fully responsible to managing the day-to-day IDBF member responsibilities in Australia. Not least of which is the selection of the Australian team participating in this year’s IDBF World Championships in Nottingham.
ADBF is financial with IDBF for 1999. The US$300 sent with our original application in January 1998 is valid for 1999. ADBF will apply for Full Membership to IDBF from 2000.

**Overtures to DBA**
At our last meeting in Melbourne ADBF agreed to take a “softly softly” approach in our dealings with DBA. ADBF telephoned (once) and wrote (Sep 98, Dec 98, Feb 99) to DBA requesting meetings between our two groups but has had no response to these invitations.

**Recent DBA “happenings”**
Mike Jones was “terminated” from his DBA position three weeks ago. Since then ADBF have had a couple of letters from the DBA Secretary, Kim Kare, and the possibility of some dialogue between our two groups may now be possible. DBA were invited to attend tonight’s AGM albeit on 48 hours notice. If not possible then a meeting in Sydney on Saturday 20 March has been proposed. ADBF are awaiting their response. ADBF have not been advised who has replaced Mike Jones or who is occupying the other positions at DBA (other than Kim’s Secretarial role).

**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. Les Williams contacted Stephen Fox at the ASC last week for a brief update regarding ADBF’s intention to apply for recognition status after the IDBF Congress meeting and on this week’s Nationals in Melb.

**Current ADBF Membership**

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<td>Following a lengthy meeting of WADBA member delegates on 1 Feb it was decided that the members report back to their respective Clubs with the motion that WADBA, not renew its membership with DBA at the end of June 99, and that what ever Association is endorsed as the Governing body for Australia by the IDBF Council this year will be fully supported by WADBA.</td>
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**Communications**
Member Update (Nov 98) sent to all members and interested parties.