



## **DRAGON BOATING WA INC.**

Annual General Meeting 8 September 2011

7.00pm Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle

(**Note:** Registration of proxies 6.30pm)

### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Attendance/Apologies

- Number of Board Members present: 6 at opening of meeting (7 later)
  - Kristin Priest – President
  - Jane Wright – Deputy President
  - Barb Clarkson – Finance Director
  - Dominique Mecoy – Communications Director
  - Mark Kusin – Coaching Director
  - Rex Tindal – General Board Member
  - Rick Salisbury – General Board Member (arrived after meeting opened)
- Number of Ordinary Members (including Board Members) present: 57
- Quorum result: 10% of members including Board were present.
- Proxy count: 110
- Meeting opened at 7.30 pm (delay due to error in an email stating a start time of 7.30 pm)

#### 2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 5 August 2010

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the AGM held on 5 August 2010

- It was noted that the attachments (i.e. Constitution of DBWA) were not included with the 2010 minutes.
- Request to strike the comment in 2010 minutes about Ray Woodcock's motion about the Constitution amendment; add Ray Woodcock's name to the list of nominees for general board member.
- Debbie Celenza questioned whether the minutes were unconstitutional because they did not capture word-for-word all issues discussed.
- Motion to accept minutes with Ray's suggested amendments: Kristin Priest
- Motion seconded: Juliet
- Result of vote: passed (55 for 2 against)

#### 3. Receipt of the 2010/2011 Annual Report

- Kristin Priest provided a brief summary of the annual report.
- Motion to accept report: Dominique Mecoy
- Motion seconded: Menga
- Result of vote: passed

- Questions or comments about report: Ray Woodcock asked if a motion was required to accept the report; Kristin Priest responded that a vote was not required by the Constitution and Dom Mecoy suggested a vote could be held anyway, if desired.
4. Receipt and consideration of financial statements
- a. income and expenditure
  - b. assets and liabilities
  - c. mortgages, charges and other securities
  - d. trust properties
- Questions or comments about report: Kelvin Pine requested clarification regarding boat purchases. Brett McKenzie questioned fees for coaching course. Barbara Clarkson explained boat purchase and course fees, and advised that DBWA is trying to get the coaching course brought to WA again. Also, although a vote was not required by Constitution, a motion and vote were conducted to accept financial statements
  - Motion to accept financial statements: Cherie Cobban
  - Motion seconded: Mark Kusin
  - Result of vote: passed
5. Prescription of the annual fees for 2010/2011 season
- a. Annual Membership fee (i.e. club membership fee) — \$390
  - b. Paddler registration fee (i.e. paddler membership fee) — \$55
- Questions or comments about fees:
  - There was robust discussion regarding fund raising for the State Team and the Auroras. Brett McKenzie advised that Albany had sent a donation to Brett and Janette in response to Lakers fundraising efforts.
  - Barbara Clarkson stated that it was difficult to justify funding a few paddlers with a membership of 460. This was the first year of the Auroras and is a learning curve for all parties.
  - Ray Woodcock put up a motion for a separate bank account for the Auroras. Barbara Clarkson proposed an amended motion to show the funds separately in the DBWA. Seconded by Cherie Cobban.
  - Clara Soh raised the issue of supporting the state team.
  - Debbie Celenza asked if the DBWA loudspeakers were portable and whether the aluminium rescue boat and trailer would be available to borrow.
  - Debbie Celenza asked about insurance coverage, Barbara Clarkson advised that the insurance covers paddlers and the DBWA Board committee, but the committee coverage does not extend to club committees. DBWA was looking into AusDBF coverage.
  - The DBWA Board explained that insurance fees had increased and regattas are charged on a user-pays basis, so the regatta hosting payments had been reduced to offset any necessary increases in the paddler fees (i.e. to keep paddler fees from significantly increasing, the regatta hosting payments were decreased).
  - Ray Woodcock suggested that a levy surcharge be added to race fees on regatta days.
  - Dom Mecoy suggested a business case to review the issue of a levy on paddlers with a decision made by the members.
  - Ray Woodcock suggested that a World Championship event every 4 years and every 4 years for a club crew event, suggest to AusDBF to approach IDBF.

## 6. Election of Board Members

As per the constitution, 26(1) all elections and appointments to the board will be voted on regardless of the number of candidates. Voting will be yes/no voting system.

Each nominee may make a presentation up to a maximum of 2 minutes.

- a. Deputy President – nomination received from Rick Salisbury
- b. Administration Director – nomination received from Barbara Clarkson
- c. Communications Director – no nominations received
- d. Operations Director – no nominations received
- e. Elected Board member x 2 positions – one nomination Paula Cottingham, one position no nomination
- f. Finance Director (tentative), depending on outcome of elections and potential movement of current DBWA Board members – one nomination received from Cherie Cobban.

Each nominee spoke briefly and answered questions.

Debbie Celenza asked why there were no nominations from the floor other than for Finance Director. Kristin Priest advised that the Board had agreed at its previous meeting that there would be no nominations from the floor as in the past members had been pressured at the AGM to take up positions; if people were interested in position, then they had plenty of time to submit a nomination. If there were vacancies, then after the AGM members could ask to be considered for vacant board positions. Debbie challenged the decision and Kristin advised that according to the DBWA Constitution she, as the Chairperson, had the authority to decide whether motions were to be taken from the floor.

- Result of elections:
  - Deputy President – Rick Salisbury
  - Administration Director – Barbara Clarkson
  - General Board Member – Paul Cottingham
  - Finance Director – Cherie Cobban
  - The positions of Communications Director, Operations Director, and one General Board Member remain vacant. The Board will attempt to fill these positions under the provisions of the Constitution of DBWA, clause 11(2).

## 7. Meeting close.

- Closed at 8.45 pm.

## 8. Invitation to Aurora gold medal winners, Ali and Bernie, to share their experiences in Tampa.