



Summary – Dragon Boat Tasmania meeting #76 on 29/6/15

Resignation of Board member Beverley Challenger: A resignation letter was received from Beverley Challenger (MoCo) citing ill health. Beverley was thanked for her contribution to the Board. Kirsty Vervaart (MoCo) will be offered a place on the board until the AGM in October.

Setting of DBTas fees: The DBTas component of annual paddler membership fees to clubs will increase to \$65 per paddler. The DBTas fee includes an amount payable annually to AusDBF (\$550 for all states plus \$27.25 per paddler). Up until this year DBTas has absorbed some of the AusDBF levy. This year the DBTas fee will increase by \$5 to \$65 per paddler.

Proposed changes to the DBTas Constitution: The Board resolved not to proceed with proposed amendments to the Constitution at this time. A "plain English" summary of the Constitution has been drafted and will be circulated to clubs. It is anticipated the summary will help address issues with interpretation of the formal document.

Expression of Interest and Selection Criteria for State Coach and Assistant Coach Positions: The positions of State Coach (2 years) and assistant coach and fitness coach (1 year tenure) are being advertised with Expressions of Interest to close on Friday 17 July. The documents are on the DBTas website.

4 Bridges: The Board is drafting registration documents and liaising with event organisers, Derwent Storms. There are potentially 10 boats available. Organising is progressing well.

Fundraiser for Auroras: The DBTas Canadian Quiz Night to raise funds to help send Tasmanian Aurora team members to the world championships raised just over \$5000 (\$1034.10 per paddler). It was an entertaining event with very positive feedback. It was great to see such wonderful contributions and good attendance from MoCo, DATH, Derwent Storms and DANTI-NEDBC.

Chinese Dragon Boat Festival: Despite less than 10 advance registrations, the festival at Short Beach, Sandy Bay on June 21 attracted 23 participants from the Chinese community. With just two boats provided, the extra number of paddlers required a rescheduling of races to enable all to enjoy time on the water. With perfect weather, entertainment by Master Wang's lion dancers and participation by Hobart Lord Mayor Sue Hickey, the event was very successful. The Chinese Community Association of Tasmania provided a tasty lunch.