



## Summary DBTas meeting #87 15/8/16

**Masters Games, Cradle Coast, 2017:** DBTas has received commitments from local clubs to supply 9 racing boats for the event. At the request of Games organisers, DBTas exec officer Brendan Breen . drafted rationale to include dragon boat racing in the Games regatta at Lake Barrington. The proposal includes a draft budget for transport and provision of boats, supply of a support vessel etc. A sub committee comprising representatives of Tasmanian dragon boat clubs will be convened to further the proposal and continue liaison with Games organisers.

**State Regatta, Lake Barrington, 11-12 March 2017:** Arrangements for accommodation, catering and race officials are being firmed up with Rowing Tasmania for this event. A DBTas subcommittee will be formed to run the regatta program. Clubs will be kept informed as arrangements are confirmed.

**Proposed new Constitution:** The board resolved to call a Special General Meeting of members on Saturday September 17 to vote on the adoption of a new Constitution as recommended by AusDBF. An affirmative vote from 75 per cent of the members present at the meeting is required for the adoption of the new Constitution. Clubs will be given the required notice for the meeting to be held and be provided with updated relevant documents. The board discussed the next steps should the proposal be accepted, including the necessary notice to clubs for the annual general meeting which must be held before the end of October 2016.

**Member Protection Information Officer:** The board welcomed to the meeting Leonie Silk who has offered to act as the MPIO for dragon boating in Tasmania. As an ordained Anglican Priest, Leonie is well-qualified for the role. Leonie outlined her view of the role, stressing that an MPIO listens to grievances but does not intervene or counsel. The role guarantees confidentiality and impartiality and outlines paths that can be taken to help resolve issues. DBTas will send clubs a fact sheet about this important new position which can be included in information kits for new paddlers and club newsletters. Inquiries are being made about appointing a MPIO in north of the state. The next level in the member protection hierarchy is a Member Protection Officer.

**DBTas paddler registration fees:** The board reiterated that all paddling members of Tasmanian dragon boat clubs are to pay the required annual registration fee to DBTas. The fee is not transferable between paddlers who leave a club part way through a season and those who join for a part-season.

**DBTas information flyer:** This is to be updated with new contact details for Tasmanian clubs.

**10s boat:** DBTas is seeking more information from AusDBF about an offer to provide to each state a Pei Sheng 10s boat used in the 2016 National Championships in Adelaide. The offer was conditional on the boats being made available for future national regattas.

**Coaching:** Tasmanian State Coach Alison Mourant is undertaking a Level 2 Coaching Course in Melbourne and is on track to complete the 12<sup>th</sup> and final session in coming weeks. Alison plans to re-accredit Tasmania's current dragon boat coaches before the end of this year.