**Australian International Dragon Association**

**Minutes of Meeting 7 October 2020 at 1900hrs**

**PRESENT:**

Jeremy Nolan (President), Sandy Anderson (Vice President) from 2000hrs, John Marty (Treasurer), Brad Johnson (NSWIDA), David Vaudrey (TIDA), Charles Stanton (VIDA), Rod Williams (WAIDA), Jennie Fitzhardinge (Promotion), Susie Parker (Editor and Website), Gavin Moss (NSW PPC), Leigh B (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Phil J (TIDA)

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Current Balance is approx. $30,000 = $24,000 for World Fund and $6,000 General Fund.

**2021 PPC:**

Brad and Gavin spoke about the preparation for the 2021 PPC. Gavin had spoken with the RSYS, who are happy to move dates of the Regatta back by 2 weeks.

Chas, Rod and David were concerned about the border being open, transporting of boats and people and preferred regatta be postponed until 1/2022.

It was Resolved to postpone the PPC 2021 and to be discussed further at the AGM 2021 when further details of travel and border closures are known.

**INCORPORATION & CONSTITUTION:**

Jeremy – Updated on current situation. All 4 states have agreed to the Association becoming Incorporated. Next step required 1 Director (name) from each state. Jeremy to forward correspondence to each state with details required.

Chas was concerned about VIDA assets and who will be members of the new incorporated body.

Jeremy – There will be continuing discussions to finalise and he asked that each state to provide any comments or questions via email to the Secretary, before the AGM on the 10/1/2021.

**2021 AIDA AGM:** Resolvedvia Zoom on Sunday 10/1/2021 at 1200 noon, Sydney time

**MAJOR REGATTA 2020/2021 DATES:**

The following dates were confirmed by States:

* NSW states 28 & 29 November 2020,
* The PPC 4-9 of January 2021? Postponed
* Sayonara Cup 10 Jan 2021? Postponed
* RYCT possibly organising Regatta 1/2021
* Metung fleet have proposed an Australia Day regatta 23-26 of January
* WA states 26 Feb to 1 March
* Victorian States and match race Regatta March long weekend 5 – 8 at Metung
* Tasmanian states 13 & 14 March
* Women’s National Dragon championship is at Easter, 1-5 of April at Metung

**SAYONARA CUP:**

The Etchell Class have shown interest and have spoken with the RSYS to hold the Sayonara Cup Challenge in Etchells.

Interest for challenging in Dragons have been shown from Tas, Vic and WA. Jeremy asked that due to Covid 19, the matter be discussed further in Jan 2021 meeting.

**IDA AGM:** to be held on the 24/10/2020. Jeremy has agreed to be AIDA representative

Rule changes – battens GRP, GPS instruments (hand & fixed) exclusion to be removed, bow numbers not required (wash off during racing – polluting)

Next Worlds to be held in Germany, June 2021

**Promotion:**

Susie Parker, shparker2010@gmail.com will now be looking after the editorial for newsletters and website

Jennie **–** With borders and oversea travel closed, looking at other ways to promote class and obtain government support

WAIDA have U tube channel in place showing 2019 Worlds

Sandy and Jennie – last weekend had 12 ladies competing in a regatta – very successful

Fred Haes is holding Saturday morning rule sessions at Metung. Not just technical but including team structure and development of team

Brad – maybe we should be looking at more Regatta, such as the Interport held between RSYS, Japan, HK, Canada. Competitor use chartered boats.

**General Business:**

Chas – 2019 Worlds – concerned about why lack of support from Overseas and Australia

Jennie – Believe the time of the year was not suitable for overseas people as normally Europeans only have 1 weeks leave at that time of the year and have family commitments.

Need support from the IDA with not having Regattas in Europe at that time of the year

Not sure why not more Australian entries – Travel and expense?

Meeting Closed at 2030hours

Next meeting AGM 10/1/2021 at 12 noon Sydney time