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Directors' Annual Report

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The following directors report on activities in their area. These reports supplement the Chair's report and the Treasurer's report submitted at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18-August-10.

Secretary's Report

Aoraki Dragons continues on a strong footing, with our systems and processes becoming more and more mature with each season.

For example, our end-of-year clean up of the Owles Terrace Compound included reorganising our 'minor assets' into storage containers so they are protected, transportable and findable. As reported by the Equipment Director, we have acquired nearly enough physical assets to run events and regatta with ease, and our skills and teamwork have allowed us to find ways that work.

It is probably time to consolidate some of those lessons learnt into tangible and documented procedures. To that end I propose to develop some of those processes, which will coincide with NZDBA developing some documented 'general regulations'.

Aoraki continues to support the use of IDBF standard equipment, venues and practices wherever possible, so will look to own three sets of 202A fibre glass paddles.

Aoraki DBA was registered as a "Charitable entity" under the Charities act on 22-Dec-09. We continue to make Funding applications to organisations such as Eureka Trust and Canterbury Community Trust, for assets such as fibre glass paddles. Unfortunately with difficult financial times, the success rate is not high, but we will continue to apply.

Aoraki continues to leverage off resources to give the best to our paddlers.

- The aoraki-dragons.co.nz website is being regularly updated with content on past events, photo galleries, news stories etc.
- Our Gmail and _director_@aoraki-dragons.co.nz email networks continue to take numerous calls from individuals interested in joining teams etc.
- We use other sites such as Be There and Event Finder to promote our regatta.

Aoraki now knows that we can deliver quality events, so it is time to consolidate our learning, while still looking to grow in terms of team (and paddler) numbers, venues, events and opportunities.

Noel Anderton,
Secretary, Aoraki Dragons

Equipment Director Report

Compared to the giant strides forward in the last year with the acquisition of new equipment, there has been relatively little activity equipment-wise in the last twelve months.

The most exciting development was the fitting of a hoist to the boat trailer. This was completed just in time for the South Island Championships in March and was fantastic asset. It means that we can take the trailer to the race venue loaded up with up to six boats and unload them without the need to have 20 people available on site. We needed 10 boats for both regattas at Lake Hood, so we were able to make two trips with the trailer and have everything set up for the start of racing on the Saturday. The trailer itself is showing a few signs of rust - we will have to touch it up for the coming season and maybe repaint it next year.



Aoraki also built two more trolleys (by P&N); one for Abreast of Life, and one for Aoraki to use in the Kaiapoi compound.

The seven boats owned by Aoraki continue to serve us well. We haven't had any serious failures but there are a few issues which we need to sort out before the start of the 2010 season. Two of the boats have damage to the gelcoat which must be repaired before they go back in the water. There are a lot of scratches on the bottom of the boats but this is really just wear and tear from training in the Avon River. It is disappointing to see that the graphics on the red boats are fading quite quickly but there is nothing we can do about this.

We still have four of the old boats. One is in Dunedin and one is in Ashburton. We have one on loan to the Voyaging trust and one being used by Evacut and Waimak Attack out at Kaiapoi.

The board is in the process of getting quotes and applying for funding for another trailer with hoist so we can take our ten boats to a venue at the same time.

Rick Smith
Equipment Director, ADBA