



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 27 October 2011
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street, Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

➤ ASA 1:	Mark O’Gara	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 1:	Chris Finlayson
➤ ASA 2:	Steve Holt	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 2:	John Holland/DBSA
➤ Black Dragons 1:	Jennifer Cook	➤ Power Blades 1:	Nil
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Chris Payne	➤ Power Blades 2:	Andy Kelly
➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Nil	➤ Subsonix 1:	Ronnie Lane
➤ Dragon Fly 2:	Nil	➤ Subsonix 2:	Nil
➤ SADA 1:	Dena Carr	➤ Water Warriors 1:	Nil
➤ SADA 2:	Apology	➤ Water Warriors 2:	David Watts
➤ Waiwilta 1:	Jan Walsh	➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
➤ Waiwilta 2:	Nil	➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Clive Grant
➤ Blade Runners 1:	Apology	➤ Blade Runners 2:	Apology

APOLOGIES:

➤ Blade Runners 1:	Julie Clinch	➤ Power Blades 1:	Gavin Kohler
➤ Water Warriors 1:	Dennis Wright		

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland – Adelaide Sea Dragons.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 13 OCTOBER 2011

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

- 01 Ongoing. Composite team to be coordinated by Sean Carey for Around the Island race.
- 02 Ongoing. Subsonix to return Pub Challenge trophy awarded to them in 2010.
- 03 Actioned. Thanks to Ming Fan for arranging for servicing of boat pulley systems.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ **Race day – 23/10/11 – wrap up**

- Agreed that port-a-loos should be hired for all future race events on the Torrens with a system to be put in place next season for fees to be charged to those participating. To be included on task list.
Action: DBSA
- Issue with powerboats and rowing club activities on the day were discussed. DBSA had advised The Adelaide Rowing Club that they had booked the course until a certain time however they chose to conduct their ceremony during this time which was unfortunate.
- Some clubs mentioned issues with the red boat floor being slippery and front and back seats being too narrow. Maintenance will be undertaken during the off season.
- Delays with the starts caused by the timing system were noted and clubs were reminded to be patient with volunteers wearing green shirts as they are in training. Noted timing system used by Rowing SA is very expensive and complicated to set up and was considered not to be viable for DBSA.

- Clubs responsible for placing the buoys on the bridge for the lane markings were reminded to bring along a copy of the plan so they would be aware of where to place them correctly. To be included on the task list.
Action: DBSA
- Black Dragons suggested that the task list needs to be updated as given the purchase of the DBSA trailer there were many tasks no longer required and some not included. They were informed at the last minute that they needed to tow the DBSA trailer to the course which proved difficult to arrange.
Action: DBSA
- Discussion held on the cost of hiring rescue boats from Sea Rescue and Rowing SA and whether it was preferable for DBSA to purchase its own boat. Agreed that it would be beneficial for training the state teams and a good long term investment and should be considered by DBSA.
Action: DBSA

Clive Grant to follow up with Adelaide Outriggers the cost of the rubber duckie they recently purchased.

Action: Clive Grant

- Suggested that Steve Clinch wear a life jacket whilst operating the rescue boat.

➤ **Race day – 06/11/11**

- The arrangements for the corporate and Pub Challenge events were discussed. Clubs to email John Holland on Friday morning with their teams that they would like to enter.
Action: Clubs
- Noted not all clubs had entered teams in the Premiers event and that the event was due to start at about 1:30pm and finish at about 4pm dependent on the above events finishing on time.

Given that the course would already be set up in the morning those clubs responsible for corporate and pub teams were encouraged to arrive early to assist with setting up the event prior.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ✚ Black Dragons said they were happy to continue to provide catering services however would like to negotiate their agreement as it was proving to be unfinancial for them given the recent food price increases and the number of catering that was required for volunteers. Agreed that they would be charged a \$50 site fee per event instead. They would also consider a discounted price for volunteer meals.
Action: DBSA

- ✚ Clubs gave feedback on their reasons as to why the number of participants nominating for the state Premiers team was so low. The general consensus was that the new requirements were proving onerous and deterring some from nominating; some were waiting for the coach to be appointed to ascertain whether they would nominate; and some felt that they could always make the team at a later date as they were always looking for paddlers.

John Holland advised that DBSA have made a decision that a team would not be entered if the best crew was not available and that there was not an abundance of willing coaches prepared to volunteer.

Various options were discussed on how best to encourage nominations and the best training model to be put in place for the team. Most agreed that the new fitness testing and training requirements should be brought in under a transition arrangement and that an ergo test should be used as in the past and for paddlers to get out on the water as soon as possible.

It was agreed that this would be put to the Board for consideration and clubs would identify suitable paddlers and encourage them to nominate.

Action: DBSA/Clubs

- The opening day for The Sailing Club is scheduled for Saturday 12 November 2011. Formalities were being arranged and clubs encouraged setting up their own tent and promoting themselves. The dragon being made by the Port Adelaide Artists Forum would light up and be towed by dragon boats at dusk.
- The Sailing Club is available for hire with a monthly booking already received from the Port Adelaide Fine Wines group. Club hire fees would assist in paying the utilities bills.
- Adelaide Sea Dragons trialed the training arrangements at The Sailing Club on Monday night which worked well. Clubs asked not to put the trolley into the water and to place chocks under the wheels at the waters edge and slide the boat off into the water. Boat is to be strapped on securely.

Agreed that a training session would be held for 1-2 sweeps from each club so that they could familiarise themselves with the requirements for getting the dragon boats in and out of the new facility. Scheduled for 7:30am on Saturday 5 November 2011.

Action: John

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 November 2011 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide.

To be Chaired by: **Adelaide Survivors Abreast**. Steve Holt advised he would be absent.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

RACE DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DIST.	MEETING DAY	MEETING DATE	ORGANISING CLUB
26-Nov	Long Course (Evening Race)	Aquatic	7000M	THU	17-NOV	Adelaide Survivors Abreast
11-Dec	20s and 10s over 500m + 2000m	Aquatic	500M	WED	30-NOV	Powerblades
7-Jan	10s over 200M	Ramsay	200M	WED	30-NOV	SADA
22&23 Jan	Chinese New Year	Melbourne	200M	-	-	-
5-Feb	20s over 500M + 2000M Race	Ramsay	500M	TUE	24-JAN	Subsonix
26-Feb	20s over 200M	Ramsay	200M	THU	16-FEB	Waiwilta
11-Mar	20s and 10s Over 500M + 2000M race	Ramsay	500M	WED	1-MAR	Water Warriors
24&25- Mar	State Championships	Ramsay	200 + 500M	THU	15-MAR	DBSA
31Mar- 5Apr	National Championships	Melbourne	200, 500 & 2000M	-	-	AUSDBF