



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 8PM
At the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, Todd Street Pt Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8:07PM

2 PRESENT:

➤ ASA 1:	Steve Holt	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 1:	Tony Tildesley
➤ ASA 2:	Mark O’Gara	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 2:	Nil
➤ Black Dragons 1:	Nil	➤ Blade Runners 1:	Veronica Maidment
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Trevor Richardson	➤ Blade Runners 2:	Nil
➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Wee Ching	➤ Power Blades 1:	Tim Monson
➤ Dragon Fly 2:	Adeline Ong	➤ Power Blades 2:	Nil
➤ SADA 1:	Nil	➤ Subsonix 1:	Ronnie Lane
➤ SADA 2:	Donna Carter	➤ Subsonix 2:	Nick Zervas
➤ Waiwilta 1:	Nil	➤ Water Warriors 1:	Chris Cryer
➤ Waiwilta 2:	Judy Watling	➤ Water Warriors 2:	Colin Attewell
➤ DBSA:	John Holland	➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Sean Carey

APOLOGIES:

➤ Subsonix 1:	Alison Miller	➤ Black Dragons 1:	Greg Penny
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Ken Yiu	➤ Powerblades 1:	Ken Allchurch
		➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Clive Grant

Colin Attewell and Chris Cryer from Water Warriors Chaired the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

John Holland advised that AusDBF had not yet released any ruling on new clubs or clubs with minimal paddlers combining to compete at the Nationals and that this would be addressed at the Board meeting to be held in Adelaide on 20/11/09.

Thanks were extended for the painting of the buoys.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Race Day 01/11/09 – Round 2 Torrens 20s

Water Warriors noted some clubs had not submitted their team sheet by the required deadline which was delaying the coordination and were encouraged to do so urgently.

It was noted that there was only a starter available until 11:30am and email to be sent to clubs seeking a volunteer for this particular role.

Action: Water Warriors

It was requested that the Team Sheets be updated to reflect 2009/10 season and questioned whether or not they could be made available as a template to allow for electronic entry rather than handwritten.

Action: DBSA

5.2 Turnarounds - timing

John Holland encouraged clubs to hasten the timing of their turnarounds at the end of each race on the Torrens as it was delaying the program. The boats to be positioned from the bridge in the order numbered 4, 3, 2 and 1 which should ease and quicken their return alongside.

Noted that there was a plan on the website which outlines where the ropes are to be placed exactly on the bridge for the correct placement of the toggles.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Veronica Maidment reported on behalf of Steve Clinch (High Performance Coach) that once approval has been received from Adelaide Sea Dragons that advice will be sent to clubs for state team paddlers that ergos will be held on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays until mid November. Positions were available for state team manager roles for three categories and interested paddlers to contact him. Further details to follow.
- Powerblades seeking more information on the incident reported by David Bradley on the Torrens and John Holland advised that DBSA was also seeking further details on the incident as what had been received was not detailed sufficiently.
- ASA commented that the Council had not unlocked the boat chain at the boat shed however they were able to avoid it. John Holland commented that the Council were notified prior and nothing more could be done.
- Trevor Richardson commented that Black Dragons were training up sweeps but finding that this meant that they might have to withdraw from races due to insufficient number of paddlers and qualified sweeps in certain categories and queried whether any consideration could be given for some type of exemption.

This was discussed at length and noted that over the years it affected most clubs. It was agreed however that the rule would be relaxed slightly and that if a club felt a trainee sweep was ready to sit the practical test for provisional within the required 8 hours than this would be allowed. Clubs to ensure sweeps are confident and capable and duty of care i

John Holland advised that paddlers could paddle in a higher age category if their birthday is before 1st June and on their birthday they would be turning the appropriate age. For Juniors the birthday date is 1st January.

- Tony Tildesley advised that Adelaide Sea Dragons would be competing in the Chinese New Year event in Melbourne on Sunday 7 February 2010 and asked if any other club would be competing. The first race for the Grand Masters category was currently scheduled for about 9am and the plane would not arrive in Melbourne until 8:30am so they were hoping to get a sufficient number of paddlers competing in this event so they could encourage the organisers to change the timing. Combined teams could be entered and clubs were encouraged to support the event.
- John Holland advised that volunteers were required to assist with the Pot Pub Challenge as 5 sweeps and 5 drummers were required.
- Volunteers were also required to help at the Wallaroo event with holding the dragon boats at the start which would now be from a 'party' boat rather than a pontoon.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 5 November 2009 at 8pm** at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, Port Adelaide.

To be Chaired by: **Draqon Fly.**

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:37pm.