



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 15 March 2012
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street, Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

Ø ASA 1:	Julie Russell	Ø Adelaide Sea Dragons 1:	Chris Finlayson
Ø ASA 2:	Apology	Ø Adelaide Sea Dragons 2:	John Holland/DBSA
Ø Black Dragons 1:	Jennifer Cook	Ø Power Blades 1:	Nil
Ø Black Dragons 2:	Nil	Ø Power Blades 2:	Gavin Kohler
Ø Dragon Fly 1:	Nil	Ø Subsonix 1:	Ronnie Lane
Ø Dragon Fly 2:	Nil	Ø Subsonix 2:	Nil
Ø SADA 1:	Nil	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Apology
Ø SADA 2:	Dena Carr	Ø Water Warriors 2:	David Watts
Ø Waiwilta 1:	Jan Walsh	Ø Water Warriors 3:	Ruth Rounsevell
Ø Waiwilta 2:	Apology	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
Ø Blade Runners 1:	Apology	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Clive Grant
Ø Blade Runners 2:	Nil		

APOLOGIES:

Ø Water Warriors 2:	Dennis Wright	Ø Waiwilta 2:	Kevin Walsh
Ø Blade Runners 1:	Julie Clinch	Ø ASA 2:	Steve Holt

The meeting was Chaired by: John Holland (DBSA)

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 1 MARCH 2012

Moved: David Watts and Seconded: Clive Grant

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried.

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

01	Actioned. It was not possible to book the Ramsay course for the first weekend in April 2013 for the State Championships given that SARA have it booked for the Head of River event and the following weekend they have scheduled their Masters/State Titles. SARA to be advised that DBSA will hold the State Titles at Aquatic Reserve then and endeavour to book for the first weekend in April for 2014 onwards for a few years. Action: John (RC01)
02	Actioned. General consensus back from Clubs is that they are in favour of the State Titles being scheduled for the first weekend in April each year unless Easter is on at which time it will be postponed by a week.
03	Actioned. Discussion held on Club preference for races to be scheduled in future either (a) all at Aquatic or (b) at Ramsay once race course is set up with the buoys. Most clubs were in favour of the 50/50 split with relocation to Ramsay once the course was available given that DBSA had to be pay a user fee regardless of whether it was being used. The advantage of not having to set up the course to the same demanding extent was also noted along with the benefit of having access to the Finish tower. The Waiwilta committee, in particular were seeking for this decision to be made after the State Titles when a total review could be conducted on various aspects of the season; including the location of races, the entire race program and safety of boats on the Torrens. It was noted that racing on the Torrens gave the sport a good profile and the issue with the safety of one of the boats at the Torrens was being addressed by the Board.

04	Ongoing. Arrange for Open Health Trophy when purchased to be engraved with 2011 winner (Grey Sharks) name. This will be done when all trophies are engraved for the season.
05	Actioned. John Holland advised that the various requests received from Adelaide Sea Dragons, Powerblades and Blue Water Raiders for dispensation for some of their crews at the State Titles had been endorsed by DBSA.
06	Actioned. Clubs advised to inform their members that the inside rear gate is to be locked securely with the barrel positioned in the DBSA side of the gate rather than on the southern side (toilet) as it was not locking properly and for tap to be turned off. Council to be advised that the lock on the boat shed was not working properly. Action: John (RC02)
07	Online database to be changed on 1 July each year to make all DBSA registered participants INACTIVE.
08	Actioned. Duke of Edinburgh advised Andy Kelly that it might be possible to discuss possibility of setting up a volunteer type program. Meeting to be arranged. Action: John (RC03)

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ø 20s and 10s over 500m + 2000m

General consensus was that the event was a highlight of the season despite the issue with the 2000m event which would be discussed separately.

Starter to be instructed to use an actual measurement to sweeps.

Action: John (RC04)

Clubs reminded to check all equipment in the boat (ie drum/drum toggle) prior to commencing any race and to inform the Rescue Boat should there be any incident during the race.

There was some apparent confusion as to which drummers seats are to be placed on which dragon boats. Clubs advised that the black seats (x4) and the unvarnished seats (x2) are for the later purchased boats with the remaining seats for use on the older boats. Where possible the 6 new boats should be used in preference.

2000m event

The debacle that occurred with some teams endeavouring to illegally overtake on the bends causing safety issues and at one stage hitting another boat, was discussed.

Dena Carr as the sweep of the SADA boat which had been hit by the Subsonix boat felt that the issue had not been addressed properly and that her viewpoint of the actual incident had never even been sought. The imposing of a time penalty was not sufficient as she felt the incident was severe enough to warrant a disqualification.

From the DBSA perspective John Holland advised that a lesson had been learnt by all Clubs and that there was no point revisiting the issue with the best option being to move forward. It was noted that the course had not been set up properly resulting in teams changing lanes at the end and one of the teams had been instructed at length afterwards on the rules.

It was noted that it was important to raise the issue at the time of the incident on the actual race day rather than at this meeting some time later. An appeal could be put in by any Club at the time not happy with any penalty imposed.

Ø State Championships

Clubs were in favour of the following race schedule:

- ✚ Less than 6 x boats – final only
- ✚ If 6 x boats – race for lanes and then a final
- ✚ More than 6 x boats – heats, repechage and final

Noted that there might be two junior teams racing with one from Mt Carmel School and the other from Head Space.

Security is being arranged for the Saturday night so Clubs would be able to leave tents in place. Commencement time of 9am both days.

Clubs encouraged to source additional Volunteers.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ✚ Clubs were encouraged to participate in the Pt Pirie Masters Games on 21 April otherwise DBSA will receive a black mark from the organisers as it would be the second year of not competing.
- ✚ Tasting Australia is organising a two day event on the Torrens on 28&29 April and have requested some dragon boat activity on the Saturday as the SAPES games will be held on the Sunday.

Some Clubs expressed interest in supporting Come N Try type events in the afternoon.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 May 2012 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide. To be Chaired by: **DBSA**.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.