



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 17 October 2012
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street, Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

Ø ASA 1:	Apology	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:	Apology
Ø Black Dragons 2:	Nil	Ø Power Blades 2:	Nil
Ø SADA 1:	Apology	Ø Subsonix 1:	Thomas Moss
Ø SADA 2:	Apology	Ø Subsonix 2:	Ronnie Lane
Ø Waiwilta 1:	Denise Newton	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Apology
Ø Waiwilta 2:	Nil	Ø Water Warriors 2:	David Watts
Ø Blade Runners 1:	Nil	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
Ø Blade Runners 2:	Nil	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Nil
Ø Copper Coast 1:	Nil	Ø Copper Coast 2:	Nil

APOLOGIES:

Ø ASA 1 & 2:	Apology	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Dennis Wright
Ø SADA 1:	Heather Wingard	Ø Power Blades 1:	Ronnie Maidment
Ø SADA 2:	Julie Hyland	Ø	

The meeting was Chaired by: David Watts (Water Warriors)

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2012 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

NO.	ACTION
RC 16	Actioned. Letter received from Water Warriors re issues noted from Volunteers during Torrens event.
RC17	Actioned. The details of the SARA Rowing Challenge on 13 October 2012 were circulated with three dragon boat clubs participating and winning some medals in their category.
RC03	Actioned. John Holland advised that he held a meeting with Glen Christie from the Duke of Edinburgh award with conclusion reached that the program is not really suitable for DBSA given that their volunteers work in month long blocks and for an entire month. It was suggested that a letter be provided detailing exactly what was required of volunteers and that it would be forwarded to his contacts in other volunteering areas. Said letter was tabled.
RC 10	Ongoing. Mock up post to secure dragon boats to pontoon as a trial and obtain quote for total of 8 to be made

GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Wallaroo Marine Challenge – wrap up

- o General consensus was that event went well and that starting the races from the pontoon worked better than from the boat. The fun events on the Sunday were enjoyed.

- Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for checking the equipment on their dragon boat on each use during a race day in case any issues arrive.
- Noted that there is an opportunity that a team may start up in Goowla and that an event could be held there in the alternate year as most were in favour of competing in this event again in 2014.

5.2 Torrens 20s – 28/10/12

- The format for this event was discussed and it was agreed to again hold two rounds for each category with a maximum of 12 races being held.
- Agreed to contact ASA to arrange to borrow their boat and for someone to be sourced to tow the DBSA trailer.
- Email to be sent to Clubs seeking volunteers as some of them are not competing and may be willing to learn some of the different roles.
- Agreed that the Grand Masters Mixed category would not be held given there were insufficient teams nominated however those entered would qualify for the State Championships.

5.2 Water Warriors discussion paper

The discussion paper from Water Warriors to DBSA outlining some issues raised by volunteers at the earlier 10s event held on the River Torrens was reviewed.

John Holland advised as the Chief Official he gave approval to a team to compete with additional paddlers, but not competitively, even though their additional 2 paddlers were not listed on the submitted team sheet.

In particular he stated that any paddler listed on the team sheet was automatically a registered DBSA paddler regardless if they had their ID card or not and should not be unduly penalised for not having it on them, provided that they have some other form of Photo ID. A DBSA ID card is the best form of ID and all paddlers should be encouraged to ensure they have it on race days.

Brief discussion was held on how to reduce the delays throughout the day with Sweeps to be advised to return their boat to the designated spot ASAP after the completion of each race. The team that is vacating the boat is to be asked to have some participants stay back and help the incoming team load the boat.

Clubs are reminded not to contact Charles Sturt Council direct in regard to use of either venue or booking the Rowing course as a relationship is already in place at the Board level. Noted that the Rowing course is actually booked through SARA first and they have a set fixture each year which unfortunately conflicts with the preferred dates for the DBSA State Championships.

In regard to the issue of when time sheets should be submitted as policies #5 and #27 state 30 minutes and 1 hour respectively. Agreed that Policy #27 should be amended.

Action: John (#RC20)

The term 'non competitive' will be used to reflect teams that are not participating for trophies on any race day.

David Watts advised that Tina Pupello was now happy with the responses given for the various issues raised.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Sean Carey offered to again coordinate a composite team for the Around the Island race which was approved. Clubs to discuss prior to next meeting what the composition of the crew should be (ie 10/10 or 12/8) in order to be a fair split.
Action: Clubs (#RC21)
- John Holland advised that AusDBF were now changing the number of participants on a 10s team sheet to 14 from 16 and Clubs were asked for their thoughts on this. Agreed to keep the current arrangement of 16 which allowed Clubs to rotate participants through.
- The new DBSA website will be up and running soon at which time Channel 44 would start running promotional advertising. It was hoped that this would attract some corporate paddling interest throughout the season.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1 November 2012 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide. To be Chaired by: **Black Dragons**.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.