



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 16 February 2011
Pt Dock Brewery Hotel - Todd Street Pt Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

Ø ASA 1:	Steve Holt	Ø Adelaide Sea Dragons 1:	Darryl Bockman
Ø ASA 2:	Apology	Ø Adelaide Sea Dragons 2:	John Holland/DBSA
Ø Black Dragons 1:	Ken Yiu	Ø Blade Runners 1:	Apology
Ø Black Dragons 2:	Trevor Richardson	Ø Blade Runners 2:	Nil
Ø Dragon Fly 1:	Apology	Ø Power Blades 1:	Marcel Kucmierz
Ø Dragon Fly 2:	Nil	Ø Power Blades 2:	Nil
Ø SADA 1:	Donna Carter	Ø Subsonix 1:	Paul Melis
Ø SADA 2:	Julie Hyland	Ø Subsonix 2:	Veronica Lane
Ø Waiwilta 1:	Jan Walsh	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Dennis Wright
Ø Waiwilta 2:	Nil	Ø Water Warriors 2:	David Watts
		Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Craig De Jong
		Ø Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Apology

APOLOGIES:

Ø Dragon Fly 1:	QinSong Fan	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
Ø Blade Runners 1:	Veronica Maidment	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Clive Grant
Ø ASA 2:	Mark O'Gara	Ø Waiwilta 2:	Kevin Walsh

Jan Walsh (Waiwilta) as Chair opened the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 19 JANUARY 2011

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

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

01	Actioned. Database amended to include option for clubs to indicate 'not competing' on a race day. Some clubs still not using this option and to be reminded again by email of this requirement to make it easier for club organising the race day.
02	Actioned. Discussion on 'Grand Masters' category for State Championships included on Agenda.
03	Actioned. Changes made to printed version of race sheets as requested (font size etc).
04	Actioned. Copy of trophy list sent to SADA.
05	Actioned. Australia Day trophy returned prior to Round 6.
06	Actioned. Fee for Chinese New Year race remained at \$5 due to one club disagreeing with proposal.
07	Actioned. Black Dragons advised if tent was available for Chinese New Year event.
08	Actioned. Items for discussion after race season included on April agenda.
09	Actioned. Chinese New Year event organised by DBSA.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ø **Round 6 – Regatta 4 (20s) – 30/01/11**

Consensus was event went well with sensible decisions made on the day in terms of cancelling events and shortening the race day.

Comment made that one of the clubs had started to paddle a dragon boat around to Ramsay Reserve before a decision had been made by the RC meeting that the event would proceed under the hot conditions. Response was that this was not an issue as it was unlikely that the event would not proceed and the boat could easily be paddled back.

Ø **06/02/11 – Chinese New Year event**

Black Dragons holding internal discussions on whether they would continue to race on the Torrens due to the deteriorating conditions of the water through algae contamination.

John Holland advised that the lake in Canberra currently had algae in it and AusDBF would be providing portable showers so that the Nationals could still be held.

Clubs encouraged to not use the Scotch College toilets as over use may cause the toilets to block up. Preferred option is for the public toilets at Festival Theatre. Portable toilets may be hired for the Masters games.

Comment was sought on the status of racing in lane 4 during the event with most responding that it was not an issue.

Possibility that a fifth lane may be introduced for the Masters games to make it more of a spectacle for the on lookers as another boat of similar make was available.

Feedback from interstate teams was event was a success.

Ø **Round 8 – Regatta 6 (20s) – 27/02/11**

Due to the limited number of entries the RC committee was in agreement that the exemption granted previously to B grade paddlers to compete in the Sports team without any ramification would again be granted.

John Holland advised that SARA required DBSA tents set up for the Regatta (6) to be placed on the lawn area directly outside their club rooms as the Oarsman Reserve would be used for the storage of boat racks for the Rowing National Championships.

Sweeps encouraged to place dragon boats close to the boat ramp as possible to avoid the gravel and rocks further down the beach.

Ø **Round 9 – Regatta 7(20s) – 06/03/11**

Noted that this event will be held at Aquatic Reserve as scheduled.

Scarlett Skunk to be followed up by John Holland prior to event to reattach buoys.

Discussion held on reasons as to why the buoys continue to be come detached. Suggested may be due to actual quality of shanks being supplied as there were two types of stainless steel used with one being more superior to the other. Dennis Wright offered to follow this up and check the spare shanks in the boat shed to determine which type were supplied.

Action: Dennis

Approval was given to ASA to combine with Water Warriors Abreast paddlers for this event as they would not be racing for points and this would allow them to compete.

Clubs to submit entries by COB 23 February 2011.

Action: Clubs

Ø **Discussion on Grand Masters Category for State Championships**

This conversation was brought forward from the previous RC meeting.

John Holland advised that all medals had been ordered for the State Championships and included the Grand Masters (GM) category even though the required number of races had not been held throughout this season.

Agreed that John Holland would circulate a list of those clubs which have qualified to compete in this category for consideration by respective clubs in order for them to advise in return which GM categories they will be entering.

Noted Blue Water Raiders had indicated that they would be competing at the State Championships and possibly in this category.

Agreed Grand Masters Womens would be raced with only two teams.

Ø **Race Meeting Schedule – Off Season**

John Holland advised that a meeting was being held with the Land Management Corporation on 25 February to finalise the lease for the new clubrooms and that it would be likely that they would be available for use at the end of March early April.

Meetings during off-season scheduled as follows and all at 8pm:

- Ø Wed 13-Apr
- Ø Tue 10-May
- Ø Thu 23-Jun

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ø Clubs to advise Secretary ASAP of names of those expressing interest in undertaking a coaches course in May.

Ø John Holland advised that despite a significant amount of follow up by DBSA to clubs and those that owed outstanding money for state tops from the previous Nationals that there were still some paddlers who had not yet paid. As a result DBSA would not allow said paddlers to compete at the State Championships if they had not settled their debt with DBSA.

Ø Dennis Wright advised that there was outstanding money owed to them from DBSA for reimbursement for corporate challenges this season. John Holland responded that this was being finalised by Chris Wood and clubs would be reimbursed accordingly.

Ø Clubs expressed dismay over the increase in the entry fee for the Nationals from \$40 to \$45 and advised that the system required payment before a link would be sent for registration.

John Holland advised that the AusDBF President had increased the entry fee by \$5 despite not having Board approval and the announcement in Bulletins #1 & #2 that the fee was \$40. Some clubs had entered their teams in before the increase at the old rate.

DBSA and some of the other state bodies had questioned this with AusDBF and there was some confusion still as whether the new rate would remain because of the objections.

Noted there has also been a registration fee applied to each club competing at the Nationals.

DBSA had agreed to pay 50% of the fee for those in the state team however this was at the rate of \$40 so it was not sure who would cover the additional \$5.

John Holland agreed to send all the correspondence he had on this issue to the RC delegates so they could be kept informed and that the AusDBF Board had agreed three years ago that the fee would be \$40 and he could see no reason for the increase.

Action: John

Clubs were advised to respond to AusDBF as they saw fit on this.

Ø AusDBF had asked DBSA if they could use the “Fierce, Fast & Furious” tag which was part of the DBSA logo.

The recommendation from the RC meeting was that AusDBF should be advised that this request was denied.

Action: John

- Ø Question was asked why the Ramsay course was being used if the pontoons were not being used any more. Response given that its use provided a finishing tower that could be used in any conditions and the course had nice buoyed lanes.
- Ø John Holland said that it was likely that the State Championships would now commence early on the Saturday morning rather than at 1pm as the Rowing championships event scheduled prior would not be held. 200m races would hopefully all be held on the Saturday with an early finish expected for the 500m races on the Sunday. Assistance would be required to move the pontoons.

A list of those teams and the events they have qualified for would be circulated by John Holland.

Action: John

- Ø Clubs were asked to review Policy #06 – Procedure for the Formation & Functioning of the Racing Committee given some of the changes to the operation of this committee since the policy was first ratified and to submit any recommended changes.

Action: John

- Ø Steve Holt enquired if the photos in the AusDBF Coaches manual could be updated to include more modern photos and was advised to follow this up direct with Melanie Cantwell.

- Ø Clubs were asked if they had any photographs from the recent Chinese New Year event for inclusion in the corporate brochure. Steve Holt advised that ASA had a professional photo present that had taken over 200 photos and agreed to supply a copy on a CD to DBSA.

Action: ASA

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 March 2011 at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, Port Adelaide at 8:00pm unless advised otherwise. Steve Holt submitted his apology.

To be Chaired by: **DBSA.**

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.