



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 13 April 2011
Pt Dock Brewery Hotel – Todd Street Pt Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

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| ➤ ASA 1: | Apology | ➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 1: | Darryl Bockman |
| ➤ ASA 2: | Steve Holt | ➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 2: | John Holland/DBSA |
| ➤ Black Dragons 1: | Ken Yiu | ➤ Blade Runners 1: | Michael Burridge |
| ➤ Black Dragons 2: | Trevor Richardson | ➤ Blade Runners 2: | Apology |
| ➤ Dragon Fly 1: | Apology | ➤ Power Blades 1: | Marcel Kucmierz |
| ➤ Dragon Fly 2: | Nil | ➤ Power Blades 2: | Frank Cutillo |
| ➤ SADA 1: | Donna Carter | ➤ Subsonix 1: | Paul Melis |
| ➤ SADA 2: | Apology | ➤ Subsonix 2: | Apology |
| ➤ Waiwilta 1: | Jan Walsh | ➤ Water Warriors 1: | Dennis Wright |
| ➤ Waiwilta 2: | Kevin Walsh | ➤ Water Warriors 2: | David Watts |
| | | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Apology |
| | | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Apology |

APOLOGIES:

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| ➤ Dragon Fly 1: | QinSong Fan | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix: | Sean Carey |
| ➤ Blade Runners 2: | Veronica Maidment | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Clive Grant |
| ➤ ASA 1: | Mark O'Gara | ➤ Subsonix 2: | Veronica Lane |
| ➤ SADA 2: | Julie Hyland | ➤ | |

John Holland (DBSA) as Chair opened the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2011

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the correction in the last bullet point of replacing "David Watt" with "Paul Melis".

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

01	Actioned. Policy #06 was ratified by the Board and will be posted to the website. Noted change to length of term on this committee to two years to bring it into line.
02	Actioned. Steve Holt advised that ASA had provided DBSA with some photos for the Australian Masters Games (AMG) brochure. BDs have provided some photos to Chris Wood John Holland encouraged clubs to distribute out and about the brochures that are in the boatshed to help promote the AGM.
03	Actioned. Clubs reminded at RC meeting to not cut off teams in any other lane when returning to shore upon completion of a race until they have all finished
04	Actioned. Rowing SA advised of complaint from WWs re abusive behaviour to them by some rowers on Aquatic reserve.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

- **State Championships**
Discussion held on penalty awarded to Black Dragons for infraction during 2000 metre race. Ken Yiu advised that the AusDBF rules on the website were not used at the State Championships and John Holland said they were also not used at the Nationals. The AusDBF paperwork of Dec 10 tabled by Ken was incorrect apparently.

AusDBF to be asked to update their documentation with the new rules in place (as per Sweeps briefing before the Nationals).

Action: John

Comment passed that the Open category for the 2000m should be held prior to the women commencing as it meant that some teams would easily catch up to the women however may lose time marking time before they can overtake on corners.

Consensus was that next time medals would be awarded for the 2000m event and that it be held also at the end of the 500m race days.

Clubs reminded that if there are any collisions during a race that it was up to the officials to determine if it materially affected the results of the race and they can choose to either re run the race or impose a penalty.

➤ **Structure of Race days 2011/12 season**

The proposed race format for the 2011/12 season was discussed with the input received from Waiwilta and various responses and options considered.

The general consensus was not to revert to running two divisions as this would reduce the numbers in a race which was an issue in the past and all clubs want maximum numbers in races and particularly in finals. There were also not enough crews to compete in two divisions currently.

The current race format provided more races for teams to compete in and often in the other system some teams did not bother turning up for the minor finals. The system now allowed for 6 teams in a race which was more of a spectacle.

The Board had also considered that the 2 division system did not pass the "fairness indicator in that current B Grade crews would not be catered for.

John Holland advised that sweeps Australia-wide had met at the Nationals to review the Sweeps guidelines. The number of races sweeps are currently required to sweep in a season is at the discretion of the states with DBSA setting 8 with exemptions able to be sought. Noted that not one sweep had a problem at the Nationals as compared to the other states and John was confident that the SA sweeps are well trained.

Sweeps were currently able to provide DBSA with a log book detailing all their sweeps for trainings and events in a season. Noted some clubs have too many sweeps now and find it difficult to sweep the minimum of 8 so are able to seek dispensation.

Discussion held on requirement to have female drummers and sweeps in Womens crew and noted that this was proving difficult for some clubs to manage as their sweeps were not able to sweep in another category if not eligible (ie Premier could not sweep Masters). Special Dispensation could be sought for Premier or Masters age sweeps to sweep in older categories if no correct age sweeps were available and it was need for the crew to achieve the minimum numbers required.

Confirmed that drummers could sweep in any category.

Recommendation:

- **Dispensation can be sought for a female sweep to sweep another category if at minimal numbers**

Question was asked whether participants should be required to compete three times in a category before competing in the state titles. Noted ruling for teams to compete twice in a category.

The database could be revamped to allow for this to be monitored however if a participant joined during the season then it was not sure how this would work. The AusDBF ruling was that a participant had to join by 1st January otherwise special dispensation was required.

Discussion held on whether a separate ladder system should be run whereby the overall club at the end of the season could be awarded a minor prize for being the champions at the end of the season. Dennis Wright and Ken Yiu offered to trial this system during the next season.

The reason for separate race days was noted as allowing clubs to compete on the one day for a result and this allowed clubs to travel to compete and hopefully medal (ie country teams).

Recommendation:

- **Participant’s to compete in 3 x race days before being eligible for state titles**
- **Teams to compete in 2 x race days for qualification for state titles**

The proposed race program for the 2011/12 was agreed as follows:

RACE DATE	EVENT	DISTANCE	VENUE
25-Sep-11	Torrens 10s	250M	River Torrens
7-9 Oct 11	Australian Masters Games	250M	Torrens
23-Oct-11	Torrens 20s	250M	Torrens
	(+ Social & Corporate)		
6-Nov-11	Pub & Corporate Challenge	200M	Aquatic
	Premier only 10s(pm racing)		
26-Nov-11	Long course (Sat night)	7000M	Aquatic
11-Dec-11	10s and 20s over 500M + 2000M race	500M	Aquatic
8-Jan-11	10s	200M	Ramsay
22-23 Jan 11	Chinese New Year	200M	Melbourne
5-Feb-12	20s and 10s over 500M + 2000M race+	500M	Ramsay
26-Feb-12	20s over 200M	200M	Ramsay
11-Mar-12	10s and 20s over 500M + 2000M race	500M	Ramsay
24-25 Mar 12	State Championships	200, 500 & 2000M	Ramsay
31-Mar – 5 Apr	National Championships		Melbourne
10-15 Apr	(Dates to be confirmed)		

- 27/08/11 - Mildura Masters Games
- 04&05 Feb 12 – Falls Creek event

Clubs asked to encourage participation in both Masters Games events.

- **Singapore 2011**
Noted date had been changed to 10 September 2011 with 12s and 20s races on offer.
- **Wallaroo 2012 + long course**
To be discussed during next season.
- **Waiwilta’s recommendations**
Discussed.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Come N Try event to be held at Naracoorte 19&20 November 2011. Clubs would be encouraged to participate.
- State Masters Rowing Championships are being held on 7 May 2011 and clubs were asked to indicate their interest or that of their members in participating as soon as possible to John Holland. Noted composite teams could be formed.

Action: Clubs

- The draft lease for the Sailing Club is currently being reviewed by a lawyer prior to signing. Meeting being held on site with the Land Management Corporation on Friday to review recent works undertaken and building approval had been received. Access is expected to be within the next few weeks. Four dragon boats would be stored there under a roster type arrangement.
- DBSA has ordered a Kayak Pro ergo machine which would be available for club use at the Sailing Club. Noted Black Dragons also purchased one which would be kept at the boatshed.
- Noted no change to ratio of Mixed crew of “minimum 8 - maximum 12 women” which is following the IDBF rules.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 April 2011 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide.

Remaining meetings off-season @ 8pm:

- Wed 11-May
- Wed 15-Jun

To be Chaired by: **DBSA.**

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10pm.