



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 15 June 2011
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street, Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

➤ ASA 1:	Julie Russell	➤ 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:	Apology
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Apology	➤ Blade Runners 2:	Apology
➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Nil	➤ Power Blades 1:	Apology
➤ Dragon Fly 2:	Nil	➤ Power Blades 2:	Nil
➤ SADA 1:	Donna Carter	➤ Subsonix 1:	Paul Melis
➤ SADA 2:	Nil	➤ Subsonix 2:	Apology
➤ Waiwilta 1:	Jan Walsh	➤ Water Warriors 1:	Dennis Wright
➤ Waiwilta 2:	Kevin Walsh	➤ Water Warriors 2:	David Watts
		➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
		➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Clive Grant

APOLOGIES:

➤ Blade Runners:	Michael Burrige	➤ Blade Runners 1:	Veronica Maidment
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Trevor Richardson	➤ Blade Runners 2:	Veronica Lane
➤ ASA 1:	Mark O'Gara	➤ Power Blades 1:	Marcel Kucmierz

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 10 MAY 2011

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

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ **Season 11/12 program**

AusDBF has scheduled the Nationals for 31 Mar – 5 Apr 12 and our State Championships had been scheduled for 24&25 March. The Ramsay course unfortunately is not available that weekend so the titles will have to be held at Aquatic Reserve or changed to another weekend, bearing in mind that Easter is directly after the Nationals. The general consensus being in favour of remaining with 24 & 25 March and racing at Aquatic.

Noted that 10s x 500m races were scheduled with the 20s x 500m on two occasions and tentatively for a third. Agreed that after the first occasion on 11th December that the RC would review whether there was sufficient time on the day for both to be held and if so then the remaining two would be held.

If clubs felt they were being disadvantaged or over raced on these days then it could be revisited. There was still a requirement for 3 x crews to make a category except for in the core categories.

It was agreed that the core categories set in 2010/11 would remain the same this season.

Clubs reminded that the penalty of \$50 per category for withdrawing on a race day remains extant.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- John Holland advised that the “inaugural” DBSA Murray 100 event was held over the long weekend with Black Dragons and Adelaide Sea Dragons competing. Times were: Black Dragons – 6:58.52 and Adelaide Sea Dragons – 7:36.43.

The Marathon Canoe Club (MCC) had invited DBSA to join in with them and also the outriggers as they wanted to open up the event to all types of water users in order to grow the event. John Holland said the point had been made that looking after one dragon boat was less demanding on the organisers than if the same people were in individual boats. A fee per boat was suggested.

Interstate crews had expressed an interest in participating in future and rules would need to be put in place for all crews. The current event had many different categories with some paddlers being the only one competing in their age category and subsequently winning it.

Suggested that smaller clubs could form a composite crew and that perhaps a composite trophy could also be introduced. There was a program called Endomondo which tracked a boat and recorded the speed throughout the race which could be used by all competing crews as there may be a requirement for some to start at different times.

Agreed that negotiations should continue with the MCC on this as it would be of benefit to the entire paddling industry.

Ken Yiu encouraged everyone to participate in future and said he would send the race logs around so everyone could see the timings from both boats each day.

Action: Ken

The offer was extended to any club wanting details on the event and accommodation, house boats etc to contact either club for information.

- The question was asked as to when training could be held at The Sailing Club with the response given that it may not be for at least two months as there was still a lot to be done beforehand. Works still to be undertaken are for the ramp to be concreted, walls pulled down and the boat pulley system installed.

There would be no additional costs to train here with advice to be sent out to clubs to asking for expressions of interest closer to availability. In the meantime the venue could be used by clubs to hold meetings upstairs or functions downstairs.

Noted that a new set of wheels had been ordered which were of a new design and there would be possibly be five dragon boats located here.

- Clubs reminded of the requirement whilst paddling in the dark to have one light that is visible all the way round and a metre above the water line.
- Clubs reminded also of trolley courtesy and to ensure the trolley is returned to the shore for the next incoming dragon boat and not left up at the club room whilst teams warm down.
- Clubs reminded to also lock the boat shed roller door if there are no other users around.
- Clarification was sought on the minimum number of females required in a boat before a male sweep could be used in both 10s and 20s. The minimum requirement for ladies was for 16 in a 20s boat and for 8 in a 10s boat.

Should a male sweep be used however it was agreed that the team would not be eligible to win the overall event on the day however could qualify for the State Championships at which time it could no longer use a male sweep.

- Question was asked if any safety induction would be held by DBSA for clubs prior to commencing training on the Port River. The response given was that it would be up to clubs to ensure that their sweeps were aware of the navigation rules.
- Ken Yiu advised that this was the last meeting he would be attending as he was standing down thereafter. Thanks were passed to him for his contribution to date.

- ✚ Consideration sought for 2 x sets of boats to be used on race days to assist with delays however it was noted that this might preclude most clubs from backing up however it could be trialled.
- ✚ Agreed there was no requirement for an RC meeting until prior to the September regatta however clubs would be encouraged to assist with a working bee.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 September 2011 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide.

To be Chaired by: **Adelaide Phoenix**.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.