



## MINUTES

### Racing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17 February 2010  
Pt Dock Brewery Hotel - Todd Street Pt Adelaide

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**1 OPEN MEETING – 8:05PM**

**2 PRESENT:**

➤ ASA 1:	Steve Holt	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 1:	Tony Tildesley
➤ ASA 2:	Apology	➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 2:	Nil
➤ Black Dragons 1:	Ann Richardson	➤ Blade Runners 1:	Veronica Maidment
➤ Black Dragons 2:	Trevor Richardson	➤ Blade Runners 2:	Nil
➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Apology	➤ Power Blades 1:	Tim Monson
➤ Dragon Fly 2:	Nil	➤ Power Blades 2:	Nil
➤ SADA 1:	Donna Carter	➤ Subsonix 1:	Alison Miller
➤ SADA 2:	Nil	➤ Subsonix 2:	Nil
➤ Waiwilta 1:	Greg Bond	➤ Water Warriors 1:	Chris Cryer
➤ Waiwilta 2:	Nil	➤ Water Warriors 2:	Colin Attewell
➤ DBSA:	John Holland	➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Sean Carey
		➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Apology

**APOLOGIES:**

➤ Black Dragons 1:	Greg Penny	➤ Black Dragons 2:	Ken Yiu
➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Wee-Ching Kong	➤ Dragon Fly 1:	Adeline Ong
➤ ASA 2:	Mark O'Gara	➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Clive Grant

Tim Monson (Powerblades) as Chair opened the meeting.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 20 JANUARY 2010**

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

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

John Holland advised that DBSA was sourcing some better quality walkie talkies which would help alleviate the current difficulty of hearing the Starter's instructions.

It was suggested that the megaphone be taken down to the start line on race days as a back up.

Tim Monson noted that the team list sheets had been redesigned for ease of use as follows:

- Team Sheet #1 – 500m 20s
- Team Sheet #2 – 200m 20s
- Team Sheet #3 – 200m 10s

**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 Race Day 28/02/10 – Round 9 Regatta 7 (10s – 200m) – Powerblades**

The draft entries plan was tabled for review and comment.

**6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The incident of a roll over with Adelaide Sea Dragons during the last race day was discussed.

Sea Rescue have now been instructed to return any boat being towed direct to shore rather than back to the finish line boat ramp.

Clubs are to familiarise themselves during training with the correct procedure should a roll over occur and to ensure that the drummers are also familiar with policy #009 – The Role of a Dragon Boat Drummer.

**Action: Clubs**

It was also considered important for participants to not take lightly the numbering off system when getting in the boat and to set up a “buddy” system also in case of a roll over.

During the Nationals there will be three support boats on the course and one at the finish line.

- The timing for the last race day was spot on other than the above incident.
- Subsonix suggested that to make it easier to set up the finish line, 500m and 200m lines that the lines actually have something placed or marked on them to indicate which end is placed on which side of the lake. It was noted that considerable time was spent on occasion trying to work out whether to start at the east or west side depending on which way the toggle line was placed back on the reel.

Pat Doogue as Maintenance Coordinator to be asked to arrange.

**Action: Pat**

- The design for the new trailer was circulated and noted that it would be stored in the boatshed after some relocation of equipment on the right hand side.
- Subsonix advised of damage to a car by a club tent on the last race day and was advised to follow any claim up with Marsh.
- With regard to the State championships John Holland advised that the Board was suggesting that because of the time delay to move the pontoons that the 500m races be held on the Saturday morning with some 200m 10s in the afternoon and 200m 20s on the Sunday. Presentations would be held at the end of each day.

There would also be a delay at lunch time due to a leg of the Special Olympics torch relay being held by dragon boat from Trimmer Parade to the finish line.

Clubs were asked to consult their paddlers on the format they would like for both days and this would then be discussed at the March meeting. Suggested 10s category options be circulated as part of consideration.

**Action: All clubs**

- Noted that the areas of the Task list that are locked so cannot be changed be amended to correctly reflect the name of the person assigned to the task as it was currently outdated.  
**Action: Chris Wood**
- SADA queried eligibility process for the Nationals for any new participant joining after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. John Holland’s response was for clubs to send any request for an exemption in to DBSA urgently and it would be considered and if granted then forwarded to AusDBF for consideration.
- ASA asked if they could include an experienced paddler in their B Grade team of Copper Coast paddlers for the next race as they had no experience with racing at Aquatic Reserve yet.

It was noted as their sweep was only provisional they would not be able to sweep the team and that an accredited sweep would have to and would be sufficiently experienced.

- Tim Monson advised that discussion was held at the recent Presidents Forum on the proposed race structure for the 2010/11 season. Clubs were asked to consult with their members on the format that they would like and what their key issues are by the RC meeting on 18 March. With less race days the race days are longer and with more race days they are shorter and either option does not necessarily suit everyone.

**Action: All clubs**

- Tim Monson said that at the end of each final race the “three cheers” for the other teams was being reintroduced by Powerblades to instil; some tradition back into the sport and encouraged other clubs to do the same.

- Agreed also that after the last final is held that the cow-tow would be reintroduced.
- Clubs to note that the trainee starter has been advised to penalise crews if they refused to obey directions on the start line.
- John Holland advised that the Board and Presidents Forum had agreed that the \$5 fee per paddler per race day would not be increased in 2010/11 season.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 3 March 2010** at 8pm at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, Port Adelaide.

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

**8 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:15PM.