



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 1 December 2010
Pt Dock Brewery Hotel - Todd Street Pt Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

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| ➤ ASA 1: | Steve Holt | ➤ Adelaide Sea Dragons 1: | Darryl Bockman |
| ➤ ASA 2: | Apology | ➤ 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: | Ronny Lo | ➤ Power Blades 2: | Nil |
| ➤ SADA 1: | Apology | ➤ Subsonix 1: | Alison Miller |
| ➤ SADA 2: | Nil | ➤ Subsonix 2: | Kaye Greenwood |
| ➤ Waiwilta 1: | Judy Watling | ➤ Water Warriors 1: | Apology |
| ➤ Waiwilta 2: | Jan Walsh | ➤ Water Warriors 2: | David Watts |
| | | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Apology |
| | | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Clive Grant |

APOLOGIES:

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| ➤ Waiwilta 1: | Kevin Walsh | ➤ SADA 1: | Donna Carter |
| ➤ ASA 2: | Mark O'Gara | ➤ SADA 2: | Julie Hyland |
| ➤ Dragon Fly 1: | QinSong Fan | ➤ Blade Runners 2: | Veronica Maidment |
| ➤ Water Warriors 1; | Dennis Wright | ➤ Adelaide Phoenix | Sean Care |

Michael Burridge (Blade Runners) as Chair opened the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 2010

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

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

01	Purchase two decent walkie talkies with headsets for use at Start & Finish lines	ASAP	John	Done
02	Send details to clubs re new online entry of team sheets and categories being raced along with passwords to access ➤ John Holland asked clubs if they were interested in a training session on the new online system with Raymond Strachan the database designer during his visit to Adelaide over the next few days. There would also be the opportunity to see what other benefits the database could offer direct to clubs. ➤ Most clubs agreed that this would be beneficial and would participate with John to coordinate session at Sport SA. Action: John	ASAP	Marie	Done
03	Amend Participant Registration form to include checkbox to allow to opt out to acknowledge that participant's photos can be used in promotional material ➤ Clubs to download latest Participant Registration Form	ASAP	Marie	Done

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ **Previous race meeting on 21/11/10 – Regatta 1 (20's)**

Overall consensus was a good race day which finished slightly behind time due to initial delay at start with Sea Rescue's missing keys.

Noted that the finish line buoys were not in line with the 200m line buoys and this was determined to be because the buoys were clipped on the wrong ring to start with at the 200m line. Suggested club setting up finishing line check visually back through the course to ensure buoys are aligned.

Some of the drum seats were placed in the wrong boats and had to be relocated during the day.

➤ **Long course – 04/12/10**

Discussion held on whether any other categories should be introduced as part of the long course race and whether a mixed race could be held as a minor event.

General consensus was for status quo to remain for this season.

There are 10 boats entered which will set off on a static start two minutes apart. Participating clubs to each provide a person to assist with the timing.

Teams would be seeded on their results from 2009 and those teams competing for the first time would have their names pulled out of a hat. Non eligible teams would start first.

With regard to passing other dragon boats teams were reminded that the rules remained the same and the dragon boat being overtaken needs to give way.

MV Princess to be advised of the event and to avoid the teams at all costs.

Action: ASA

➤ **Race meeting on 12/12/10 – Regatta 2 (10's)**

Clubs have all been assigned password to those accessing the online database system and were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new process.

Question was asked if AusDBF were introducing 500m 10's races at the Nationals and whether the program needed to be adjusted to take this into account to allow clubs to get used to racing 10s over this distance beforehand.

John Holland confirmed that AusDBF would be introducing 10s races at the Nationals for the first time for 200 and 500m races. Agreed too late to introduce 500m 10s races this season and would be considered for the 2011/12 season. Clubs would not be able to enter participants in the same category for 10s and 20s (ie if entered in Mixed 20s could not enter in Mixed 10s).

Only three crews had submitted expressions of interest to compete at the Nationals by the deadline and they were: Adelaide Sea Dragons, Black Dragons and Water Warriors. Noted some clubs had not received the initial email (Bullet #1) calling for expressions of interest and agreed John Holland would send out all correspondence to do with racing in future to Racing Committee delegates.

Clubs still interested in competing could submit their team entry when requested in January however it was too late to submit an expression of interest as AusDBF would be working out the race program for those received already.

➤ **Low number of paddlers competing**

DBSA was seeking feedback from clubs on the low number of paddlers competing at regattas thus far this season compared to previous years as participant numbers were at the same level. The question was asked as to whether the program needed to be changed to take into consideration clubs feedback.

This was discussed with various reasons and possibilities put forward. Some clubs commented that there were too many race days, not enough break in between race days, a lot of new paddlers not ready to compete and too long a break between races that can compete in on a race day due to too many categories being entered.

The option of some clubs being able to regrade some of their sports paddlers to B Grade in order to be able to compete on a race day was put forward along with possibly reducing the number of remaining race days and categories able to be entered on a race day. .

Suggested that Round 7 – Regatta 5 be cancelled with John Holland agreeing to put forward various scenarios for consideration by clubs.

Action: John

➤ **Wallaroo 2011**

John Holland advised he met with the coordinator of the Wallaroo festival and that there would be no event held in 2011 with the next one scheduled for 2012.

The Regional Masters Games will be held in Mildura from 20-28 August 2011 and Australian Masters Games in Adelaide from 7-9 October 2011. Future Masters is aged 27-39, Masters 40-49, Grand Masters 50-59 and great Grand masters 60+.

Most clubs expressed interest in competing in the Australian Masters Games.

With regard to Wallaroo in 2012 discussion was held on whether or not it should remain a fun event or become part of the 10s regatta season. Majority of races could be held on the Saturday to allow clubs to return home should they desire. Clubs to consult with their clubs and provide feedback on their preference although advising sounds good in theory.

Action: Clubs.

Accommodation could easily be arranged through the coordinator prior for clubs competing and possibility of an 'all in' paddle sport race around the canal on the Sunday as a fun race.

It was commented that perhaps there were not enough fun events throughout the season and suggested that the season commence in September with clubs participating in the Oz Asia festival on the Torrens as the first regatta which would be an opportune time to promote the sport. Clubs to consider and provide feedback also.

Action: Clubs.

If the season commences earlier it was noted there could be longer breaks in between races with some handicap races also to be introduced to encourage more teams to enter events.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Noted no race day task list yet for the Ramsay Course and this was because no actual race days had been held there apart from the State Championships and Nationals.. The course will be available for use from January with a yearly fee to be paid now rather than a user pays.
- Water Warriors asked clubs if they could be considerate and not lock the trolleys in the boatshed when other clubs are still out on the water.
- The Clubs were reminded of the requirement for the organising club to produce an article to promote the next race day event.
- Marie Cunningham asked if the February meeting could be changed from Thu 03 February to Tuesday 01 February as she would be on leave. Agreed.
Action: Marie
- John Holland advised Victorian clubs keen to know whether the Chinese New Year event would be held on 5&6 February 2011 in Adelaide as it was SA's turn to coordinate. Clubs were subsequently asked if they would be interested in participating and whether the preference was for the Saturday or Sunday or both days.
The preferred option from the clubs was for the Sunday and they agreed to provide feedback as to whether they would participate.
- Suggested 13/02/11 race day be cancelled based on participation in above event instead.
Action: Marie
- Mawson Lakes group expressed interest in establishing a club there and keen to hold some sort of regatta in the future.
- SADA asked to put the trailer in backwards at paint Supplies to allow ASA room to manoeuvre their trailer. John Holland advised that this would not be an issue after the next few weeks as Paint Supplies had requested that the trailers be removed. Once the lease has been signed at the new club room in Port Adelaide there would be storage options for the trailers available.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6 January 2011 at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, Port Adelaide at 8:00pm.

To be Chaired by: **SADA.**

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.