



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 13 March 2014
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

Ø ASA 1:	Steve Holt	Ø ASD 1:	Chris Finlayson
Ø ASA 2:	Apology	Ø ASD 2:	John Holland/DBSA
Ø Black Dragons 1:	Jennifer Cook	Ø Power Blades 1:	Andy Kelly
Ø Black Dragons 2:	Nil	Ø Power Blades 2:	Nil
Ø Waiwilta 1:	Apology	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Julia Johnson
Ø Waiwilta 2:	Michele Lennon	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Sean Carey
		Ø Adelaide Phoenix 3:	Clive Grant
Ø SADA 1:	Jan Bice	Ø Coorong Dragons 1:	Anne Simmons
Ø SADA 2:	Apology	Ø Copper Coast 1 & 2:	Apology
Ø Subsonix 1:	Thomas Moss	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Greg Paull
Ø Subsonix 2:	Jan Walsh	Ø Water Warriors 2:	Dennis Wright
Ø		Ø Warriors Abreast:	Jo Walkley
		Ø Warriors Abreast:	Ruth Rounsevell

APOLOGIES:

Ø Copper Coast 1:	Angie Lange	Ø ASA 2:	Julie Matson
Ø SADA 2:	Julie Hyland	Ø Waiwilta 1:	John Thompson

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland – DBSA.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record. (*Moved: Jan Walsh and Seconded: Jennifer Cook*).

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

NO.	ACTION
01	Actioned. Crews responsible for boats to ensure enough members are available to clean and put boats away after racing
02	Ongoing. Dennis Wright to commence investigation for alternative timing system for our Race Days. § Both John Holland and Jennifer Bould spent some time with Rowing SA to train on the new timing system which will be used for the Nationals. Is an impressive system which automatically records the results. Rowing SA have a judge in a boat with a stopwatch as a backup to assist with timing if needed. § This system will speed up the races and will be trialled in the State Championships. § Cost of the State Championships course will be \$4,580 which covers course hire, camera hire, toilets, showers etc.
03	Withdrawn by ASA. DBSA Board to consider "Harassment" issue – John Holland & Mary-Anne Holt.
04	Actioned. Clubs to remind all sweeps to hold the hand rail when using the pontoon starts.
05	Actioned. Clubs to remind drummers that they need to actively drum throughout their races after the 50m mark.

06	Actioned. Tape to be applied to the pontoon fingers at the start of the first race on 23 rd to align the boats- this should allow sweeps to easily align their boats in subsequent races. § Agreed to continue to do for State Championships.
07	Actioned. Sweeps Meeting to be held at start of the day covering all of the day's events.
08	Actioned. All Clubs to bring 2 copies of their team sheets to the judges tent at the sweeps briefing. Will check them for the State Championships.
09	Actioned. John Holland to distribute Training Protocol from DBSA and SARA to R.C. for dissemination in Clubs.
10	Actioned. John Holland to circulate the start plan for 1K & 2K races.
11	Ongoing. Agenda Item for next season to consider holding 1000M and 2000M straight line racing.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 23/03/14 – 10s & 20s over 500m + 2000m – wrap up

- § Noted 15 minute break between races and quicker boat loading resulted in the day running smoother.
- § The Safety boat when towing the boats back had to do a 'u' turn to return to pick up the buoys which had been left behind which unfortunately created a big wash in the lake.
- § Confusion with some Sweeps unable to line up on the Start line for the 2000M race as they could not determine exactly where it was.

6.2 State Championships

- § Clubs to provide 2 x laminated copies of team sheets for each race day
- § Spot checking of name tags/ID will be carried out.
- § Boats to be towed around on the Saturday morning and either towed or paddled back on the Sunday evening.
- § B-Grade teams will have 4 x races on the Sunday.
- § Nine volunteers are needed to move the pontoons on the Friday (at 9am 11th April) to the 500m start line. Clubs able to assist are to email names to John Holland. Actual timing will be weather dependent.

Action: Clubs

500m + 2000M– Saturday

- § An order was placed in December for the medals for the State Championships to cover all categories raced throughout the season. It was agreed that all categories would be raced even if there were only two teams entered.
- § The consensus was that each category would race just the one final.
- § Overnight security to be arranged.

Action: John

Sunday - 200M

- § Clubs to let John Holland know by Sunday night their team entries.
Action: Clubs
- § If 6+ teams are entered then a heat and final will be held otherwise 5 and less teams a final only will be held.
- § Volunteers needed at the end of racing to move the pontoons back to the 1000M start line.

6.3 Any Sweeping Up requests?

- § There are no exemptions for sweeping up during the State Championships.
- § Discussions are being held with AusDBF in relation to the exemptions being granted for 47 year olds to sweep up in 50 year old category and some other exemptions.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- § The following email from Black Dragons was read to by Jennifer Cook:

As discussed at last night's Committee meeting, here are the points for consideration/attention of the Race Committee for next season regarding the use of the Scullers Reserve (I will also bring this up at the next President Forum).

Whilst acknowledging the benefits of using the pontoons for race starts, Black Dragons consider that the use of Scullers Reserve for staging race days is inappropriate for the following reasons:

- § Inconvenience of transporting the boats/equipment to the race course
- § Inconvenience of transporting the boats/equipment back to Bower Road (this prevents club members from attending the presentations and socialising with others at the end of race days)
- § Safety concerns re razor fish and other objects lodged in the thick mud which paddlers are forced to wade into
- § Cost of the hire of toilets
- § Lack of parking in the vicinity
- § Running our event at the same time as triathlons (Traffic marshals preventing access to Sportsmans Drive and runners dodging paddlers on the pathway etc)
- § No facility for showering off after the event and more importantly for cleaning off the mud when paddlers slip in it.
- § The lack of support for the BBQ at this venue (possibly affected by the above dot point 2). We will need to reconsider providing the BBQ at this venue in the future as it is not viable.

If the pontoons cannot be moved so we can stage our events from the rowing club (which is preferable to Scullers Reserve) then our suggestion is to avoid the associated risks and inconvenience and race at the Bower Road end of the lake.

Consideration to be given by Clubs that whichever venue they choose as their preference for the next season that there are different logistical requirements when setting up and dismantling the course. It is not sufficient to say one course is preferred over another without realising that it is the Clubs themselves that will be undertaking the work required for each race day. Clubs to come back to next meeting with their preference.

Action: Clubs

- § Consensus was that the Open Age events held this year were successful and should continue.
- § Discussion held on AusDBF President apparently giving approval to a DBSA paddler to compete with another Club at the Nationals before consultation with that Club. Noted this was against the rules and said Club would not be granting approval for this. This participant was apparently seeking also to paddle with a Victorian Club.
- § The draft race program for 2014-15 season would be circulated by John Holland for Clubs to review prior to the next meeting. The race course will be available from mid December and the River Torrens would also be used.

Action: John

Clubs will need to choose whether they would like to compete in Wallaroo or Port Vincent.

The suggestion was put forward by one Club for Great Grand Masters category to be introduced next season however noted that this would impact on the age categories below this age.

- § Australian Masters Games are scheduled in Adelaide in October with the Nationals scheduled in Perth from 12-20 April 2015.
- § The only team entered in to the Murray marathon event currently is Ballarat Dragons.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st May 2014 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide. To be Chaired by: **DBSA**.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.