



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Monday 26 May 2014 2014
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

Ø ASA 1:	Apology	Ø ASD 1:	Chris Wood
Ø ASA 2:	Julie Matson	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:	John Thompson	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Julia Johnson
Ø Waiwilta 2:	Michele Lennon	Ø Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Sean Carey
Ø Waiwilta 3:	Greg Bond		
Ø SADA 1:	Jan Bice	Ø Coorong Dragons 1:	Angie Lange
Ø SADA 2:	Nil	Ø Copper Coast 1 & 2:	Anne Simmons
Ø Subsonix 1:	Thomas Moss	Ø Water Warriors 1:	Greg Paull
Ø Subsonix 2:	Apology	Ø Water Warriors 2:	Dennis Wright
		Ø Warriors Abreast 3:	Liz Savill

APOLOGIES:

Ø ASD 1:	Chris Finlayson	Ø ASA 1:	Steve Holt
Ø Subsonix 2:	Jan Walsh	Ø Warriors Abreast 1:	Jo Walkley
		Ø Warriors Abreast 2:	Ruth Rounsevell

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland – DBSA.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 03 April 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record. (*Moved: Dave Watts and Seconded: Jan Bice*).

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

NO.	ACTION
01	Actioned. Clubs informed John of team entries for States.
02	Actioned. Arrange overnight security for the Saturday evening.
03	Actioned. Let John know if there are any volunteers from within each Club to assist with moving the pontoons on the Friday (11 th Apr) at 9am. § Noted that the timing of the relocation of the pontoon was weather dependent. Those that assisted have been invited to the Volunteers lunch.
04	Actioned. Report back on Club preference for venues for 2014-15 season.
05	Actioned. Draft race program for 2014-15 season and circulate to Clubs for discussion at next RC meeting in May.
06	Actioned. Agenda Item for next season to consider holding 1000M and 2000M straight line racing.
07	Ongoing. Dennis Wright to commence investigation for alternative timing system for our Race Days.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Discussion centred on whether Great Grand Dragons should be included as a separate category for the next season. Agreed that it should be an option as would be raced at the Nationals and Worlds but would be held on the Open race days only. The effects of another category being introduced would be monitored throughout the season.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 State Championships – wrap up

- § Consensus was event ran well and noted in particular by Water Warriors that it ran on time attributed mainly to the new finishing system.
- § Standard of racing was considered excellent with good starts.
- § Question was asked if Provisional sweeps should be used during the State Championships as it was noted one went off course however corrected and finished in the correct lane. Agreed that it should be left up to the individual Clubs to decide.
- § Suggested to look into an electronic buzzer/alarm to replace the Starting gun which was not heard clearly across the Lake and perhaps to relocate the Starter to the pontoon.

Action: John

DBSA has a new Sweeps training program which will be trialled initially with some ASD paddlers in the next two weeks. Cost will be \$50 per participant and it would be an all-inclusive half day course. The paperwork will be processed on the day, questions answered and then Sweeps familiarisation training held in the boat. Upon completion they would be assessed as Sweeps Level '0'. This is to be followed up by 20 hours Club training and the Provisional assessment.

It is hoped that Clubs would take advantage of this program and that there were sufficient throughout the season for Clubs as new interest is expressed by participants in becoming a Sweep.

6.2 Nationals – wrap up

- § The Nationals feedback was that it was a well-run event however noted that the State medals had not yet been received.
- § The volunteers were excellent.

The question was asked if AusDBF had clarified the eligibility requirements for Clubs to qualify at the Perth Nationals for the Adelaide Worlds given that the rules were changed this season which was considered disappointing. Noted also that AusDBF did not respond to Adelaide Phoenix's correspondence seeking clarification on this and some SA clubs did not know whether they were actually eligible until the last day of registrations for the Nationals.

Suggested that Adelaide Phoenix resubmit their concerns through DBSA to AusDBF.

Action: Adelaide Phoenix

AusDBF granted a number of exemptions at the recent Nationals which were considered by some to be against the rules and unfair. Clarification would be sought on this.

6.3 Season 2014/15 Discussion papers

The discussion papers put forward earlier by Waiwilta, Black Dragons and Water Warriors were discussed at the Presidents' Forum held 12 May and on the table for consideration at this meeting.

- § In relation to the moving of the pontoons for the State Championships John Holland's preference as the organiser of this was for the status quo to remain whereby he has a ready list of experienced volunteers that he can call upon. Consideration to be given to scheduling volunteers to assist with the return of the pontoons after the event. The relocation on both occasions was weather dependent.
- § In relation to the relocation of the boats both to and from the course Clubs would be allocated this task on a rotational basis with 3 x Clubs to provide 6 x paddlers each to assist with this task. Agreed that regional Clubs would not be required to assist with this task.

§ Clubs were advised by DBSA that they were able to be regraded from Sports to B Grade upon seeking dispensation in writing and encouraged to consider this as it was hoped that there would be more teams competing in this grade next season.

Agreed that a minimum of four races would continue for B grade and that the amount of training required for this grade was up to the individual Clubs to set. Some Clubs said that they would consider this option.

§ The preference at the Presidents' Forum had been to maintain the State Championships as it had taken many years to get to the point where there were a sufficient number of participants to hold this event rather than reverting to individual race days throughout the season with points awarded over the whole season.

The consensus at this meeting was to also maintain the State Championships and that the current race plan should continue to speed up each race day.

§ The request from Waiwilta for the twilight event to be a 10s event and to commence at 3pm on the Saturday was noted and included in the race program.

§ Discussion held on inclusion of a 1km straight race and it was agreed to schedule this in on the 1st February instead of the turn race.

§ Those Clubs that submitted their papers were satisfied at the end of this Agenda item that their discussion points had been considered.

6.4 Season 2014/15

§ The letter received from the Port Vincent Tourism and Trades Association offering assistance to DBSA in coordinating a regatta there every two years and proposing dates was tabled by John Holland.

DBSA felt that this invitation was an attractive offer and that unless an event was held in a region it was unlikely that a Club would start up on its own and was seeking support from the Clubs for his event.

Clubs were asked if they would consider supporting this event or whether they only wanted one regional race day each season. There would need to be full support from the Clubs if it was to proceed.

It was noted that Goolwa is not in a position currently to organise a regatta however a long distance race may be considered by them.

Copper Coast were not in favour in particular of supporting another regional event at this location as it was easier for them to drive to Adelaide and the roads to this area were considered by them to be unsafe.

Some Clubs were not in favour given that there was no Club actually set up there.

The consensus was that an event at Port Vincent would best be held and supported at the end of the 2015 Nationals.

§ A vote was taken to seek Club feedback if races should continue to be held at Scullers Reserve as some Clubs had advised that they were not in favour of this venue and would not participate there in future.

The consensus was in favour to continue with this location.

§ Noted that the SANFL Grand Final was scheduled on the first race day however it was considered a good promotional opportunity.

§ The draft race program was then reviewed with various changes made and would be recirculated to Clubs for feedback one last time before being set in place.

Action: John

6.5 Meeting dates Season 2014/15

Clubs were in favour for RC meetings to be scheduled in the same manner on alternate Wednesday and Thursday nights 10 days prior to each race day where possible.

Action: Marie

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

§ The email from ASA dated 22 May 2014 responding to Waiwilta's Discussion paper had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was considered that the majority of points raised had been discussed earlier and addressed.

In relation to the high cost and waste of the State Championship medals John Holland noted that the Presidents were in favour of the below IDBF policy:

- 2 x boats – gold medal
- 3 x boats – gold and silver medals
- 4+ boats – gold, silver and bronze medals

Consensus was in favour for this which would allow for more than one year's supply to be ordered at a time which would reduce the overall cost. Currently DBSA is required to place an order in February and often medals are discarded given that there are not enough teams participating in a category.

The medals would now have a separate plaque insert which would be engraved with the particular category and could be readily placed inside the medals. Clubs or participants could then remove this plaque and mount it separately onto a display board rather than keeping the actual medals. Agreed to trial this for the next season before making a decision to only award the plaques with Clubs then able to ask DBSA for the respective number of medals that they might actually want for their paddlers.

§ The action item from the Presidents' Forum for the RC committee to ensure that "the Chief Officials have a clear and concrete understanding of what clear water and how turn races are supposed to be held" was discussed. In response it was noted that the rules had not changed on this so there was considered that no clarification was required.

§ Agreed that name tags would be checked only during the State Championships and not throughout the season.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is Thursday 21st August to be advised at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide. To be Chaired by: **Organising Club.**

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.