



MINUTES

Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 6 May 2015
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide

1 OPEN MEETING – 8PM

2 PRESENT:

§ ASA 1:	Steve Holt	§ ASD 1/DBSA	John Holland
§ ASA 2:	Nil	§ ASD 2:	Nil
§ Black Dragons 1:	Jennifer Cook	§ Power Blades 1 & 2:	Apology
§ Black Dragons 2:	Nil	§ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Apology
§ Waiwilta 1:	Michele Lennon	§ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Sean Carey
§ Waiwilta 2:	Apology	§ Coorong Dragons 1:	Apology
§ SADA 1:	Jan Bice	§ Copper Coast 1:	Apology
§ SADA 2:	Nil	§ Copper Coast 2:	Helen Tremayne
§ VDs 1&2:	Apology	§ Water Warriors 1:	Geoff Gray
§ Subsonix 1:	Jan Walsh	§ Water Warriors 1:	Apology
§ Subsonix 2:	Jack Salagaras	§ Warriors Abreast 1:	Liz Savill
§		§ BWRs 1 & 2:	Apology

APOLOGIES:

§ Copper Coast 1:	Stacey Golding	§ Victor Dragons 1&2:	
§ Waiwilta 2:	Jill Furmage	§ Warriors Abreast 2:	Ruth Rounsevell
§ Coorong Dragons 1:	Anne Simmons	§ ASA 2:	Raelene Sutton
§ Water Warriors 2:	David Watts	§ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Julia Johnston

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland – DBSA.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record. (*Moved: Geoff Gray and Seconded: Jennifer Cook*)

4 ACTION ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

NO.	ACTION
1	Ongoing. Remind Clubs to update Sweeps' races for season in SmartSpace by 30/4/15. § Advice of extension given to Clubs until 10/5/15.
2	Ongoing. Clubs to consider proposed race order in Policy 27 as to whether it would work for them and in favour of introducing next season. § To be emailed out with Minutes.
3	Actioned. Coordinate draft race program for 2015/16 and circulate for feedback.
4	Ongoing. Update Sweeps registers and circulate.
5	Ongoing. Clubs to discuss the number of volunteers required for the 2016 WCCCs (x 150) and to encourage their members to consider supporting this event by volunteering. A list to be maintained. § A number of committee members advised of their availability now as a result of their Nationals results.
6	Ongoing. Pat to schedule DBSA Volunteer training session once undertaken AusDBF initial training session.

7	Actioned. Clubs requested to come up with a list of volunteer names for Corporate events, for inclusion in a list to be held by Chris Wood for direct contact as required.
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5 BUSINESS ARISING

Noted that the 9th Asia Pacific Schools Games event would not include dragon boating in accordance with the risk assessment undertaken.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Season 2015/16 planning

The draft race program circulated prior to the meeting was discussed

- § The first three events including the Masters Games will be at the River Torrens with the second race to be relocated from Pinky Flat to Elder Park to take advantage of the OzAsia activity.
- § Date of Pub & Corporate Challenge is to be checked with Christine first.
Action: Jen/Sean
- § Draft program to be checked with Rowing SA for availability of Ramsay course.
Action: John
- § Agreed Senior C (Open/Women/Mixed) events would be incorporated into the normal race program.
- § Discussion held on the order that Clubs should be assigned race days to coordinated. Agreed would be in alphabetical order where applicable and events assigned accordingly. Waiwilta would not be included.
 - 13/09/15 Adelaide Phoenix
 - 27/09/15 Adelaide Sea Dragons
 - 24&25/10 Copper Coast
 - 22/11/15 Black Dragons
 - 05/12/15 ASA
 - 13/12/15 Coorong
 - 17/01/16 Powerblades
 - 31/01/16 SADA
 - 14/02/16 Subsonix
 - 06/03/16 Water Warriors

6.2 Port Vincent Challenge – wrap up

The details of this race day were discussed:

- § The event went extremely well, was considered to be an ideal venue and finished ahead of time. The launching from the beach was an easy process.
- § The number of Come N Try paddlers was at about 10 however there would have been more however a number of them left on the bus to go to the football in Adelaide.
- § The publican provided the trophies (magnums of red).
- § The consensus was in favour of the event being held again however the preferred timing for next season was for the first weekend in May to allow a sufficient break after the Dragons Down Under event.
- § An incident report would to be submitted by Coorong Dragons on one of their paddlers who was hospitalised.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- § Appreciation extended by Steve (& Mary-Ann) Holt to John Holland for their article in the recent edition of Dragons Breath about Mary-Ann Holt's health.
- § General consensus about the quality of the medals given out at the Nationals was most disappointing as they were of acrylic make and poor quality. It had been suggested to AusDBF that they use the same supplier as DBSA to no avail.
- § In relation to the Nationals Sean Carey expressed his disappointment with AusDBF over a number of incidents whereby racing rules were not followed. He felt that favouritism had played a part in recent Nationals with some interstate Clubs being given special consideration unduly and precedence had then been set as a result. It was disappointing to him that AusDBF did not learn from such occasions.

John Holland outlined the reasoning behind the decisions made by AusDBF to allow two interstate teams to compete despite them missing their respective heats. He noted also that the officials had all submitted their feedback on the event and these incidents in particular.

- § In addition Sean Carey noted dissatisfaction that AusDBF had allowed exemptions for some paddlers to compete with other Clubs if their own Club was not participating at the Nationals and this was despite DBSA previously advising that they were opposed to this. He felt there was no consistency with the decisions being made.

John Holland responded that a number of exemptions had been granted by AusDBF regardless of DBSA opposing this. In the end DBSA allowed SA paddlers to apply for exemptions to compete with other Clubs at this event.

- § One comment made was that the cost of competing at the Nationals was proving onerous and would discourage some Clubs from competing in future with some looking to compete overseas instead.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next Racing Committee meeting is Thursday 20 August 2015 at the Sailing Club, 1 Jenkins Street Port Adelaide. To be Chaired by: **ADELAIDE PHOENIX.**

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.