



## MINUTES

### Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 20 February 2020  
The Sailing Club – 1 Jenkins Street, Port Adelaide

#### 1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

#### 2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1:                | Julie Matson          | ▪ DAPL 1:           | Nil            |
| ▪ ASA 2:                | Michele Lennon        | ▪ DAPL 2:           | Nil            |
| ▪ ACDC 1 Dragon Fire:   | Chris Wood            | ▪ KIDS 1:           | Apology        |
| ▪ ACDC 2 Dragon Fire:   | Apology               | ▪ KIDS 2:           | Apology        |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1:   | Jason Thompson        | ▪ Powerblades 1:    | Nil            |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2:   | Nil                   | ▪ Powerblades 2:    | Luca Nicolotti |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1:  | Lyn Payne             | ▪ SADA 1:           | Rick French    |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 2:  | Cheryl Watson         | ▪ SADA 2:           | Nil            |
| ▪ Blade Runners 1&2:    | Julie & Steve Clinch  | ▪ Subsonix 1:       | Julie Lister   |
| ▪ Blade Runners 3:      | Sandy Douglas         | ▪ Subsonix 2:       | Ronnie Lane    |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Nil                   | ▪ Waiwilta 1&2:     | Nil            |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Raelene Fuller (ph)   | ▪ Water Warriors 1: | Tina Pupello   |
| ▪ Copper Coast 1:       | Valda Cooper (ph)     | ▪ Water Warriors 2: | Nil            |
| ▪ Copper Coast 2:       | Apology               | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1:  | Nil            |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1:    | Brigitte Chapman (ph) | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2:  | Nil            |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 2:    | Sue Jones (ph)        | ▪ Victor Dragons 1: | Rob Bowen      |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 1:        | Apology               | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Maxine Timbs   |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 2:        | Nil                   | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1:  | Apology        |
| ▪ DBSA:                 | Mick Cahill           | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2:  | Apology        |

#### APOLOGIES

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| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Kearney Sieberhage | DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn |
| ▪ ACDC 2:             | John Holland       |                |           |

The meeting was chaired by Ronnie Lane (Subsonix) with the traditional owners of the land acknowledged.

#### 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

##### MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 22 January 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Steve Clinch and Seconded: Tina Pupello

CARRIED.

#### 4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

NO	ACTION	DUE	ACTION	STATUS
1	Follow up with Board there being no Volunteer Coordinator managing the volunteers throughout the day or chasing up Clubs who did not provide one.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Board meeting	Vi	Ongoing
2	Include on Task List – Volunteer Coordinator	ASAP	Marie	Done
3	Arrange for trophies to be engraved for Corporate Cup.	Before race day	Vi	Done
4	Provide list of where items are to be placed in the trailer to Marie for passing on to Tina.	ASAP	Julie	Done
5	Advise WW Maintenance Rep of issue with broken hinge on a seat in the caravan.	ASAP	Tina	Ongoing
6	Follow up Paul O'Sullivan re mention made of him taking a boat and trailer over to the Hat regatta.	ASAP	Vi	Done

7	Submit report back to RC on recommendation for process for Clubs to form a composite team when unable to enter their own 20s team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed would be done after the WWs Issues paper is discussed at this meeting.</li> </ul>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan meeting	Tina	After Issues paper
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## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 02/02/20 – 20s over 200m + Corporate Cup – feedback

- Suggestions for Corporate Event next season:
  - To be held on a separate race day as it is too hard to organise crews and often the DBSA paddlers/sweeps have to go from one race straight into a club race delaying the starts.
  - That an information sheet listing the things corporate paddlers needed to be aware of whilst in the boat would be a good idea.
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- Report from Dennis Whitford:
  - “The regatta finished nearly 2 hours over schedule (race 20 was scrubbed to make up some lost time). Jennifer Bould has gathered opinion on the reasons for this (and other issues) and may convey this in due course”.

#### Chief Official's report

- Comments re sweeping – Ronnie Lane noted the Sweeps Committee had discussed the same issues noting that many Sweeps have let their standards slip and efforts should be made to raise this level. Training sessions are not just for paddlers, they are also for sweeps to practice their skills. Sweeps should be practicing lining up at a buoy, steering in a straight line, looking behind them when reversing and being aware of other water users around them. Sweeps should stand whilst steering, do head counts when leaving and returning to shore.
- When finishing a race (at Aquatic) boats 1&2 should turn right to shore & the rest turn left & head for shore as quickly and safely as possible.
- These comments to be relayed back the Clubs please – Action: All RC Delegates”  
**Action: Delegates (#8)**
- Rolling starts – points noted however in response Sandy Douglas advised that he often has problems with Sweeps ignoring his instructions and they may not necessarily be aware that the boats are not lined up in order. Additionally, the boats when coming up to the Start line are often aimed at each other. He noted he needed to put more control into his voice to ensure the Sweeps are reacting accordingly.
- Rolling starts – noted some Sweeps would be oblivious as to how they should be done.
- Boat landings – noted the boats often came in too close together on the beach. They needed to be further apart. The Shore Boat Numbers (stakes onshore) are to be spaced further apart (particularly when windy) so boats have more room when leaving/returning to shore (to avoid collisions)
- Suggestion – teams waiting for the next race should wait up on the walkway rather than crowd the beach when incoming boats return.
- Unqualified Teams – these should be clearly marked on the Race Draw and on the Race Results sheet.
- Unqualified teams – suggested that they should be allocated outside lanes – it was noted that the software program would need to be amended to do this, however Mick Cahill said this would be possible and he would follow up with Denis Whitford. **Action: Mick (#9)**
- Unqualified teams 2km races – agreed to trial them taking off 1 minute after the last team (fastest) takes off,.

### 5.2 Task list – feedback/changes

- Nil.

#### 5.2.1 Feedback from Sue Smith – re caravan

- Circulated prior to the meeting. Of note:
  - The main key provided to each Club for The Sailing Club accesses the inside key box which has the key to the double gates. Clubs to be advised.  
**Action: Delegates (#10)**
  - Parking the caravan where trailer is would not work as the boat trailer is in the way.
  - Good idea to suggest two people wheel the caravan out first on to the road and do the reverse on the return trip.
  - Noted comment that a large 4-wheel drive is not needed.

- DBSA (Mick Cahill) was working on producing a task list for the caravan to provide some guidance.

### 5.3 01/03/20 – 10s – planning

- Chief Official – noted Jennifer Bould will stand in until approximately 11am when Steve Clinch takes over.
- Agreed races with 5 boats or less will be a final, with the exception of the Open Age categories (open/women/mixed) which will have a heat and final. This will mean 20 races plus B Grade and Juniors.
- 7 x boats to be used.
- Reminder given that as Clubs would generally know their team composition by the RC meeting that dispensation should be sought at this meeting rather than on the day at the C&S meeting. Noted however that there were often last minute changes which were unavoidable requiring the need on the day to seek dispensation.
- Agreed that decisions made at the RC meeting should not be overruled at the C&S meeting and that it was important therefore that RC Delegates from each Club attend.

### 5.4 Sweeping up Requests

- Nil.

### 5.5 Hat regatta – feedback

- Noted was a fun weekend, well organised under such adverse conditions and that Clubs should feel proud of their input and assistance. Was held differently to others. Support given at the dinner and presentation of monetary donations from DBSA and Clubs was fantastic.
- Noted at PF meeting the night prior that Mary-Alice Swan (KIDS) was appreciative of the support given and they were working out the best way to spend or allocate the funds donated to them.
- Raelene Fuller – supported previous comments and agreed that the event was fantastic under the circumstances. For regional Clubs the regatta going to various locations was proving to be an important event for them and should be supported on the DBSA calendar each year. The comradery and fun level of competition at each event needed to be supported.

### 5.6 State Champs – team entries / paddlers (6 March) – planning

- Noted Clubs have been asked to provide the names of their paddlers who will be competing at this event so that they can be printed on to the hoody. An email reminder will be sent to Clubs to provide this in an Excel spreadsheet by 6 March.

### 5.7 State Champs – pontoon relocation - volunteers

- Noted volunteers would be required to assist with moving the pontoon on Saturday 21 March at 3pm. Rick French, Steve Clinch and Michele Lennon all volunteered to assist.
- Volunteers will be required on Saturday 28th March (after racing) to help move the pontoons in readiness for the next day's racing and again in the week following to return the pontoons to their correct position.

### 5.8 State Champs – trophies (to be returned / polished)

- Reminder given of the need to polish, engrave and return any trophies to The Sailing Club before the event. **Action: Clubs (#11)**

### 5.9 Email from Tina Pupello

- The following email was discussed:

*Hi Marie,*

*Dennis is only doing what he does for the race days whilst his partner is continuing to paddle with Powerblades. She is talking of not continuing next season.*

*I would like to know if the race committee or DBSA would consider covering Dennis's time for preparing race day info in the future (once they both leave)?*

*Can we bring this up at our next meeting?*

*Regards Tina Pupello*

- Agreed to find out what his intentions are first for next season as to whether he would be interested in continuing in the role and under what circumstances. **Action: Tina (#12)**

## 6 DBSA – update

### 6.1 Level 1 AusDBF Coaching course – 2&3 May

- Reminder given that registrations are open for this event with spaces available.

## 6.2 Alcohol free regattas – reminder

- Reminder given that alcohol is not to be consumed until event is officially declared “closed”.

## 6.3 First Aid course – nurses / doctors’ requirement – update

- Noted DBSA Sweeps’ committee meeting decided:
  - “That Doctors and Nurses would not have to do a First Aid course however they must submit a copy of their current registration.”

## 6.4 Volunteers’ training day – Sat 22 Feb – reminder

- Noted due to increased numbers that the venue has changed to Angle Park Fire Station (training room).
- The DBSA banners will be placed at front entrance as venue may be difficult to find.
- Attendees advised not to put address in the GPS as will direct to another suburb.

## 6.5 Sweeps’ training – Sun 10 May

- Noted is the last one for the season with no one registered yet.
- Importance of having a refresher course for all Sweeps was noted and supported.

## 6.6 Juniors – lane allocation

- Noted that the Juniors seem to get the same lanes and were seeking some experience in the other lanes. Agreed to look at this for next race day.

## 6.7 AusChamps 2022 – Adelaide – 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – 12<sup>th</sup> Apr

- Noted would now not be held over Easter at the suggestion of AusDBF as it is often much more expensive to coordinate given the public holidays.

## 6.8 Water Warriors – discussion paper

- Discussed at length.
- Noted again the importance of Clubs coming to the RC meeting prior instead of seeking last minute dispensation on the day to race with either a composite crew or less than the minimum number of paddlers allowed.
- Rick French advised that DBSA Policy #5 – Conditions of Entry to Races stated the following:

<p>4. Team Events</p> <p>4.1 20's Team</p> <p>a) A 20's team will consist of a <i>minimum</i> of 18 participants, 16 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 sweep.</p> <p>4.2 10's Team</p> <p>b) A 10's dragon boat may carry up to ten (10) paddlers, minimum of eight (8) paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 sweep.</p>
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- Noted that at an earlier RC meeting that the committee had agreed to follow AusDBF / IDBF rules that required a minimum of 18 paddlers.
- Agreed to adopt the current DBSA Policy (#05).
- Question was asked as what was the minimum number of paddlers allowed in a 20s boat with differing viewpoints put forward over “participation” being encouraged over the “rules” in place.
- Noted consideration would be given for any non-qualifying team, provided it did not impact on the program regarding needing additional heats/repechage.
- Agreed to wait on Tina Pupello to submit her ideas for the formation of composite teams for consideration for next season.

## 6.9 Next season request – Waikerie event

- Discussed.

## 6.10 SA Regional Masters Games 2021 – Copper Coast

- Congratulations extended.
- Noted was the same date as the AusChamps scheduled in Perth however not all teams would be participating in that event.

## 6.11 Purnong Water Regatta and Floatfest 14&15 Mar

- Noted the Sunday is the next race day and that it was unlikely that any Clubs would participate in this event.

## 7 AusDBF – update

- Noted any photos of previous AusChamps would be welcomed and are to be sent to Julie Clinch for possible inclusion in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book being produced by the AusDBF Historical committee.

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Upcoming race day – noted Julie Clinch and Sandy Douglas will not be there until 11am and that an alternate Starter would be needed.
- Starter – noted Tim White from Black Sea Dragons had volunteered for the next race day.
- Starter – if Tim White could do this role all day then Julie Clinch and Sandy Douglas would take care of Marshalling so that Sandy could gain experience in this.
- Regional Masters Games Copper Coast 2021 – noted are being held over Easter when the AusChamps are scheduled.
- The following announcements were made at the recent Presidents' Forum:
  - Julie Lister was appointed as DBSA Flag Bearer at the upcoming AusChamps.
  - Team Manager – Ronnie Lane (Subsonix)
  - Boat Captain – Ladies A – Leigh-Ann Hendry (ACDC)
  - Boat Captain – Ladies B – Suse Berman (ACDC)
  - Boat Captain – Ladies C – Denise Schinella (Powerblades)
  - Boat Captain – Mens A – Willy Paku (Subsonix)
  - Boat Captain – Mens B – Jeremy Sanders (ACDC)
- Julie Lister advised that these Boat Captains had not yet been given the opportunity to accept the position as the nominees had only just gone to the DSBA Board and approved.

## 9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for Wednesday 4 March 2020 with Black Sea Dragons to Chair.

Remaining meetings:

- Wed 18-Mar (DBSA) – State Championships.

## 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.

## ACTION ITEMS

NO	ACTION	DUE	WHO	STATUS
8	Clubs to take back comments about Sweeping issues.	ASAP	RC Delegates	
9	Follow up with Dennis Rosevear how composite teams can be entered into software program so they have an outside lane and are not included in the mix of results.	ASAP	Mick Cahill	
10	Remind Club members that the key to the double gate at The Sailing Club can be accessed via the key lock inside by using the general access key.	ASAP	RC Delegates	
11	Reminder given of the need to polish, engrave and return any trophies to The Sailing Club before the event	ASAP	RC Delegates	
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