

# DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES



## Racing Committee Meeting

7pm Wednesday 24 June 2020  
Via Zoom and at The Sailing Club

### 1 MEETING OPEN – 7pm

### 2 PRESENT:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ▪ ASA 1:                | Julie Matson        | ▪ DA Adelaide 1:    | Jo Hamlyn          |
| ▪ ASA 2:                | Michele Lennon      | ▪ DA Adelaide 2:    | Francesca French   |
| ▪ ASA 3:                | Steve Holt          | ▪ KIDS 1:           | Mary-Alice Swan    |
| ▪ ASA Mannum:           | Colleen Walker      | ▪ KIDS 2:           | Nil                |
| ▪ ACDC 1 Dragon Fire:   | Sharon Knights      | ▪ Powerblades 3:    | Neil Parker        |
| ▪ ACDC 2 Dragon Fire:   | John Holland        | ▪ Powerblades 1&2:  | Apology            |
| ▪ ACDC 3 Dragon Fire:   | Chris Wood          | ▪ SADA 1:           | Rick French        |
| ▪ ACDC GRD 1:           | Jerry Sanders       | ▪ SADA 2:           | Heather Wingard    |
| ▪ ACDC GRD 2:           | Christine Graham    | ▪ SADA 3:           | Julieanne Kuhlmann |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1:   | Jason Thompson      | ▪ SADA 4:           | Pat Doogue         |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2:   | Kearney Sieberhagen | ▪ Subsonix 1:       | Julie Lister       |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1:  | Lyn Payne           | ▪ Subsonix 2:       | Ronnie Lane        |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 2:  | Cheryl Watson       | ▪ Subsonix 3:       | Michael Petrovs    |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 3:  | Chris Payne         | ▪ Waiwilta 1:       | John Klopp         |
| ▪ Blade Runners 1:      | Julie Clinch        | ▪ Waiwilta 2:       | Chris Anderson     |
| ▪ Blade Runners 2:      | Steve Clinch        | ▪ Water Warriors 1: | Tina Pupello       |
| ▪ Blade Runners 3:      | Sandy Douglas       | ▪ Water Warriors 2: | Chris Kelley       |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Raelene Fuller      | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1:  | Liz Hunkin         |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Nil                 | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2:  | Jill Harvey        |
| ▪ Copper Coast 1:       | Valda Cooper        | ▪ Vicki's Pride 3:  | Sandra Bennett     |
| ▪ Copper Coast 2:       | Nil                 | ▪ Victor Dragons 1: | Rob Bowen          |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1:    | Brigitte Chapman    | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Apology            |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 2:    | Roylene Nixon       | ▪ DBSA:             | Allison Bretones   |
| ▪ DAPL 1:               | Sandy Jansen        | ▪ DBSA:             | Maria Darby        |
| ▪ DAPL 2:               | Nil                 | ▪ DBSA:             | Kat Reid           |
| ▪ DBSA:                 | Peter Button        | ▪ DBSA:             | Jennifer Bould     |

### APOLOGIES

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| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1: | Sue Jones      | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Maxine Timbs |
| ▪ Powerblades 1:     | Avi Kleinburd  | ▪ Victor Dragons 3: | Les Sharp    |
| ▪ Powerblades 2:     | Luca Nicolotti |                     |              |

The meeting was chaired by Peter Button (DBSA).

### 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:  
 THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 27 May 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
 Moved: Sharon Knights and Seconded: Michele Lennon                      CARRIED.

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

NO	ACTION	DUE	WHO	STATUS
23	Come back to next meeting with preference of racing either: (a) Open, Open A, Open B and Open C or (b) Open, 40+ and 55+.	24 <sup>th</sup> June meeting	Clubs	Done
24	Circulate 20/21 CPA form and remind Clubs of new Early-Bird period and not to register new paddlers until advised by DBSA.	ASAP	Marie	Done

NO	ONGOING ACTIONS	DUE	WHO	STATUS
9	Come back to next meeting with position on composite teams noting NSW arrangement.	24 <sup>th</sup> June meeting	CLUBS	Done
19	Follow up Council on ability for Clubs to set up tents on the circular driveway (with the palm trees). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow up to be had with Council over misunderstanding in their email response.</li> </ul>	ASAP	Peter	Ongoing
22	Provide clarification to paddlers on difference between Volunteers and Officials roles.	ASAP	DBSA	Done

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 Return to sport – COVID-19 Risk Management Plan

Peter Button advised of the process involved to get the plan and accompanying documentation produced noting that it involved being part of an AusDBF working group. Of note:

- Documentation was being updated and circulated over time as the situation changes.
- Copy of documentation is kept in a folder at Aquatic Reserve for Clubs to access.
- Clubs required to complete Return to Paddling declaration and submit to DBSA. They need to detail their COVID contact and President on the form however can appoint back up contacts within their Club.
- Clubs required to maintain and keep their own training attendance records forms for each session.
- Noted is now a dramatic increase in the capacity to have people at venues.
- Club feedback was sought and appreciation extended to those who responded.
- Signage has been printed for both training venues and cleaning equipment made available.
- Onus is on Clubs to manage their training sessions, social distance and cleaning regime.
- Clubs warned that there is a fine of up to \$5,000 which can be imposed on Peter Button as the DBSA Responsible Person should there be any breaches. Noted this could readily be cascaded down to the offending Club.
- Reminder given to adhere to the plan.
- Details of the online COVID Safe Sport Coach certification was circulated to Clubs and they were encouraged to undertake this brief 30 minute course.
- Noted online course said it was mandatory for a thermo heat scanner to be used at each session however was not a requirement in the plan. To be followed up. **Action: Allison (#25)**
- Noted training can commence tomorrow for those Clubs who have submitted a Return to Paddling declaration with the same training roster at end of season to be in place.
- There is to be no sharing of boats and sessions will need to be cut short to allow time for cleaning of the boats and have the boat/s returned in time for the next booking. There is no option to extend the length of the training session at this stage.
- Boats to be washed down with the equipment provided and rinsed with water (up on the grass at Aquatic).
- Boat Booking and Training Roster document to be circulated. **Action: Marie (#26)**
- There is to be no training on the Torrens until otherwise advised.
- Noted that from 1 July 2020 there is no exemption from DPTI for life jackets at West Lakes and they must be worn at night by all paddlers. DPTI are now querying why this exemption is in place and imposing a lot of conditions which are being addressed by the Board.
- Life jackets – agreed Clubs to audit their own stocks and advise DBSA of their requirements and once the final audit has been done they will be distributed accordingly. In the meantime they are to be cleaned between use. **Action: Kat (#27)**

### 5.2 Race program – review

The draft race program was reviewed and race days set. **Action: Marie (#28)**

Noted that the Council was no longer allowing two events to be held on the same course, on the same day, unless they are held two hours' apart. Triathlon SA has booked the rowing course on Sunday 28 March 2020 and is looking into whether they can change this to the Sunday prior to avoid doubling up with the State Championships.

The Council requires all dates for Aquatic Reserve to be advised to them by Friday 3 July as they will be placing a "Community Sign" on this reserve for the community, residents and business to be aware of.

Given this a decision was sought on the following options for the State Championships scheduled for 27 & 28 March 2021:

▪ Option 1:	Change dates to Easter
▪ Option 2:	Split over Sunday 21 and Saturday 27
▪ Option 3:	Same dates Saturday Ramsay and Sunday Aquatic

Option 3 was the majority vote.

Discussion was then held on whether to hold the 200m or 500m racing at Ramsay on the Saturday. A vote was taken as follows:

▪ Option 1:	Saturday Ramsay – 200m / Sunday Aquatic – 500m
▪ Option 2:	Saturday Ramsay – 500m / Sunday Aquatic – 200m

Option 1 was the majority vote.

Noted should Triathlon SA agree to change their date that the venue for both days will remain at Ramsay.

### 5.3 Race program – categories

Discussion was held on the categories to be held with varying viewpoints put forward. A vote was taken as follows:

▪ Option 1:	Premiers, Senior A, Senior B and Senior C
▪ Option 2:	Premiers, 40+ and 55+
▪ Option 3:	Premiers, 40-60, 60+

Option 1 was the majority vote.

### 5.4 Meeting schedule – Club allocation

The draft meeting schedule was reviewed with metropolitan Clubs allocated an event accordingly. Schedule to be circulated. **Action: Marie (#29)**

### 5.5 Issues paper – 2km race start

The issues paper from Neil Parker concerning the inconsistencies with 2km starts of timing and starting was discussed.

In addition he noted that there is a program available from Phil Eagle (FinishLynx) which can be added at little cost to capture the time when boats cross the line at the start and finish.

Jennifer Bould noted that Rowing SA have a time trial model which they use for their rowers when they cross the line.

Noted that for this race that dragon boats start from a standing start so this system would not be suitable.

Noted that AusDBF would be operating a standing start also at the AusChamps.

The general consensus was that the race was a Sweeps' race and it was up to them to get the line on time with rolling starts giving some teams an advantage and to be in step with AusDBF.

Comment was made that it was important to have the Starter in the power boat at the start however this precluded them from getting quickly to the first turn. Some Starters were in favour of this and some on remaining on the shore for this very reason.

Noted that it was up to the Sweeps' to listen to the Starter's instructions and that time penalties would apply for any Sweep crossing the line early.

A vote was taken as follows:

▪ Option 1:	No change.
▪ Option 2:	Change.

Noted there was no need for a vote on Option 2 as the majority of Clubs were in favour of Option 1.

Agreed that the Sweeps' committee would review this to set the rules and standards for this race. **Action: Ronnie (#30)**

## 5.6 DBSA Policy #011 – Starts & Starting Procedure

Noted.

## 5.7 Composite teams – Subsonix paper

The paper submitted by Subsonix as a base for discussion was reviewed. The following proposal and criteria were discussed:

*Proposal*

**That composite crews to support participation of paddlers in 20's crew racing is trialed in the 2020/21 season within specific criteria.**

Criteria:

- Composite crews can only race in regattas and not at State Championships
- This doesn't impact on the existing informal arrangements where regional clubs combine at regional events such as Wallaroo or Round the Island and qualified sweeps support regional clubs
- That composite crews relate to all distances for 20's crews only
- The crew will race 'not for points' and will race in an outside lane for 200m and 500m and start 1 minute after the last boat in 2000m
- There can be no more than 3 composite crews in any one race category
- Participation can only be if there are lanes in the heat / final available without creating additional races (doesn't extend the program)
- All composite crews must be notified too and discussed at the Race Committee meeting so the program can be finalised (no composite crew late entries)
- Composite crews support regional participation at all distances:
  - Where a CBD club cannot fulfil a full crew minimum of 16 paddlers, the shortfall can be represented by regional paddlers
  - Any number of Regional teams / paddlers can combine

Varying viewpoints were put noting that not all B-Grade teams were regional.

Reassurance was sought from Regional Clubs that they would still support metropolitan race days as a team also.

Agreed to revisit the clearance policy to protect regional Clubs. **Action: Board (#31)**

Agreed that requests to form composite teams would only be considered at the RC meeting prior and exemptions only for emergency reasons would be considered at the Captains' & Sweeps' meeting on the day (ie sick Drummer needing replacement).

The Recommendation to the Board is that the proposal was endorsed along with the Criteria except for the removal of the last paragraph below:

- *This excludes two CBD clubs combining to create a composite team (CBD clubs should be encouraged to recruit or offer participation / experience by all their paddlers irrespective of experience and ability).*

MOVED: C. KELLEY and SECONDED: J. LISTER

THAT the RC recommends that the Proposal and Criteria submitted in the Composite Teams paper by Subsonix be endorsed by DBSA except for the removal of the following paragraph.

- This excludes two CBD clubs combining to create a composite team (CBD clubs should be encouraged to recruit or offer participation / experience by all their paddlers irrespective of experience and ability).

CARRIED.

**Action: Marie (#32)**

Discussion was held on whether a composite team could facilitate an event happening if only two teams were entered. Agreed this would need to be agreed upon at the RC meeting prior and would only happen if it could be fitted in without requiring an additional race.

Appreciation was extended to Subsonix for producing this document.

## 5.8 Volunteer Skills Matrix

Noted this document was produced to list separately the various tasks required by volunteers and officials on a race day.

Clubs were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the various tasks.

### **5.9 Clearance reminder**

Reminder given to Clubs to ensure that they check when registering paddlers if they have paddled previously with another Club and seek a clearance prior to registering this. Noted it is not to be done via Revolutionise Sport.

### **5.10 Reminder for Clubs to purchase their own radios**

Clubs encouraged to purchase their own radios prior to next season.

### **5.11 Vogolonga update**

The following advice was circulated to Clubs prior to the meeting from Vogolonga organisers:

- There will be a cap on the number of craft (50) and/or participants (300) whichever is reached first. So, if you know anyone who is think of registering for our first event, tell them to register ASAP.
- We will not be doing a formal Ceremonial Start and Procession from the starting point (Goolwa Aquatic Club) to the Wharf area along the port side of the river as originally envisaged. Participants who have registered to do the Main Course will simply depart from the GAC and head east across the Goolwa Channel before proceeding upriver to Currency Creek along the Hindmarsh Island (starboard) side of the river returning on the Goolwa township side of the river back to the GAC - effectively following normal nautical rules keeping to starboard. Participants who have registered for the Short Course will head from the GAC directly across the Goolwa Channel to the entrance to Coorong Quays (as has always been the case) and follow the Short Course route as per our website. We'll save the Ceremonial Start and Procession for the Wooden Boat Festival in April 2021.
- There will be no fancy or formal Welcome to Country for the inaugural event (gotta save some pennies) but there will certainly be an acknowledgement of the local custodians, the Ngarrindjeri people, whose ancestors were the first to paddle on the Goolwa channel in dugout canoes.

## **6 DBSA – update**

### **6.1 Sweeps' & Drummers' training – TBA**

Noted dates would be set at the next meeting on Thursday.

Confirmation to be given to Neil Parker if Lyn Sparkes and Mark Harvey have their Sweeps' qualification. **Action: Ronnie (#33)**

## **7 AusDBF - Update – UPDATE**

### **7.1 Level 1 AusDBF Coaching course – Sat 22 & Sun 23 August**

Reminder given of new dates and requirement to register again.

Noted those who have registered with ASC for the online course component previously and cannot remember their password are requested to register again.

### **7.2 Level 1 AusDBF Officials Course – Sat 15 August**

Reminder given of new date and requirement to register again.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Neil Parker noted that Powerblades have towed trailers the last 2-3 times to Wallaroo for the Copper Coast Challenge and asked if any other Club would be prepared to assist this year.

The response given was that this should not be an issue and would be discussed during that specific planning meeting.

- Sharon Knights asked for next meeting if discussion could be held on reversing the race order so that Premiers can race first for the season to allow them to leave early. **Action: Marie (#34)**
- Chris Payne queried if first aid courses were currently being held as he was required to undertake this for his sweeps' accreditation.

The response given was that as long as a Sweep was registered for a course then they would be considered to be compliant.

## **9 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will is scheduled for 8pm on Wednesday 2 September 2021 at The Sailing Club and via Zoom.

## **10 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:13pm.

## ACTION ITEMS

NO	NEW ACTIONS	DUE	WHO	STATUS
25	Follow up if thermo heat scanner is needed for training sessions.	ASAP	Allison	Done
26	Circulate Boat Booking and Training Roster.	ASAP	Marie	Done
27	Audit own stocks of life jackets and advise Kat Reid of qty of DBSA life jackets to borrow during COVID.	ASAP	Clubs / Kat	
28	Circulate and upload race program.	ASAP	Marie	Done
29	Circulate and upload revised RC Meeting schedule.	ASAP	Marie	Done
30	Review rules and standards for the Peter Bristow race around starts and penalties to be imposed.	ASAP	Sweeps' Committee	
31	Revisit the clearance policy to protect regional Clubs.	Next meeting	Board	
32	Take RC Recommendation re the proposal and criteria in the Subsonix paper reformation of Composite teams to DBSA Board with amendment as noted.	ASAP	Marie	Done
33	Advise Neil Parker if Lyn Sparkes and Mark Harvey have their Sweeps' qualifications.	ASAP	Ronnie	
34	Place on next Agenda discussion on Premiers racing up first so they can leave early.	Next Agenda	Marie	Done
NO	ONGOING ACTIONS	DUE	WHO	STATUS
19	Follow up Council email response re ability for Clubs to set up tents on the circular driveway (with the palm trees).	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Peter	