

# DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES (v2)



## Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 3 March 2021  
At the Sailing Club and via Zoom

### 1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

#### 2 PRESENT:

▪ ASA 1:	Michele Lennon	▪ KIDS 1:	Nil
▪ ASA 2:	Michael Rehbein	▪ KIDS 2:	Nil
▪ ACDC DF 3:	Chris Wood	▪ Mannum Dragons 1:	Apology
▪ ACDC DF 2:	Sharon Knights	▪ Mannum Dragons 2:	Apology
▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Nil	▪ Powerblades 1:	Neil Parker (Z)
▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Jason Thompson (Z)	▪ Powerblades 2:	Avi Kleinburd (Z)
▪ Black Sea Dragons 1:	Lyn Payne	▪ SADA 1:	Pat Doogue (Z)
▪ Black Sea Dragons 2:	Cheryl Watson	▪ SADA 2:	Rick French
▪ Blade Runners 1:	Apology	▪ Subsonix 1:	Ronnie Lane
▪ Blade Runners 2:	Sandy Douglas (Z)	▪ Subsonix 2:	Julie Lister
▪ Blue Water Raiders 1:	Apology	▪ Waiwilta 1:	Nil
▪ Blue Water Raiders 2:	Terral Coote (Z)	▪ Waiwilta 2:	Nil
▪ Copper Coast 1:	Valda Cooper (Z)	▪ Water Warriors 1:	Nil
▪ Copper Coast 2:	Chris Wolf (Z)	▪ Water Warriors 2:	Chris Kelley (Z)
▪ Coorong Dragons 1:	Brigitte Chapman (Z)	▪ Vicki's Pride 1:	Sandra Bennett (Z)
▪ Coorong Dragons 2:	Apology	▪ Vicki's Pride 2:	Julie Davies (Z)
▪ DAPL 1:	Apology	▪ Victor Dragons 1:	Rob Bowen (Z)
▪ DAPL 2:	Nil	▪ Victor Dragons 2:	Maxine Timbs (Z)
▪ DA Adelaide 1:	Jo Hamlyn (Z)	▪ DBSA:	Mick Cahill
▪ DA Adelaide 2:	Nil		

#### APOLOGIES

▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Leigh Woodrow	▪ Mannum Dragons 1:	Colleen Walker
▪ DAPL 1:	Sandy Jansen	▪ Mannum Dragons 2:	Julie Metcalfe
▪ Coorong Dragons 2:	Sue Jones	▪ Blue Water Raiders:	Raelene Fuller
▪ ACDC DF 1:	John Holland	▪ Blade Runners 1:	Julie Clinch

The meeting was chaired by Lyn Payne – Black Sea Dragons.

### 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 18 February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record. MOVED: Ronnie Lane and SECONDED: Rick French
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### 4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
77	Seek a ruling from Sweep Committee for State Champs if a B-grade team can borrow a Sweep from another Club if they have their own already who is paddling instead of sweeping. ▪ Agreed Sweep Committee to provide a ruling on this after their next meeting on 9 March.	RC meeting 17-Mar	Sweep C'ttee	Ongoing
78	Clubs to consider above position and come back to 17-Mar RC meeting with their thoughts.	RC meeting 17-Mar	Clubs	Ongoing
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61	At end of season review tasks required to set up and pack up the caravan within and produce a procedure.	Season end	DBSA	Season end

70	Fence of boat ramp on remaining race days.	Next race days	Neil	Ongoing
71	Follow up with AusDBF re status of entry of incident reports in RevSport to report back up to DBSA and AusDBF.	ASAP	John	Ongoing
76	Set up a signing sheet for allocation of race day vests so they can be followed up for return each day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Uncertainty if this was done for the last race day.</li> </ul>	B4 next race day	Jennifer	Ongoing

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 Sun 28/2/21 – s 200m + 2000m – feedback

- One comment made was that the starts were good.
- Ronnie Lane said with respect to the comments in the Chief Official's report re the Race Draw coming out late, that it was important to bear in mind not to criticize the person doing it when Clubs were not submitting their entries in time and changing them at the last minute. This resulted in the actual draw looking quite different from what was agreed upon at the race meeting with there being at least 12 changes which were not agreed upon.
- Noted Clubs needed to be more organised and have their entries in as is usually done and to follow the policy where they need to be in prior to the meting so can be discussed. There was only a maximum of x6 boats at the RC meeting and there ended up being x7 which added more races to the programs.
- Chris Kelley advised extending the deadline to the Friday night after the meeting allowed Clubs another chance to enter another category and that changes have always been made either during the race day or at the Captains' & Sweeps' (C&S) meeting. He felt it was common sense to make those changes and noted that it had always been done. It also happened at AusDBF events.
- Ronnie Lane advised this went against what was agreed upon in the Minutes at earlier meetings when a decision made at the RC meeting could not be reversed at the C&S meeting.
- Chris Kelly advised that option had always been available and the rules say you adapt things.
- Rick French – said this should not be done before the first race and under perfect conditions – there was no need.
- Neil Parker – noted it was unfair on Dennis Whitford to continue to change the versions on him. When repechages resulted, it elongated the program out to 3:30pm or later, with it being lucky there was no wind as it finished about 15 minutes late which most people did not want.
- Chris Wood enquired if this could have been overcome if when asking the organising Club to make the changes that everyone was included in the discussion.
- Lyn Payne said a quick email could have been sent around seeking feedback then on what everyone wants to do when the number of boats had changed.
- Julie Lister reminded everyone that when they attend the RC meeting that they should have an idea of what races they are going to enter and should have done so noting there were Clubs who had not entered any races whatsoever. It was not possible to make a decision then which is what started the changes.
- Chris Kelly responded that he agreed but asked what more can the organising Club do.
- Agreed: to go with what is agreed upon at the RC meeting with the organising Club checking on the Friday night the entries and if there are drastic changes to send an email to the committee seeking feedback.
- Ronnie Lane noted that the issue in RevSport of the 1000m race entries having to be changed to 2000m entries left the door open for Clubs to make other changes which compounded the issue resulting in the draw coming out late.
- Consensus was that it was hoped it would not happen again.
- Ronnie Lane said she did not understand why Clubs were changing the race program at the C&S so early in the day when it was a nice calm day. The time to load and unload boats was extended. She felt it did not matter later when the program was busy and adjustments could be made dependent on the conditions and noted that not many RC delegates attend the C&S meeting so it was important to ensure the RC Minutes were circulated to the entire Club to ensure everyone is on board.
- Rick French noted that he did not understand Julie Clinch's policy in that boats are to go down and wait 50 metres back from the Start line and then come into the Start together when there were perfectly calm conditions. He had discussions with her and could not see her point of view and felt this held the race day up.
- Chris Kelly advised that it was not what was done at most nationals as boats back into a pontoon.
- Ronnie Lane agreed especially at the beginning of the day when it was so calm and felt it could have been reviewed throughout the day.

- Chris Kelly said there were other things that extended the day and agreed noting that Drummers not allowed to use the Drummers' toggles to keep the boat straight which was what they were placed there for.
- Pat Doogue advised that he has been appointed at Starter for the next race day and would be seeking clarification from Julie Clinch on this ruling as he considered waiting 50m at the other end was a waste of time. The reasoning in that where there are Provisional Sweeps under pressure would only happen in very few races. He will direct Sweeps to come around and go straight in.
- The RC committee agreed that they would obey the Starter's instructions.
- Chris Kelly advised that there is an element of common sense dependent on the weather.
- Lyn Payne asked whose job is it to book the Starter as Tim White had already been approached. The Race Committee members present all agreed that it was up to the organising Club as has always been the case.
- Pat Doogue advised that Julie Clinch had taken it upon as Volunteer Coordinator to organise the Volunteers and Officials as she was trying to get the latter to move through the various tasks on a race day to become qualified at the next Official level. As a result Tim White was doing a few other tasks instead of Starting however he felt he needed some training on the Start.
- Sandy Douglas advised that the late entries resulted in Dennis being unable to get everything sorted until about race 10 when he was able to step out of the caravan and take a breather.
- Sandy Douglas noticed that teams were waiting right up until the end of the race before marshalling and loading an available boat which meant that those crews who were trying to reverse out from shore delayed those boats from the previous race from coming into shore. He felt there needed to be something to stop boats reversing out whilst boats are coming in to avoid there being any potential risk of injury or incident.
- Agreed that the convention is for outgoing boats to take precedence over incoming boats.
- Chris Kelley said it was up to Clubs to be more diligent in boat loading and crews needed to be organised better.
- Sandy Douglas said his observation was that Clubs were waiting in their tents and should have been out on the water instead of waiting until the previous race is over.
- Pat Doogue said that the transit lane is used unfortunately for boats coming home on the 2km race making it a bit difficult but the directive given was to marshal in the tent. He felt however once they were marshalled, they could relocate nearer to the shore in preparation to load.

#### 5.1.2 Chief Official's report

- Noted.

### 5.2 14/3/21 – 20s over 500m + 2000m

#### 5.2.1 Planning

- Noted ASA and Phoenix not participating.
- 7 x Clubs participating
- Agreed: 4 x boats in a category will be a straight final.
- 20 minutes between races.
- Agreed: ACDC could have a Senior B Mixed 'non qualifying' crew enter and this would still result in a straight final if only x4 boats racing.
- Julie Lister queried why the Womens 2000m race during the day was not so popular and if it was not being supported because of it being held then. She asked if it could be held at the end of the program with the Mens' 2000m race.
- Agreed: that for this race day that the Open 20s and Womens 20 2000m races would be combined with the Women to start first.
- Agreed: to review the order next season for 2000m races and to swap them around.
- Noted Blade Runners would be entering the B-Grade category and that they have 2 x teams with the same crew.
- Sandy Douglas advise they were only racing in both categories to qualify for the State Championships however to reduce the race program they were willing if approved, to have only one race per category rather than the four for each.
- Agreed: to program four races for B-Grade for each category.
- Noted there was no race day sponsor.
- Lyn Payne advised that the Task List needed to be updated as on the last race day it was their action to turn on the radios in the office and the list underneath relating to toilet paper supply related to the wrong number. Should have been #28 not #27.
- Pat Doogue said that the task to supply a radio to the Starter's tent should be done by the Starter to work out how many radios were needed and equipment.

**Action: Marie (#79)**

### 5.2.2 Sweeping up requests

- Neil Parker said that their Sweep (Therese Kennedy) First Aid certificate had expired and as the next course is not until May that she could not Sweep.
- Noted that as long as she was registered for the upcoming course then she would be eligible to Sweep.

### 5.2.4 Provisional sweeps – any?

- None.

### 5.3 State Champs – update

- Noted that a 'non qualifying' team could not enter.
- Chris Kelly advised that with respect to the request to return the trophies that the ones held by Water Warriors were very old and not in a good condition with some of them not identifying the actual distance raced. He noted that for one category that they won there was no trophy received. He suggested that a discussion be held if the trophies actually meant anything to Clubs or to ask the Board to decide what events needed trophies and to perhaps start with new trophies. **Action: Board (#80)**
- Pat Doogue advised that if any trophies needed repairing that Clubs should arrange this and seek reimbursement on the appropriate form.
- Michele Lennon advised that ASA are looking for 2 x BCS paddlers.

### 5.3 17/04/21 – Regional Masters Games – update

Valda Cooper provided an update.

- Noted emails were being sent to as many as possible within a Club to promote the event.
- Future Masters – much work going on in the background with Studio Vino sponsoring and providing a t-shirt for those 25-39. Julie Lister and Vi Duong would do the coaching with Clubs urged to encourage others of this age group to register.
- A team called the Roaring 50s has been set up for those floaters not in a team however this Senior B (10s) category could change to Senior A if needed to get everyone into the team.
- Bulletin will be released by the Council to those who have registered.
- Currently nearly 90 registered and expecting around 120.

## 6 DBSA – update

### 6.1 Sweep & Drummer Course

- Set for Saturday 1 May.

### 6.2 First Aid course

- Noted new date of Sunday 23 May.

### 6.3 End of Season function

- Set for Saturday 29 May

### 6.4 Council edict – email

- Noted.

## 7 AusDBF – update

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

- Noted whilst it was quiet with the hammering of the tent pegs that it was noisy with some hammering in the star dropper poles. Upon asking them to wait until 9am one person continued.
- Noted the hammering of tent pegs can be done after 8am as it was only the microphone that could not be used before 9am.

## 8 Safety

- Sharon Knights advised that ACDC was not aware of the light hanging off from the trailer and had informed DBSA of this.

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Noted Vi Duong was seeking volunteers to assist with a Dragon Boat Excursion for up to 128 high school students on Thursday 18 March 2021 from 8:30am -12 noon.
- Michael Rehbein sought clarification for their Club on what to do if a paddler or their partner did not wish to sign in at all with a QR code or to manually register. The consensus was to just include their name on the list.

- Sandy Douglas advised that Blade Runners had provided x5 volunteers at the last race day and as they were racing at the next race day, they would be limited in how many they could supply and encouraged Clubs to ensure that they provide a volunteer.

#### 10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 8pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at The Sailing Club and via Zoom. DBSA to Chair.

#### 11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9pm.

### ACTION ITEMS

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
79	Change Task List as noted re radios and equipment to Start tent being done by the Starter and reference of #27 to #28.	ASAP	Marie	Done
80	Review trophy allocation and status of them for next season.	ASAP	Board	
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