

DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES (v1)



Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 6 May 2021
At the Sailing Club and via Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Michele Lennon | ▪ KIDS 1: | Mary-Alice Swan |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Michael Rehbein | ▪ KIDS 2: | Sharon Clark |
| ▪ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland | ▪ Mannum Dragons 1: | Colleen Walker (Z) |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum Dragons 2: | Julie Metcalfe (Z) |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Apology | ▪ Powerblades 1: | Neil Parker (Z) |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Nil | ▪ Powerblades 2: | Dalia Sweeny |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ SADA 1: | Rick French |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 2: | Cheryl Watson | ▪ SADA 2: | Pat Doogue (Z) |
| ▪ 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: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ Copper Coast 1: | Valda Cooper (Z) | ▪ Water Warriors 1: | Nil |
| ▪ Copper Coast 2: | Apology | ▪ Water Warriors 2: | Chris Kelley (Z) |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1: | Brigitte Chapman (Z) | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1: | Apology |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 2: | Sue Jones (Z) | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandy Jansen (Z) | ▪ Victor Dragons 1: | Rob Bowen |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Maxine Timbs |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ DBSA: | Mick Cahill |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 2: | Nil | ▪ DBSA: | Peter Button |

APOLOGIES

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| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Raelene Fuller | ▪ Copper Coast 2: | Chris Wolf |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Terral Coote | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Leigh Woodrow | ▪ Blade Runners 1: | Julie Clinch |

The meeting was chaired by Peter Button – DBSA.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 17 March 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record:

Action: Marie (#81)

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
81	Amend RC Minutes of 3-Mar as noted.	ASAP	Marie	Done
82	Produce new draft template for race day report by Chief Official.	Next season	DBSA	Done
83	Revisit Task List for next season.	Next season	RC	Next season
84	Take Umpire Boat to Aquatic by 4pm for towing of boats to course.	Fri 26-Mar	Neil	Done
85	Clubs to provide 2 people to assist with towing of boats to course.	Fri 26-Mar	CLUBS	Done
86	Find tow rope and 2x sets of boat numbers.	Fri 26-Mar	Peter	Done
87	Tow caravan to A M Ramsay Regatta Course for States.	Sat 27-Mar	Peter	Done

88	Volunteers needed (x3) to assist with pontoon move on Sat at 3:30pm at Finish Line pontoon.	Sat 20-Mar	CLUBS	Done
89	Circulate Tent Mud Map for both days.	Thu 25-Mar	DBSA	Done
NO	ONGOING	DUE	WHO	STATUS
61	At end of season review tasks required to set up and pack up the caravan within and produce a procedure.	Season end	DBSA	Ongoing
80	Review trophy allocation and status of them for next season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted all trophies were requested to be returned prior to the States for inspection. ▪ A register will be maintained and new shields procured as needed with winners to be presented at upcoming end-of-year dinner. ▪ New shields will be purchased also as needed as categories change. 	ASAP	Board	Done

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 27&28 March – State Champs – feedback

5.1.1 Feedback

- Consensus was it was an excellent event.
- Noted review to be done prior to next season to manage the return of boats at the end of the event and if back-to-back categories would be raced to reduce the delays.
- Suggested next event to have 1-2 volunteers positioned on the pontoon on a rotational roster in case there are any issues with the boats or paddlers.
- Noted DBSA were not requested by Rowing SA to assist with the relocation of the pontoon after the event although willing to assist.
- Agreed to revert to scheduling the first race day on the Sunday as Race #1.
- Appreciation was extended to those who provided feedback on the race program.
- Noted positioning of tents was good.

5.2 17/4/21 – Regional Masters Games – feedback

- Consensus was it was a fantastic event.
- Appreciation extended to Valda Cooper and the support team.
- Due to large number of races scheduled it was evident quickly that the program would need to be amended.
- Noted due to AusChamps not being held more metropolitan teams attended possibly depriving the regional teams of medals which was unfortunate.
- Appreciation extended to Valda Cooper and John Holland for producing the race program after numerous changes and the technological issues as part of this.
- Noted Sport SA have now started sourcing another provider for the registration system.

5.3 16/5/21 – Vogalonga

- Noted.

5.4 2021/22 Season – planning

5.4.1 Discussion re categories next season

- Noted several Clubs and individuals provided feedback on their preference for categories and race scheduling.

5.4.2 Feedback from last race day brought forward

- Clive Grant noted it was frustrating when the race program is behind and said “Clubs should be diligent when marshalling as the sport needed to be overall more professional. He noted there was a ruling previously which said if a team was not at the Start line within 3 minutes of the scheduled start time that they would be disqualified but noted this would not work if the race program was behind schedule as all teams would be penalised. It could be set at a certain time after the previous race finishes instead.
- Agreed to discuss further when planning for next season.

5.4.3 Race program – setting of

- The draft race program was reviewed. Of note:
 - Reminder that Clubs only need to participate at one sanctioned event to qualify for the State Championships.

- Discussion held on scheduling of so many 2km races each race day as often leads to delays however allows some Clubs to have a break. Agreed to revisit when planning and perhaps alternate them.
- Agreed to revert to “Premier” in lieu of “Open Age”.
- Suggested plans for this season should not be based on the last season as that was impacted by Covid.
- John Holland suggested looking at 40+ and 60+ age categories and reported on the following categories being held interstate:
 - 🇺🇸 WA – Premier Only
 - 🇦🇨 ACT – Premier only but State Champs have Seniors
 - 🇶🇩 QLD – Premier only but State Champs have 40+ and 55+
 - 🇻🇮 Vic – Premier only (trailing a different handicap system)
 - 🇳🇸 NSW – Premier only but they race only Standard Boats (20s) – State champs have Premier (Open, Women Mixed) Senior A (Open, Women, Mixed) and Senior B (Mixed) – all Standard Boats.

He suggested that DBSA should consider talking to DBVIC to find out about their handicap system and that he was trying to get membership figures for the 40, 50 and 65 ages for DBSA to work out what categories should be offered.
- Chris Kelley advised one of WWs paddlers was doing some work on age groups raced and noted that the percentage of Premiers is comparable to other states.
- Noted due to noise complaints received from the Council and stronger focus being placed around this that one event should be scheduled at Scullers Reserve.
- Question was asked as to what did listing ‘regional focus’ against some race categories actually mean. The response given it was to encourage them to attend specific race days so that there could be more races held amongst them. Noted regional teams are welcome to attend any race day. Agreed DBSA to investigate what can be done or offered to encourage this. **Action: Board (#90)**
- Reminder given that B-Grade teams can enter any race day regardless of the distance.
- Corporate Challenge – discussion on holding separately but not possible this season due to scheduling issues. Hat regatta – expressions of interest to be sent. **Action: Board (#91)**
- Regional Masters Games (Tatiara) – date conflict noted with AusChamps however some regional teams may still participate along with some nearby Victorian Clubs. Sport SA contacted to remind them to contact DBSA in future to avoid this with response given that the organisers were supposed to have done this. They will endeavour to ensure that it does not occur again.
- OzAsia event – scheduled for 21 October – 7 November. Follow up to be had for planning purposes. **Action: Board (#92)**

5.4.4 Breast Cancer 10s – 200m race days

- Noted has dropped of the last few seasons and would be reintroduced.
- Would allow for composite teams and to race against the B-Grade however pointed out that BCS paddlers may be racing at the same time so should be kept separate (e.g. there will be paddlers from other B Grade clubs other than DAA that will form part of composite teams with ASA).
- Noted category name is being reviewed and AusDBF will provide an update on this after 24 June so that the correct terminology is used.

5.4.5 Volunteers’ planning – discussion

- Agreed to hold over discussion to the upcoming Presidents’ Forum and seek clarity.

5.4.5 Race venues – Aquatic noise complaint issues

- Noted meeting is scheduled with Council to temper this issue and work through practicalities given upcoming season and AusChamps.

5.4.6 Club tents – pegs to be used at Aquatic

- Clubs agreed to abide by the Council request to not use tent pegs before 9am and to use water weights or sandbags instead.

5.4.7 Chief Official's Report template – discussion

- Consensus was the current version is unnecessary and that the Chief Official should just provide a brief summary of the day via use of bullet points.
- Any issues addressed should include a solution to resolve.
- Feedback welcomed prior to first race day.

5.4.8 Race fees – race days (\$11) and State Champs (\$16.50)

- Noted.

5.4.9 18/2/21 meeting. Relocation of Umpire's Boat to/from course – causing accidents to some vehicles etc. Noted this task would be revisited next year when planning for the next season as there is an expectation that Clubs assigned with the task will have access to a 4-wheel drive which is not necessarily the case

- Noted Powerblades are producing a procedure on taking the boat in and out of the shipping container.
- Noted the Boatshed at Aquatic Reserve will be in the throes of renovation early in the season and expected to be completed by the end of the year. Allison Bretones will be attending a planning meeting next week. Concept plans have been released and additional storage facilities are being sought.

5.4.10 Task List – review

- Agreed to revisit reviewing the Task List at the next meeting with suggestion given that Clubs be allocated some tasks for the entire season:
 - Powerblades offered to do the Safety Boat
 - Subsonix offered to the 200m start line.
- Reminder given to include the 2000m race turn buoys (+50m). Noted this was already included.
- Agreed to combine all of the “organising Club” actions under the one section.
Action: Marie (#93)

6 DBSA – update

6.1 First Aid course – Sun 23 May

- Noted there are 18 registered with two vacancies.

6.2 End of Season function – Sat 29 May

- Scheduled at Glenelg Golf Club.

6.3 Merlin paddles – fundraising raffle for junior development

- Merlin paddles fund raising – funds going toward junior development

6.4 Sweeps' mock race starts training – discussion

- Noted will be discussed at upcoming Sweeps' meeting.
- Suggested Sweep Committee consider sending reminder to Clubs to train their Sweeps using buoys and pontoons where possible.

6.5 Status of PFD exemption

- Noted current exemption expires 30 June and would be followed up despite previous response that this would be the last season. **Action: Board (#94)**

6.6 RC Charter

- Noted updated version had been circulated.
- Suggested that it be amended to:
 - “Decisions will be made by consensus and if a consensus majority is not able to be reached DBSA is to be consulted for the decision.” **Action: Marie (#95)**

7 AusDBF – update

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

- Noted there are x11 registered and the cut-off date was 30 April.
- Noted email would be sent by John Holland to participants advising them of the course pre-requisites.

8 Safety

- Nil issues.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Question asked as to when the next AusDBF Level 1 Coaching course would be held with the response given that it would be in May 2022.
- Wine prizes – noted the presentations at the end of the day were often not well attended with end of race day tasks being undertaken. Agreed to hold presentations immediately after the last race to encourage more attendees.
- Noted that the trialling of composite teams for 20s racing was finished for the season. Agreed to continue going forward to encourage participation.
- Boat allocation race days – agreed to continue to assign set boat/s.
- John Holland noted he used to arrange the sale of paddles on behalf of DBSA who are no longer doing this and that ACDC are now offering the same paddles at the same price.
- Wallaroo Marina Challenge – agreed that it would be a “non-qualifying” event.
- Question asked if a new fleet of boats would be purchased after AusChamps. Response given was that this was being discussed at upcoming AusChamps meeting. Noted the new Chinese boats were of a might higher standard than the current ones.
- Boat maintenance – Clubs to undertake during off season as allocated (website).
- Agenda items – recommended cut-off date of 2-days prior to meeting.
- Meeting days – requested to evenly spread meetings from Tue-Thu. Noted this was not always possible due to DBSA meeting schedule.
- Maintenance of boats - stick to boat number allocation on website.
- Noted DBSA would be rotating the boats from The Sailing Club and Torrens Boatshed through Aquatic to extend their lives.

10 NEXT MEETING

- Agreed to hold another season planning meeting prior to setting the first organising meeting.
Action: Marie (#96)

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

ACTION ITEMS

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
90	Investigate options to incentivise Regional Clubs to attend 'regional focus' days.	Next season	DBSA	
91	Send out EOI for Hat Regatta hosting.	ASAP	DBSA	
92	OzAsia – follow up organisers for date / involvement.	ASAP	DBSA	
93	Task List – combine all organising Club actions under the one section.	Next RC meeting	Marie	
94	Follow up DIT for an extension to life jacket exemption.	ASAP	DBSA	
95	Amend RC Charter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o “Decisions will be made by consensus and if a consensus majority is not able to be reached DBSA is to be consulted for the decision.” 	ASAP	Marie	
96	Schedule race planning meeting as well as RC meeting dates.	ASAP	Marie	
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