

DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES (v1)



Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Wednesday 29 September 2021

At the Sailing Club and via Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Michele Lennon | ▪ KIDS 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Michael Rehbein | ▪ KIDS 2: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland | ▪ Mannum Dragons 1: | Alison Barr – Z |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum Dragons 2: | Apology |
| ▪ ACDC DF 3: | Sharon Knights | ▪ Powerblades 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Jason Thompson – Z | ▪ Powerblades 2: | Jenny Rosevear – Z |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Leigh Woodrow – Z | ▪ SADA 1: | Rick French |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 3: | Sam Kelsh – Z | ▪ SADA 2: | Nil |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Lyn Payne – Z | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 2: | Cheryl Watson – Z | ▪ Subsonix 3: | Les Crawford |
| ▪ Blade Runners 1: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Brian Taylor |
| ▪ Blade Runners 2: | Sandy Douglas – Z | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Apology | ▪ Water Warriors 1: | Jacky Smith |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Nil | ▪ Water Warriors 2: | Meegan Ballantyne |
| ▪ Copper Coast 1: | Chris Wolf – Z | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1: | Liz Hunkin |
| ▪ Copper Coast 2: | Jane Gersch – Z | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2: | Nil |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1: | Brigitte Chapman – Z | ▪ Victor Dragons 1: | Les Sharp |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 2: | Sue Jones – Z | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Apology |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen – Z | ▪ DBSA: | Mick Cahill |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn |
| | | ▪ DA Adelaide 2: | Nil |

APOLOGIES

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| ▪ Blade Runners 1: | Julie Clinch | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Jeanne Hateley | ▪ Blue Water Raiders: | Terral Coote |
| ▪ Subsonix 2: | Julie Lister | ▪ Mannum Dragons 2: | Julie Metcalfe – Z |

The meeting was chaired by Neil Parker (Powerblades).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION
 THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 16 September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:
 ▪ Agenda item #5.3 – revert back to version 1 notes re Water Warriors discussion points.
 Moved: R. French and Seconded: R. Lane CARRIED.

Action: Marie (#118)

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – 16/9/21				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
114	Upload amended Minutes of 31 August meeting with changes made re Neil Parker taking the safety boat only for Aquatic events at this stage.	ASAP	Marie	Done
115	Come back to next RC meeting with a position on rescheduling Round #1 to the cancelled OzAsia weekend on the Sunday, 24 th October.	Wed 29-Sep	CLUBS	Done

116	<p>Update Task List to address looks like 2 separate actions for preparing/launching boats, is this duplication or is it for 2 different venues? (#46/47 & #57/58)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update was given on the changes made to date by Sandy Douglas to the Task List. ▪ Noted #46/47 and #57/58 were duplicates and this would be fixed. Action: Sandy (#119) ▪ Clubs encouraged to advise Sandy of any amendments required at any stage. 	ASAP	Sandy Douglas	
117	<p>Update Task List to note the 2 x tents in the caravan have been relocated to the office at Aquatic and Task list needed to reflect this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion made for the toilet paper supplies to be placed in the office and not in the caravan. 	ASAP	Sandy Douglas	Done

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 26/9/21 – Round 2 – 20s over 200m + 2000m – feedback

5.1.1 Feedback – Race draw / RevSport

- Noted new race program is difficult to read, did not indicate which crews were composite or non-qualifying crews and the results were not showing from first to last.
- The race results sheet required a sort through to find out who had the fastest time, did not indicate non-qualifying crews, composite crews or any 'did not finish' crews. Noted this would make it hard when organising the State Championships program for lane allocation.
- Noted most Clubs were not happy with this new format.
- Question asked if it was possible for the RC to be advised by the Board of the process with the use of RevSport to produce the race draw as to how it works from start to the finish and whether the Organising Club could continue to produce the old format of the race draw and that could be used for **input to RevSport**.
Action: Board (#120)
- Ronnie Lane advised she went to the initial DBSA meeting to help plan the race draw via RevSport for the first race day, and had stated then that it was easier to produce the draw in the normal manner and then key this into RevSport. Ronnie did the race draw in the usual format for this to be input directly to RevSport, however this was ignored.
- Noted the RevSport draw did not allow teams that qualified better in a Heat (where racing for lanes) to get a better lane in the Final and that the race program rules were being ignored.
- DAA noted were not happy with the first race day draw with being scheduled for six races in the first 10 races and some back-to-back racing. Suggested should have been spread throughout the day.
- It was understood that the Board was working through the new process and that this was a work in progress.
- Noted C&S meeting ended up being run by Julie Clinch. There was no reference given to Drummers, Covid or the 2km rules.
- Noted the C&S meeting cannot overturn decisions made by the RC because most in attendance are not RC delegates and are not aware of previous RC discussions. This had previously been agreed at the RC meeting on 20Feb20 – see Minutes.

5.1.2 General

- Race starter – noted PBs had to end up using their coach to assist as Starter for the race day due to there being none available. They said if this was to continue then a Club not racing in the first 4-5 races should be the reserve Starter and then again for the next group of races and so on throughout the day.
- Discussion held on why there were not enough Starters on the day and in general with the response being that there were insufficient volunteers trained for this or willing to take on this role as some preferred to race. Suggested call be placed to Clubs for more Starters.

5.1.2 Sandy Douglas – points:

- The following points were raised for discussion:
 1. A query, for clarification by the RC, Who runs the captains & sweeps meeting, is it the organising club or the Chief Official of the day?
 - Noted it is meant to the Chief Official however on the last race day the Finish Line Judge took over.
 2. *Composite* crews, as approved by the RC, must be notified to person doing the program, any changes agreed at the Captains & Sweeps meeting must be communicated to the caravan staff prior to Race 1.
 - Discussion was then held on the difference between a composite crew and a non-qualifying crew with the suggestion put that there should be a clear policy on this.
 - Agreed that composite crews are to be approved at the race committee meeting prior and not at the C&S meeting.
 - Ronnie Lane advised that this had been discussed previously and agreed at the RC meeting on 24 June 2020 and below is the extract with the submission to be circulated with the Minutes. **Action: Marie (#121)**

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.

- Noted replacements could be sought at the C&S meeting for a Sweep or Drummer but only if it was a last minute type situation (i.e. sickness **on** the day) and if it was a paddler, then it would be considered a non-qualifying crew.
 - Noted at the C&S meeting that discussion should just be on last minute pertinent items to be bedded down.
3. As they need a reminder that COVID sign-ins still apply, whether by QR code or physical sheet with appropriate details OR are we using the crew lists as the sign-in sheet, if so then signatures will need to be added to the crew lists.
- Noted Clubs are to maintain their own Covid sign-in sheet and to submit a separate Team List to the Race Secretariat.
4. In the *new* automated system, while it is still not fully functional, is it possible to have clubs paddle in outside lanes, not for points, they won't even get a time recorded? They may still have to meet minimums (so composite OK) crew requirements or not as decided by RC.
- Noted this could not be answered at this stage as it was not known.
5. I understand that once it is fully operational any boat crossing the line may interfere with accurate results and that this won't be possible, this needs to be made clear to the members of the RC (and Club Presidents). This may alleviate Water Warriors at least until it is fully automated.
- Noted this implied that until RevSport and FinishLynx can talk with each other that the order of finish over the line is not necessarily the correct order as there may be times when a composite crew, or racing "not for points" crew could finish before a race crew.
 - Noted that the system needs to be able to identify the non-qualifying crew so when seeding for the final that they are placed in the outside lane and that this current format of the race draw is missing some of the previous key features.
6. Suggestion: Crew lists need to be a standard document, not as currently with each club handing in what they think works for them.
- Noted that there are different formats being submitted by Clubs with no consistency.
 - Agreed that RevSport is to be used to produce the Crew list.

5.1.3 General

- The following agenda item from Julie Lister had been circulated for discussion:

Good afternoon

I would like a discussion tabling at the Race Committee meeting in relation to the authority and decision making of the Race Committee.

My question is: Why do we have a race committee that supposedly is there to make decisions relating to the program of events, consider exceptions and have round the table votes if they are then to be overturned on the day by others who lack knowledge and should not be placed in a position to make such a decision.

At the RC meeting for the 26th September race day, Water Warriors requested the ability to place a ladies boat into the Premier ladies 20's with only 14 paddlers and race not for points. This was discussed including the option of fielding a composite crew with 2 other paddlers which WW refused and a 'no' response made, meaning they were excluded by a round the table vote from entering a boat and racing in the Premier ladies.

At the sweeps and captains meeting, WW put forward a request to enter a boat into the ladies Premier race with 11 paddlers (not even the initial 14) and race not for points. At the sweeps and captains meeting those present are not likely to be race committee members, are not aware of previous discussions and agreements and potentially easily influenced by the manner in which some requests are made. At the sweeps and captains meeting WW were then allowed to race and the RC decision overruled.

Personally I think WW intentionally did the wrong thing in undermining the RC decision and although the first race of the season, this occurred on numerous occasions last season. In my view it seems one rule for one and another for others. Subsonix did not on the day have the legal 16 paddlers for C mixed and withdrew from the event as per the rules.

Whilst I support participation and this is not about WW per say this is about the process and decisions made by the RC, the rules of racing and how easily they get overturned.

With the new system and finishing system I am not even sure whether going into the future ad hoc boats can race and if not, this which would alleviate the issue but the current process needs review and agreement. Should decisions of the RC be over ruled on the actual day?

- This was discussed again and agreed decisions should not be overturned. (See RC Minutes of 20Feb20.)
- Agreed that a mistake was made and endeavour should be for this not to occur again.

5.2 Task List – any changes

- Agreed to include task for Club managing parking to allocate a parking space for the announcer. **Action: Sandy (#122)**
- Sandy Douglas advised that he hoped the Task List by the end of the season in this new format would not need any further amendments.

5.3 10/10/21 – Round 3 – 10s over 500m + 2000m – planning

- Noted that it had been agreed at the first meeting to trial for two race days only and then revisit the race category order. As this was Round #3 and even though Round #1 was cancelled, a vote was taken whether it should be trialled again this round.

5.1.3 Race category order discussion

The following order was agreed upon to trial for the first two race days:

- Senior B, Premier, Senior C, Senior A, B-Grade, Juniors.
- If no B-Grade an extra 10 minutes will be scheduled as a break.

The outcome was in favour of trialling this again for Round #3 and it would be revisited at the next RC meeting (vote to be taken for the remainder of the season).

- Noted ASA – Senior B Mixed and Senior C Mixed would be non-qualifying.
- BSD – noted is waiting on Board approval for some of their women to be reclassified to B-Grade and were seeking approval at this meeting for them to race as a non-qualifying crew. Approved.

- Question was asked would DBSA again be producing the race draw for this round and for the entire season as some felt it was only going to be trialled for the first two race days. Noted they would be doing so for the next race day with clarification to be sought from the Board on the rest of the season. **Action: Marie (#123)**
- Suggested that B-Grade, Juniors and BCS race together.
- Noted any non-qualifying crew in the 2000m is to race one minute after the last boat.
- Reminder given that 2000m races are to be scheduled 1/3 and 2/3 through the race draw.
- All races to be Finals, except the Premier categories.
- Chief Official – to be advised.

5.4 Sweeping up requests

The following sweeping up requests were approved for this race day:

- ASA – Brian Taylor (Waiwilta) to Sweep so he can qualify to Level 3.
- WWs – Joe Cryer & Leonie Mouthaan – Premiers to Senior A.
- PBs – Janetta Angel – Senior B Women to Senior C Women.
- PBs – Neil Parker – Senior B to Senior C.

5.5 Wallaroo Marina Challenge – update

Chris Wolf discussed arrangements:

- Noted various approvals in place (Council, landowners, marina).
- Portable toilets booked.
- BBQ booked.
- Volunteers being sorted.
- Clubs to provide a volunteer to assist with any manual recording required via stop watches on the Finish line if equipment not available.
- Umpire's Boat – have their own and finalising having x2 people in this boat.
- Coffee van to be arranged.
- Finalising the course.
- Boats – noted x4 DBSA boats to be taken up. Clubs to consider assisting noting that DBSA will cover fuel and car hire costs if needed to tow the x2 trailers. To be revisited next meeting.
- Boat launch / retrieval – agreed Clubs to be tasked with assisting with this rather than leaving to volunteers.
- Presentations – to be held once boats have been loaded on the trailers so everyone can participate.
- Caravan – noted PBs would take this.
- WWs – offered to provide assistance on the Friday if needed as they would be there early.
- WWs – asked if BBQ could be running after the last race which would be followed up with Rotary.

5.6 Round 1 – rescheduling – organising Club

Discussion held on whether this race day should be rescheduled to Sunday 24 October with a vote taken and the majority being in favour.

ACDC and ASA offered to coordinate the race day.

Noted date has been tentatively booked with the Charles Sturt Council for Aquatic Reserve.

Discussion held on whether the venue should be the River Torrens or Aquatic Reserve with a vote taken and the majority being in favour of the latter.

Agreed RC meeting date to be set for Thursday 14 October. **Action: Marie (#124)**

Agreed that the BOM weather forecast at 4pm on the Saturday/prior day is the one that should be checked to ensure there is no inclement weather scheduled before any consideration to cancel the race day.

5.7 WWs – advocates for Premier Racing

Jacky Smith spoke to her paper advocating for Premier racing.

Their main concern was that participation for this age group was declining and would do so further if not supported and that this category should be given the same opportunity to race in an equitable and inclusive fashion.

Reference was made by them to the Strategic Plan and various DBSA policies supporting their argument as listed below and these would be circulated with the Minutes:

Document 1. Discussion Points

Document 2. Issues Paper Jan 2020

Document 3. Minutes pertaining to the outcome of the Issues Paper (6.8)

Document 4. Screen Grab of RevSport 2km Entries

Document 5. Race Day Organisation Draws Issue

Document 6. Page 4 of our Strategic Plan

Document 7. Equity and Inclusivity Paper

Action: Marie (#125)

The paper was discussed with varying viewpoints put forward in favour and against.

Clubs agreed to review the various attachments and consider the viewpoints being put forward by Water Warriors. **Action: Clubs (#126)**

5.8 WWs 2km racing – WW wished to reverse the decision agreed by the RC at meeting on 31Aug21 regarding the 2km races. WW wished to reinstate the 3 x 2km races, being Premier Mixed, Open & Women. A vote was taken with the result being in favour of only the two x 2km races each race day, as previously agreed.

Agreed to check that 10s racing has Premier Open 2000m category available rather than Premier Women. **Action: Marie (#127)**

6 DBSA – update

- Nil report.

7 AusDBF

- Nil report.

8 SAFETY

- Neil Parker noted that Peter Button had advised that an exemption had been given by the Department for Infrastructure & Transport for the wearing of PFDs on race days from Round #4 onwards.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- DAA – sought clarification on the positioning of boats on the shore on race days and how they were numbered. Noted they were numbered in order of the Club tent location as follows:
 - #1 – ACDC, #2 – WW, #3 – Subsonix, #4 – Adelaide Phoenix, #5 – BSD, #6 – PBs, #7 – ASA, #8 – SADA, #9 – BRs/Regional Club #1, #10 – Regional Club #2.

Noted DAA could take one of the Regional Club positions or share a boat with another Club.

- Composite crews – noted none being entered this race day.

10 NEXT MEETING

- Scheduled for 8pm on Thursday 14 October 2021 with ASA & ACDC to Chair.

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:57pm.

RC meetings:

▪ Thu 14-Oct	▪ Wed 01-Dec	▪ Wed 09-Feb
▪ Tue 02-Nov	▪ Thu 06-Jan	▪ Wed 23-Feb
▪ Thu 18-Nov	▪ Tue 18-Jan	▪ Tue 15-Mar

ACTION ITEMS – 29/9/21				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
118	Amend 16-Sep Minutes to reflect first version for discussion at Agenda item #5.3 and upload.	ASAP	Marie	
119	Note duplicates of #46/47 and #57/58 – remove one.	ASAP	Sandy	
120	Ask Board: 1. if they can provide an update on RevSport / FinishLynx race draw status and overall plan for its use. 2. If Organising Club can continue to produce the race draw and provide this for the RevSport draw.	ASAP	Marie	
121	Circulate Subsonix's submission re Composite Crews with the Minutes.	ASAP	Marie	
122	Update Task List to have Club managing the parking to allocate a parking space for the announcer.	Next Race Day	Sandy Douglas	
123	Seek clarification from Board on the race draw for the rest of the season as to whether it will revert to Clubs organising or remain via RevSport.	ASAP	Marie	
124	Set additional RC meeting date for Thu 14-Oct.	1-Oct	Marie	
125	Circulate WWs various Agenda attachments to their discussion point #5.7 – advocates for Premier Racing.	ASAP	Marie	
126	Clubs to review WWs various attachments and consider their viewpoints being put forward re Premier racing.	Next meeting	CLUBS	
127	Check RevSport race categories for 10s days to ensure that 2000m Premiers race day is included and swap Women as needed.	ASAP	Marie	