

# DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES (v2)



## Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 14 October 2021  
At the Sailing Club and via Zoom

### 1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

### 2 PRESENT:

■ ASA 2:	Mary-Ann Holt – Z	■ DAPL 1:	Sandra Jansen – Z
■ ASA 3	Steve Holt – Z	■ DAPL 2:	Nil
■ ASA 2:	Michael Rehbein	■ KIDS 1:	Nil
■ ACDC DF 1:	John Holland	■ KIDS 2:	Nil
■ ACDC DF 2:	Chris Wood	■ Mannum Dragons 1:	Alison Barr – Z
■ ACDC DF 3:	Sharon Knights	■ Mannum Dragons 2:	Julie Metcalfe – Z
■ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Deb Grant	■ Powerblades 1:	Neil Parker – Z
■ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Clive Grant	■ Powerblades 2:	Nil
■ Black Sea Dragons 1:	Lyn Payne – Z	■ SADA 1:	Rick French
■ Black Sea Dragons 2:	Cheryl Watson – Z	■ SADA 3:	Pat Doogue – Z
■ Blade Runners 1:	Nil	■ Subsonix 1:	Ronnie Lane
■ Blade Runners 2:	Sandy Douglas – Z	■ Subsonix 2:	Julie Lister
■ Blue Water Raiders 1:	Nil	■ Waiwilta 1:	Nil
■ Blue Water Raiders 2:	Nil	■ Waiwilta 2:	Nil
■ Copper Coast 1:	Chris Wolf – Z	■ Water Warriors 1:	Jacky Smith – Z
■ Copper Coast 2:	Jane Gersch – Z	■ Water Warriors 2:	Apology
■ Coorong Dragons 1:	Brigitte Chapman – Z	■ Vicki's Pride 1:	Apology
■ Coorong Dragons 2:	Roylene Nixon	■ Vicki's Pride 2:	Apology
■ DA Adelaide 1:	Jo Hamlyn	■ Victor Dragons 3:	Linda Dehle – Z
■ DA Adelaide 2:	Nil	■ Victor Dragons 2:	Jeneanne Hateley - Z
		■ DBSA:	Julie Clinch

### APOLOGIES

■ ASA 1:	Michele Lennon	■ Victor Dragons 1:	Les Sharp
■ Adelaide Phoenix 1:	Jason Thompson	■ Vicki's Pride 1:	Liz Hunkin
■ Adelaide Phoenix 2:	Leigh Woodrow	■ Vicki's Pride 2:	Sandra Bennett
		■ Water Warriors 2:	Meegan Ballantyne

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland (ACDC).

### 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 29 September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:

Moved: R. French and Seconded: M. Rehbein CARRIED.

Action: Marie (#128)

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – 16/9/21				
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	Done

119	Note duplicates of #46/47 and #57/58 – remove one.	ASAP	Sandy	Done
120	<p>Ask Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. if they can provide an update on RevSport / FinishLynx race draw status and overall plan for its use.</li> <li>2. If Organising Club can continue to produce the race draw and provide this for the RevSport draw. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Julie Clinch read to a prepared statement outlining the Board response and noted this would be attached to the Minutes.</li> <li>▪ Noted in response that the RC committee was not actually disgruntled as it was felt that they had no knowledge of what was happening.</li> <li>▪ Question was asked about the Charter reviewed by the Board and sent out to Clubs, as it noted within that the Organising Club is to prepare the race draw which was against what was being proposed by the Board.</li> <li>▪ The question was asked as to why this could not continue and the final draw be handed to Jennifer Bould to then enter into RevSport. It was felt by some that the Clubs understood better how to do the seeding and this would relieve the workload from Jennifer.</li> <li>▪ Feedback was sought from attendees with the consensus being <b>in agreement that Clubs would do the race draw and send to Jennifer Bould for input into RevSport, ACDC to organise the next race draw for the coming race day. Agreed Friday 11.45pm was the cut-off time for RevSport – no entries after this time.</b></li> <li>▪ Question was asked as to why FinishLynx could not be used now. Julie Clinch responded that it had only just been returned from being upgraded and that they wanted to first trial it in the background for the next few races until comfortable with its use. It would also be trialled on the Saturday before the race day. Timekeepers would still be required for these race days. Noted the FinishLynx would be not sent to Wallaroo.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	ASAP	Marie	Done
121	Circulate Subsonix's submission re Composite Crews with the Minutes.	ASAP	Marie	Done
122	Update Task List to have Club managing the parking to allocate a parking space for the announcer.	Next Race Day	Sandy Douglas	Done
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	Done
124	Set additional RC meeting date for Thu 14-Oct.	1-Oct	Marie	Done
125	Circulate WWs various Agenda attachments to their discussion point #5.7 – advocates for Premier Racing.	ASAP	Marie	Done

126	<p>Clubs to review WWs various attachments and consider their viewpoints being put forward re Premier racing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rick French read to his prepared response and agreed to provide a copy with the Minutes. <b>Action: Rick (#129)</b></li> <li>▪ Ronnie Lane stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>“I agree with Rick's comments, they were very similar to ones I was going to raise, so pointless in repeating them</i></li> <li>○ <i>Water Warriors could train every day of the week if they wished, there were enough boats available for them to do so</i></li> <li>○ <i>On 20's race days they could form a composite team to meet the minimum numbers required by borrowing members from other clubs, there are plenty of paddlers about that could help them out</i></li> <li>○ <i>There are 4 x 10's &amp; 4 x 20's race days which is fair to all DBSA clubs, as ALL clubs need to be considered</i></li> <li>○ <i>We ALL need to be aware of Policy 008 Equity &amp; Inclusive Policy.”</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Next meeting	CLUBS	
127	<p>Check RevSport race categories for 10s days to ensure that 2000m Premier race day is included and swap Women as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted there was <b>some uncertainty this had</b> been done correctly so the correct 2km categories for the remainder of the season would be advised to Marie. <b>Action: Ronnie &amp; Julie L (#131)</b></li> </ul>	ASAP	Marie	Done

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 10/10/21 – Round 3 – 10s over 500m + 2000m – feedback

- Noted another wet and windy day with event cancelled early.
- Noted provisional Sweeps swept well as noted by the observers.
- Question asked as to why a rolling start was done for the first race which caused some confusion and they felt it was too early in the day to be necessary.
- Clarification given as to how rolling starts should work as there should be no direction to stop the boat and then start. Sweeps are to come in together (roll in) & start racing on the Starter's instructions.
- Question asked as to why rolling starts were needed when there is a southerly wind blowing straight down the course.
- Noted the seeding for Subsonix one of the two crews in the Premier Mixed 2km was incorrect as both qualifying crews so second crew should have been first boat off not the last boat.
- Noted Starter at times was taking too long to start the races especially with the rough weather. Agreed “close enough” is “good enough” in the heats.

### 5.2 Task List – any changes

- Task #35 – to remind Drummers of Policy #09 at the Captain & Sweeps meeting was removed as was not necessary.
- Task #39 – to remove Jenny Rosevear to check with neighbour on the 500m line if can plug power cord in for use as she can no longer arrange this.
- Task #40 – to include “put out the Sweeps' toggle” as well.  
**Action: Sandy (#132)**

### 5.3 24/10/21 – Round 1 – 10s over 200m + 2000m – planning

#### 5.3.1 Race category order – revisit

*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.

- This was revisited and a vote taken. **The consensus was in favour of reverting to the original order of Senior C, Senior B, Senior A, Premiers.** This would take effect from this coming race day.
- Agreed to leave the 2000m races scheduled at the 1/3 and 2/3 mark in the race program.

#### 5.3.2 Race day planning

- Noted WWs were not participating due to not having enough paddlers available and were unable to make up numbers.
- Importance of having Clubs enter their crews in by this meeting was highlighted as it made it extremely difficult otherwise to program/plan the races. Noted however Clubs have until Friday to make adjustments to their teams following on from the RC meeting.
- Discussion held on 2km racing and combining Mixed and Open in the same race (for this race day only) given the number of crews entered at this time. Agreed not to do this as Powerblades were intending to enter a crew in both categories.
- **Agreed: All finals except for Premier racing.**
- **Agreed: BCS will have x2 races, instead of 4.**
- **Agreed: B-Grade Open and Mixed not to be put in the same race (paddlers doubling up)**
- Expected race finish time is around 3pm.

### 5.4 Sweeping up requests

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

- PBs – Janetta Angel – Senior B Women to Senior C Women.
- PBs – Neil Parker – Senior B to Senior C. – Mixed

### 5.5 Composite Crews

**Agreed: there would be no composite crews participating at this race day.**

If this is to change before the closure of RevSport for entries then Jennifer Bould, Julie Clinch and ACDC (John Holland) are to be informed.

### 5.6 Covid Marshall – Organising Club

Reminder given that it is up to the Organising Club to source a Covid Marshall.

### 5.7 Wallaroo Marina Challenge – update

Noted Powerblades would be taking up two boats and the caravan and a volunteer would be needed to tow another two boats to the course.

### 5.8 PFD race day exemption – reminder

A reminder was given for Clubs to be mindful of the Terms and Conditions for this permit.

### 5.9 Coorong Dragons – C&S “borrowing” points:

Clarification was sought by Coorong Dragons on the following discussion points and if they could have a policy on this so regional Clubs could readily access this for clarity:

- If you have a sweep that is paddling the club cannot borrow a sweep
- If you borrow a sweep you cannot race for point or qualify
- If you borrow a drummer the same as above
- If you borrow a paddler the same rule applies
- The boat must be all club members to qualify
- You must have a level 3 sweep for States and National

It was noted there was some confusion over the term “qualify”. All it means is that you were not eligible to “qualify for the prize of wine at the end of the day”. It has nothing to do with being able to qualify for the State Championships.

Agreed to the following changes to be recorded:

- If you have a sweep that is paddling, the club cannot borrow a sweep.
- However, if a club only has the minimum paddlers, they can't paddle with less, so they can borrow one and just be not eligible for any race day prizes (non-qualifying crew)
- If you borrow a sweep the crew is considered to be non-qualifying and is not eligible for any race day prizes
- If you borrow a drummer the same as above (non-qualifying crew)
- If you borrow a paddler the same rule applies (non-qualifying crew)
- The boat must be all club members to qualify for any race day prizes
- You must have a level 3 sweep for States and National
- B-Grade teams who enter on a race day automatically qualify for the State Champs.
- Other racing teams who enter on a race day can claim eligibility as needed to qualify for the State Champs.

With respect to composite teams the following was agreed: **For any composite team entering on a race day, the Club that is entered in RevSport will be the one recognised for racing that category.**

#### **5.10 First aid course reminder – 6/11/21**

Noted.

#### **6 DBSA – update**

- Nil report.

#### **7 AusDBF**

- Noted information on DragonPass would be provided soon for DBDSA to circulate to Clubs.
- Noted that the AusChamps event would be proceeding and NSW were expected to be back on the water at the end of this month.
- Noted details of new Safe365 App for reporting of incidents/injuries/hazards was being handled by DBSA Board at this stage.

#### **8 SAFETY**

- Reminder given that syringes are often being found on the beach lately and for everyone to be mindful of this.
- Note the Board would be purchasing a sharps container, set of tongs and gloves for their collection.

#### **9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Copper Coast – clarifying x4 DBSA boats are required to be taken to the course for Wallaroo.
- BSD – queried if the two boats out of action for maintenance purposes would be available for the next race day as they will be needed. Follow up to be had with Mick Cahill on their status. **Action: Marie (#133)**
- ASA – would combine with DAA in the BCS races.
- Neil Parker – reminded Clubs if they have not yet assisted with any maintenance to contact Mick Cahill.
- Jacky Smith – requested Rick French and Ronnie Lane's feedback to be added to the Minutes which was agreed by both.
- Chris Wood – advised she had put forward at the Board meeting the notion of going back through previous RC meetings and documenting in a concise form any decisions and local rules made so they can be reviewed at the beginning of each season. Noted there was some support from delegates for this as it was often confusing for new RC delegates that are not aware of previous decisions made.

- Julie Lister – advised of Board discussion around WWs request for a Premiers focus and noted that it was also an issue for Senior A paddlers and that this was not an issue that could be solved readily and they would be working towards protecting both categories.
- One suggestion given was to perhaps combine both categories.
- John Holland noted that DBSA was the only state that races Senior A, B & C as they tend to race Seniors and Premiers or mostly just Premiers. Victoria has a handicap system for Premiers' racing.

#### 10 NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for 8pm on Tuesday 2 November 2021 with Copper Coast to Chair.

#### 11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:23pm.

##### RC meetings:

▪ Wed 01-Dec	▪ Wed 09-Feb
▪ Thu 06-Jan	▪ Wed 23-Feb
▪ Tue 18-Jan	▪ Tue 15-Mar

ACTION ITEMS – 29/9/21				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
128	Upload RC Minutes from 14-Oct meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
129	Provide copy of position paper read to re WWs Premier racing stance for inclusion with the Minutes.	ASAP	Rick	Done
130	Advise Marie of 2km categories for the rest of the season.	ASAP	Ronnie & Julie L	
131	Update Task List #039 & #040 as noted in the Minutes.	ASAP	Marie	
132	Ask Mick Cahill if x2 out of action boats will be available for next race day.	ASAP	Marie	Done

## **JULIE CLINCH – BOARD UPDATE RE REVSPORT ETC.**

Hi everyone

I'm here representing DBSA and not my Club.

There have been significant discussions at the DBSA Board Meetings in relation to the Revolutionise Race Draw.

We are aware that some Clubs and or Delegates are not happy with it and I'm here to give you an update.

The Revolutionise Race Program is here to stay.

We are currently having teething problems that we are working through and we know there will still be some more to deal with moving forward. The current racing order seems to be working with less backing up and is allowing us to pretty much stay on time.

We have had to send the FinishLynx System to Brook Group in NSW to find out why the camera system had a major failure and would not work.

During this time Jennifer Bould has worked tirelessly with Brook Group and RevSport. It hasn't helped that RevSPORT staff have been working remotely due to Co-VID 19, but we are moving forward.

We now have the FinishLynx System back, with a new laptop and no monitor, but now we have to work out how to get the new FinishLynx laptop to talk to the race computer using Revolutionise.

Eventually results will be available on your phones, tablets, ipads etc instantaneously which will be awesome.

We will also be able to use a tablet in marshalling to check crew-sheets or individual checks with the Revolutionise online photo ids.

It is an exciting time and the end outcome will be fabulous, but we still need to work through the processes.

So, the Board agreed that from now on, crews will NOT be seeded in any heats of any categories, however ALL finals will be seeded either from a heat on the day or the corresponding event last year NOT from State Titles.

State Champs will be seeded from the previous season's State Champs results

We will be using manual stopwatches for the foreseeable future with the FinishLynx Camera system running in the background until we are certain that we've got it right with the two systems talking to each other.

As for the layout of the Race Draw it is currently in Portrait and it has been flagged with RevSPORT to see if it can be printed in Landscape.

We are also investigating whether it can be printed in black rather than grey.

Thank You for your understanding and patience while we work through the new system

Also, any NQ team and Composite Crews need to be emailed to Jennifer Bould and myself prior to the matrix cut-off of Friday 11-45 or 11-59pm so that these appear on the actual Race Draws.

Once the matrix is closed there can be no additional crews added to the program as they do not appear in the drop-down boxes on the Revolutionise Race Draw system.

At the RC Meetings we would like the following to occur:

- Sweeping Up Requests:
- Composite Crews – clubs named eg ACDC/ASA

This assists in the Race Draw and also for invoicing clubs for Race Day Fees

Hopefully this update helps Clubs to understand where we are up to and what is in the pipeline.

We will require timekeepers from every club for every race day until we are satisfied that the system is running correctly.

There was a suggestion made at the Board Meeting on Tuesday night that decisions made here at the Race Committee Meetings would be relayed to the Chief Officials ASAP. This is so that they are aware of any decisions made by the Race Committee prior to hosting any Captain's & Sweep's Meetings held on the morning of a regatta. If there are any decisions made at the RC that The Chief Official has an issue with it can be sent to the Board for opinion

I'm happy to answer any questions if I can or will take your questions back to the Board.

Again, thank you for your patience and support during this time.

## RICK FRENCH – Response to WW Discussion Paper 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

### Advocates for Premier Racing

WW's problem stems from their inability to fill a 20's boat to the minimum number required by DBSA Policy, particularly in the Premier Women's 20's.

This has been an ongoing WW's problem for at least the last two seasons.

WW's reason for requesting the ability to field 20's boats at local Regattas with **much** fewer than the required minimum 16 ( DBSA Policy 005 ) is that their goal is to be competitive at AusDBF Nationals.

This goal, is shared by many other clubs and is to be commended.

But I do NOT believe that any Club should be allowed to request the rules to be changed purely because they wish to use DBSA race regattas as a training platform for their own goals.

We are blessed in this State with having brilliant Training Facilities, ample available boats to use and the ability to train for whatever specific goals a club may have multiple times each week, all year long.

This is what all clubs do.

If this request is sanctioned, then what is to stop another club from requesting permission to enter and race a Non Qualifying 20's boat at a 10's regatta, in a spare outside lane because they are training to be competitive at the AusDBF Nationals in a Standard Boat Category.?

It would be completely ludicrous.

### Options for WW.

1. WW's can enter 20's races with at least the min (16) required number of paddlers, which is less than (18) required by AusDBF at Nationals.
2. WW's can enter a Composite team in selected categories and top up to minimum numbers by using paddlers from other clubs, which is approved.
3. If WW's do NOT wish to field a composite team, as has been stated by their Race Committee delegates, the simple answer is to recruit from the wider community and train those recruits to a level that is required by WW's.

My opinion is that the existing rules must still apply and WW's quest to essentially race a Tens Crew at a twenties regatta, should be rejected.

Rick French  
Race Committee Delegate

11-10-21