

DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES (v3)



Racing Committee Meeting

8pm Thursday 06 January 2022

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 |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum Dragons 2: | Julie Metcalfe |
| ▪ ACDC DF 3: | Sharon Knights | ▪ Mannum Dragons 3: | Jason Kuhlmann |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Apology | ▪ Powerblades 1: | Apology |
| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Clive Grant | ▪ Powerblades 2: | Avi Kleinburd |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Apology | ▪ SADA 3: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 2: | Cheryl Watson | ▪ SADA 1&2: | Apology |
| ▪ Blade Runners 1: | Apology | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane |
| ▪ Blade Runners 2: | Sandy Douglas | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Julie Lister |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Terral Coote | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ▪ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Julie Allen | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ Copper Coast 1: | Chris Wolf | ▪ Water Warriors 1: | Jacky Smith |
| ▪ Copper Coast 2: | Nil | ▪ Water Warriors 3: | Vanessa Shepperd |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 1: | Brigitte Chapman | ▪ Vicki's Pride 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ▪ Coorong Dragons 2: | Nil | ▪ Vicki's Pride 2: | Liz Hunkin |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ Victor Dragons 1: | Les Sharp |
| ▪ DA Adelaide 2: | Nil | ▪ Victor Dragons 2: | Janine Hateley |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen | ▪ DBSA: | Peter Button |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | | |

APOLOGIES

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| ▪ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Leigh Woodrow | ▪ SADA 1: | Rick French |
| ▪ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ SADA 2: | Heather Wingard |
| ▪ Blade Runners 1: | Julie Clinch | ▪ Water Warriors 2: | Meegan Ballantyne |
| ▪ Powerblades 1: | Neil Parker | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Ronnie Lane – Subsonix.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held 1 December 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendments:

#5.2 – first bullet point: inclusion of “and the caravan”

#5.3 – change “AGREED” to “SUGGESTED”.

Moved: S. Knights and Seconded: J. Lister CARRIED.

Action: Marie (#156)

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
151	Upload Minutes of 18-Nov meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done

152	Provide video footage of alleged incident with composite team Sweep not moving over to Pat Doogue to investigate.	ASAP	Sharon Knights	Done
153	Purchase another set of ears for the engine on the Umpire's Boat.	ASAP	DBSA	Next race day
154	Change 2k categories back to: Open / Women / Mixed for races in January onwards.	ASAP	Marie	Done
155	Prepare race draw and send to Jennifer Bould.	ASAP	BSD	Done
ONGOING				
134	Purchase and install solar panel to container roof to charge Umpire's boat in container.	ASAP	Neil	Ongoing
135	Task List – review and report back any changes to RC first for consensus.	Next RC mtg	Chris W	Ongoing
146	Look to reposition first trailer placed near container to allow more room otherwise put up a “no parking” sign on the fence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted trailer has been moved and sign apparently placed however this will be confirmed. 	ASAP	Neil	Ongoing
147	Provide Chief Official's report for Wallaroo and recent race days.	ASAP	Steve, Jen & Julie	Ongoing
-	From Nov Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extract from previous RC meetings motions of note, decisions etc. to include in a reference guide and be updated each season. 	ASAP	Chris W	Ongoing

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 12/12/21 – 20s over 500m + 2000m – feedback

- Mannum – noted issue with being uncertain as to which boat they could use as they did not launch their own boat and Clubs appeared to be not keen to share. They were often told to take another one when trying to find a boat to use.
Agreed as regional teams do not participate regularly that it is determined at the race committee meeting beforehand. It was reaffirmed to them that they were very welcome at race days.
- Mannum – noted where they are positioned in the visiting Club area that they are unable to hear announcements when they are made over the speaker and need to be advised by others what has been said.
Noted the PA could not be repositioned as it was placed facing north to reduce sound to the south to avoid annoying the nearby neighbour as much as possible.
Suggested they should keep in touch with the caravan and keep an eye out on what is happening in general, and an endeavour will also be made to keep them informed.
- Ronnie Lane – noted the hooter was only in use during the race day when the first boat only crossed the line and queried why this was the case. The consensus was in favour of it being reintroduced for each boat.
In response, Sandy Douglas advised that due to complaints received from neighbours that a decision had been made to trial reducing its usage and he appreciated paddlers appreciate knowing when they can stop paddling however it should be evident to the Sweeps to call it at the time.
Noted the Board had not been aware of any such complaints. John Holland advised that there had been a write up in “Next door” which is an online App with someone complaining about the hooter noise. Ronnie Maidment had apparently responded to it, and it had obviously then been advised to the Chief Officials who decided to trial the new arrangement.
The consensus was that Clubs should have been informed of this decision and that it should be reinstated, or a reason given as to why and should not cater to residents' complaints on this.
Agreed DBSA would discuss this at the next Board meeting and Chris Wood would follow up with Ronnie Maidment for the original article.

Action: DBSA / Chris (#157)

5.2 Task List – any changes

- Noted Sandy Douglas had made the following changes to the Task List for the Scullers & Ramsay venues only, and this would be discussed further under next Agenda item:
 - Boats need to be towed or paddled around and more time allowed for this.
 - Pontoons – need to be adjusted / aligned.

5.3 16/1/22 – Round #5 – 10s over 200m + 2000m – planning

- Boats – preference was for x10 boats to be in use with Coorong Dragons advising their preference to have their own boat due to recent Covid management restrictions placed on them by the Goolwa Aquatic Club.

Discussion held and noted x8 boats could be towed with the harness and SADA and ACDC offered to paddle a boat around each.

Umpires Boat – Neil Parker was unable to tow the Umpires Boat for this day so volunteers were sought. Subsonix advised they were not sure who had a tow bar and WWs that they would struggle with anyone from their team to work the boat on the boat ramp and BSD were not entering the event.

After following up with Pat Doogue during the meeting, confirmation was received from him that x10 boats could be towed around and he had offered to coordinate this on the day. He would also collect and return the boat from The Sailing Club.

Action: Pat (#158)

Noted PBs were seeking to provide someone to help Pat at The Sailing Club and may need to ask Clubs to assist if unsuccessful. **Action: Peter (#159)**

Clubs to provide x3 volunteers each to assist with this at the start and beginning of the race day as well as launching their own boat. **Action: Clubs (#160)**

- Pontoon fingers – noted Rowing SA (Brett Ralph) will bring the numbers down on the Sunday morning for the pontoons. Noted volunteers will be needed to adjust the fingers from where they are set for rowing sculls and suggested Rick French/ Pat Doogue be contacted to assist and for advice. **Action: Ronnie (#161)**
- Noted BSD are not competing at this race day.
- All Clubs participating in the B Grade categories confirmed none of their crews were independent, the same paddlers would be interchanging.
- 2000m races – noted suggestion from last meeting to change from alternating between Open and Women each race day to include them both each race day but in the same race was discussed. Teams would need to have separate crews.

Discussion was held with varying viewpoints put forward and a vote taken. The consensus was in favour of the new arrangement. **AGREED:** for 2000m races for rest of the season to include Mixed and then in a separate race have an Open / Women option and they are to be independent crews.

- **AGREED:** as there are x8 lanes available all categories will be straight finals except for Premiers (Heat/Final). B-Grade and Juniors will have x4 races and BCS x2.
- 2000m races – noted course is set up for 200m however the turning buoy can be set up at the 500m mark which would mean only two laps were needed.
- Lane draws – agreed to base them on the previous 10s race day before the Copper Coast Challenge (Wallaroo) which was not considered to have been an “official race day”.

Water Warriors noted that their preference was for it to be from the Wallaroo event which they had participated in as they were unable to participate in the previous 10s race day due to an insufficient number of paddlers. They had already been

given outside lanes for the 200m race at Wallaroo and did not want to be penalised again. They queried why Wallaroo was not an “official race day”.

This was discussed and noted the event was never an “official race day” and the lane allocations would be from the re-scheduled 24-October race day.

5.3.1 Composite Crews / Non-Qualifying Crews?

- ASA – have x5 teams which will all be non-qualifying and they would also be combining with DAA for a BCS team.

5.3.2 Sweeping up requests

- Approved as follows:
 - Subsonix – Ronnie Lane from Senior B – Women to Senior C – Women
 - PBs – Neil Parker – Senior B – Open to Senior C – Open
 - PBs – Janetta Angel – Senior B – Women to Senior C - Women
- DAA – sought a Sweep for B-Grade Women and Jacky Smith offered to assist.

5.3.3 Other

- Noted email circulated earlier from Mary-Ann Holt advising she would not be in attendance to look after the volunteers and was seeking for someone to oversee the role.

Volunteers were sought with no interest received. Agreed to send an email out seeking a volunteer. **Action: Marie (#162)**

- Mud map – noted one would need to be provided and possibly updated for this venue as it had been some time since the venue had been used for a race day and not all Clubs were familiar with it. **Action: DBSA (#163)**
- Power – noted Council installed this for the previous Masters Games. Agreed to visit site and check if main key accesses it otherwise will need to follow up with Council. **Action: Peter / Marie (#164)**
- Toilets – booked.
- Volunteers – Clubs to advise Mary-Ann Holt of names.
- Chief Official – Jennifer Bould and Starter – Pat Doogue.

5.3.3 Coorong Dragons – requesting own boat

Noted discussed earlier that they would be provided with their own boat and would look to have some paddlers in attendance early to help launch their boat.

5.4 Sweep & Drummer course – 14/5/22

- Reminder of upcoming course.

5.5 12/2/21 – Hat Regatta @ Mannum

The following email was discussed:

“We are well underway with our planning for the Hat Regatta and have identified some areas where we will need assistance.

These are:

- *MC / Chief Marshall*
- *2 Dragon Boats – we have 2*
- *Safety Boat – with experienced Dragon Boat crew - we have at least 2 volunteer boats to patrol the river closure at either end, but they are not Dragon Boaties.*
- *4 x level 3 Sweeps (We have one).”*

Noted that only x40 entries have been received and they are receiving some enquiries about any vaccination requirements in place. They felt if the Covid situation worsens

they may not receive any more bookings and have submitted a letter to the Board explaining their position and seeking feedback as to whether the event should proceed with insufficient numbers. They will also seek feedback on the level of interest at the next race day.

Agreed Clubs should let them know as soon as possible if they will be participating in the event. **Action: Clubs (#165)**

6 DBSA – update by Peter Button

- Noted there were several documents being circulated out of session prior to Wednesday's Board meeting. One being the aforementioned paper from Mannum Dragons and another being a discussion paper in regard to future Covid safe strategies. Noted there is no certainty that the season will continue should there be any state controlled measures put in place for outdoor events.
- Reminder given that it is incumbent on everybody to be mindful of wearing masks inside the shed and reducing numbers inside the shed. Everyone is responsible for their own actions and if anyone was feeling unwell, they should not attend training or events. If they felt uncertain then it was up to them to have their own decision making in place.

7 AusDBF – update by John Holland

- Noted an announcement will be made shortly if the AusChamps event will have a vaccination requirement for all participants and attendees. Some interstate Clubs are nervous about attending if they are required to be fully vaccinated and SA participants are not required if they do not leave the State beforehand.
- AusChamps cancellation policy – noted if cancelled for Covid that a full refund will be given. In previous years that Clubs had lost 10% of their registration fees however they are now looking at refunding this and details will be announced in the next Bulletin.

8 SAFETY ISSUES

- Nil.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Julie Lister – queried in advance whether the Corporate Challenge event scheduled for 30 January would likely proceed and asked if any Clubs were currently training any teams.

Noted there was not a lot of traction on this from Clubs and if they are keen, they should let know DBSA know by Tuesday (11Jan22) so that a decision can be made at the next Board meeting (Wednesday 12Jan22) as part of the Covid future strategy. **Action: Marie (#166)**

- ASA – seeking to form a composite team for event on 30 January as they only have about 15 paddlers. Interested paddlers to contact Mary-Ann Holt.
- VDs – noted for 500m event on 15-Feb that they would like to enter some B-Grade teams from the 200m mark. Noted that B Grade racing over 200m was always available to them even when a 500m race day is scheduled.
- DAA – asked if the BCS teams for the regional SA Masters Games must pay a race fee. The response was that they do not have to pay for BCS races if they are entering other categories but if they are only entering the BCS races, they will have to pay the race fee.
- Noted this would be the case if they were entering other categories.
- Outstanding race fees – Clubs reminded that there are some outstanding payments from 12-December 2021 race day which they have received reminders via RevSport and must be paid before the next race day (16Jan22) if they wished to compete.

10 NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for 8pm on Tuesday 18 January 2022 with Adelaide Phoenix to Chair.

10.1 Change meeting date Wed 23-Feb to Tue 22-Feb

Agreed. **Action: Marie (#167)**

RC meetings:

▪ Wed 09-Feb	▪ Tue 22-Feb	▪ Tue 15-Mar
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11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
156	Upload amended RC Minutes from 1-Dec meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
157	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Board to discuss decision made by Chief Officials as a result of neighbour's complaints in "Next Door" App to only use the hooter when the first boat goes over the line each race day.Follow up Ronnie Maidment for copy of complaint.	12-Jan Board meeting	Board Chris	
158	Collect and return Umpire's Boat from with assistance to be provided and set up boats with the harness for towing to / from Scullers.	16-Jan	Pat	
159	See if can provide someone to assist Pat with the Umpire's Boat and if not seek assistance from Clubs.	ASAP	Peter	
160	Clubs to provide x3 volunteers at beginning and end of each day to assist launch boats etc and set them up for towing around to/from Scullers.	16-Jan	CLUBS	
161	Follow up with Rick French/Pat Doogue for what is needed to align the fingers on the pontoons and also seek their assistance.	ASAP	Ronnie	
162	Send an email seeking volunteers to assist as Volunteer Coordinator for next race day.	7-Jan	Marie	Done
163	Produce a mud map for Scullers Reserve.	10-Jan	DBSA	
164	Check power box at Scullers to see if can access otherwise contact Council.	7-Jan	Peter & Marie	
165	Advise ASAP if participating at Mannum Hat Regatta event on 12-Feb.	ASAP	CLUBS	
166	Ask Clubs to advise before 12-Jan Board meeting if they are going to train up a Corporate team for the Challenge so a decision can be made whether to proceed.	ASAP	CLUBS	
167	Update RC meeting schedule to reflect change of meeting from Wed 23-Feb to Tue 22-Feb.	ASAP	Marie	Done
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