

DRAGONBOAT SA MINUTES



Racing Committee Meeting

8:30pm Tuesday 18 January 2022
via Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ■ ASA 1 | Michele Lennon | ■ Mannum Dragons 1: | Alison Barr |
| ■ ASA 2: | Michael Rehbein | ■ Mannum Dragons 1: | Julie Metcalfe |
| ■ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland | ■ Mannum Dragons 2: | Nil |
| ■ ACDC DF 2: | Sharon Knights | ■ Powerblades 1: | Neil Parker |
| ■ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Nil | ■ Powerblades 2: | Nil |
| ■ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Nil | ■ SADA 1: | Heather Wingard |
| ■ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Lyn Payne | ■ SADA 2: | Rick French |
| ■ 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: | Jane Gersch | ■ Water Warriors 1: | Jacky Smith |
| ■ Copper Coast 2: | Nil | ■ Water Warriors 2: | Vanessa Shepperd |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 1: | Apology | ■ Vicki's Pride 1: | Apology |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 2: | Roylene Nixon | ■ Vicki's Pride 2: | Apology |
| ■ DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ■ Victor Dragons 1: | Eileen Brown |
| ■ DA Adelaide 2: | Nil | ■ Victor Dragons 2: | Jeanne Hateley |
| ■ DAPL 1: | Apology | ■ DBSA: | Peter Button |
| ■ DAPL 2: | Nil | ■ DBSA: | Chris Wood |
| ■ KIDS 1: | Apology | ■ Sweep Chair: | Pat Doogue |
| ■ KIDS 2: | Apology | | |

APOLOGIES

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|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ■ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen | ■ Victor Dragons 1: | Les Sharp |
| ■ Copper Coast 1: | Chris Wolf | ■ Blade Runners 1: | Julie Clinch |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 1: | Brigitte Chapman | ■ Vicki's Pride 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 1: | Sue Jones | ■ Water Warriors 2: | Meegan Ballantyne |
| ■ Black Sea Dragons 2: | Cheryl Watson | ■ Mannum Dragons 2: | Alison Barr |
| ■ Vicki's Pride 2: | Liz Hunkin | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Rick French – SADA with a Welcome to Country acknowledgement given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 6 January 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie (#168)**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

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"> 1. 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. 2. Follow up Ronnie Maidment for copy of complaint. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted Board agreed that the hooter is to be reintroduced for each boat that crosses the line and to ignore any neighbour complaints on this. ▪ Noted the neighbour that normally complains had convinced some spectators from in front of his property to move away. ▪ Encouragement given to provide information to the Board to follow up as needed. 	12-Jan Board meeting	Board Chris	Done
158	<p>Collect and return Umpire's Boat from with assistance to be provided and set up boats with the harness for towing to / from Scullers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted the harness was adjusted so that it could take up to x12 boats. ▪ Appreciation extended by Pat Doogue to those volunteers that helped with this process at the beginning and end of the day. 	16-Jan	Pat	Done
159	See if can provide someone to assist Pat with the Umpire's Boat and if not seek assistance from Clubs.	ASAP	Peter	Done
160	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciation extended to SADA, Subsonix and PBs volunteers that helped load and unload the boats. 	16-Jan	CLUBS	Done
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	Done
162	<p>Send an email seeking volunteers to assist as Volunteer Coordinator for next race day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted Deb Grant assisted in this role. 	7-Jan	Marie	Done
163	Produce a mud map for Scullers Reserve.	10-Jan	DBSA	Done
164	<p>Check power box at Scullers to see if can access otherwise contact Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciation extended to John Holland who arranged for the local resident to supply access to power with a gift given in return. 	7-Jan	Peter & Marie	Done
165	Advise ASAP if participating at Mannum Hat Regatta event on 12-Feb.	ASAP	CLUBS	Done
166	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted Subsonix were the only Club to advise by the deadline that they had one team being trained so a decision had been made to cancel this event. ▪ The Board was confident during these uncertain times that paddlers in the association were doing the right thing around Covid however there was some uncertainty with a large group of people coming in not familiar with the Covid protocols. 	ASAP	CLUBS	Done
167	Update RC meeting schedule to reflect change of meeting from Wed 23-Feb to Tue 22-Feb.	ASAP	Marie	Done
ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
153	Purchase another set of ears for the engine on the Umpire's Boat.	ASAP	DBSA	Done
134	Install solar panel to container roof to charge Umpire's boat in container.	ASAP	Neil	Done
146	Put up a "no parking" sign on the fence at The Sailing Club.	ASAP	Neil	Done

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sign was changed to “keep clear” instead. ▪ Clubs reminded to park trailers right against the fence on the western side. 			
147	Provide Chief Official’s report for Wallaroo and recent race days.	ASAP	Steve, Jen & Julie	Ongoing
-	<p>From Nov Board meeting:</p> <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

- Feedback was sought on the below email from Sandy Douglas as the Race Secretariat:

“Because the PA system couldn’t be heard at the furthest tent, an impromptu trial of using the radio to announce the race number coming up, requesting crews to marshal in their tents and then at the end of the race prior, marshal on the beach and load their boat. I want to know what teams thought of this and if it is positive feedback, continue to do this instead of trying to use the PA system. Under Covid we have had to spread out a bit more making it harder for the PA system to provide an effective means of communication. This will mean that radios will need to be on all day, mine lasted and it was being used almost as much as the starters radio. If the teams radios are not lasting their radio’s need servicing or a battery change The PA system may either not be used (eliminating hazards associated with that equipment) or just be used by the announcer for commentary and used at a lesser volume.”

This was discussed with favourable feedback received for the radio to be used again for future race days for announcement as needed however only on the one channel #57. Agreed for the race announcer to also continue in his role.

Pat Doogue as Starter advised of an issue with the announcer using the radio during the race starts for the 2000m races even after being encouraged to cease this practice. He also noted the good communication from Sandy Douglas over the radio in informing him what was happening with the various boats on the shoreline.

- Subsonix – noted it was frustrating at times as the race organisers to deal with the myriad of emails and conversations after the actual planning meeting and said some of these items should have been brought up and dealt with at the meeting. In response noted there were some issues such as arranging for the two additional boats from The Sailing Club so it could not be avoided.
- Subsonix – thanked everyone for helping and in particular for towing the boats and for those that stayed to the end to assist.
- WWs – liked the venue noting that it ran smoother because of the pontoons, the Starter and Chief Officials did well and parking their boat out front of their tent made it easier for them. Suggested venue be used more often.
- Chief Official’s Report – circulated prior to meeting and attached. The summary was highlighted:
 - *Race day kept close to program and ran well overall.*
 - *Logistics to bring all equipment over demanding.*
 - *Recommendation*
 - *To have only 20’s racing over 500 metres at location*
 - *Reason*
 - *Council electricity supply available at 500m mark,*
 - *Clubs actually see the boats go by as they race, less boats required*

Noted there was no opportunity for the Chief Starter to provide his input. He advised he had been very impressed with the race day and felt positive about the AusChamps with the Sweeps being able to know what they are doing when using the pontoons. Sweeps were well coordinated and followed his directions.

Agreed the colour red should not be used in the report to indicate “yes”.

- Noted race day ran on time.
- FinishLynx – noted was still not working fully and there were some issues yet to be resolved (ie how to deal with multiple categories in a race). Follow up is being had with RevSport and DBVic (Craig Ryan) for assistance.
Suggested that Phil Egel be contacted for assistance on the FinishLynx side of things.
Noted issue for RevSport with a team withdrawing and unable to be removed from the RevSport race draw.
Noted general dissatisfaction remains with the race draw and results generated by RevSport.
- 2000m races – red flag was raised with some boats colliding at one corner. Discussion then held on this and whether the men should head off first in future with various viewpoints put forward.
Some feedback was in favour of having several boats on the course at once rather than separating them as it was considered good practice for the AusChamps.
The importance of reading upon the race rules for this category was highlighted.

5.2 Task List – any changes

- Nil.

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

- PBs – noted they were training up a Corporate team and asked if they could race in with the B-Grade team given the Corporate Challenge was cancelled. It was an oversight that they had not advised DBSA by the deadline.
Agreed they would need to all be registered under DragonPass if that was the case and pay a race registration fee.
Agreed they could race against B-Grade, Juniors and BCS.
- The various categories to be raced were then reviewed.

5.3.1 Composite Crews / Non-Qualifying Crews?

- Subsonix – advised if could source an additional four paddlers they could form a composite Senior-B Womens team. Suggested they contact ASA and other Clubs.
- PBs – agreed to enter a Senior B crew if ASA can assist with paddlers. Michele Lennon to see if Club can assist. **Action: Michele (#169)**
- WWs – suggested that given there is no Corporate Challenge being held and there would be spare time on the race draw that consideration should be given to have the state teams race against each other. This would be for collegiality and training.
Agreed it would be a Mixed-20s race and held as the last race of the day.
Action: SADA (#170)

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 – Mixed

5.3.3 Hat Regatta

- Noted Mannum Dragons have only about 50+ paddlers registered for this event however are keen for it to proceed. Encouragement was given to local Clubs to consider supporting this event especially given so many regional Clubs are travelling a fair distance to attend. **Action: Clubs (#171)**
- At this stage ACDC is the only metropolitan Club participating.
- Noted Desert Dragons (Jenny Dungey) had enquired about the event and would be followed up. **Action: Chris (#172)**
- Agreed to promote the event via email and Facebook.
Action: Marie (#173)

5.3.4 Tatiara Regional Games

- Noted there are no entries at this stage.
- Cut-off date for registration will be advised with a reminder to be sent out.
Action: Marie (#174)

6 DBSA – update by Peter Button

- State Champs – medals have been ordered and will be shipped locally
- AusChamps – arrangements are being progressed (ie logistics, transport, equipment, boats, running repairs). SA Health advised will be looking at the Covid Management plan this week and will follow up as needed. Council requirements are being worked through. Meeting frequency will ramp up closer to the event. Early-bird cut-off date is Thursday which will provide an indication of the level of interest.
- AusChamps volunteers – noted interest expressed to date has been most disappointing with only six registered and about 100 required. Agreed to send out another reminder
Action: Marie (#175)
- Suggested that Clubs all be assigned specific tasks for the AusChamps. Noted in response the organising committee was working through this.

7 AusDBF – update by John Holland

- Memo will be released tonight advising AusChamps will be a double vaccinated event and they are yet to work out how this will be managed and monitored. This will give people sufficient time to get vaccinated before the event.

8 SAFETY ISSUES

- 2000m races – reminder given by Sandy Douglas that Sweeps are to keep station on the turn when behind another boat as there were a few issues on the weekend.
In response noted this was not the case as there are times should the lead boat choose to go wide, that the boat behind can choose to undertake it and Sweeps needed to know the rules of racing.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Coorong Dragons – thanked Pat Doogue and ASA for allowing Josh Edwards to sweep on Sunday and they are pleased they now have a Level 3 Sweep.
- Copper Coast – queried when they can have an “official” race day at Wallaroo and will follow this up with Peter Button during his next visit.
- Peter Button – reinforced appreciation to everyone for their efforts over the weekend and for those who helped with the logistics and to Julie Lister also for putting together the Memo circulated prior to the meeting on DBSA Covid principles. It was noted the high number of paddlers wearing a mask around the venue.
- John Holland – advised need to clean up the Boatshed once again after the race day and hang up the life jackets in bundles and tidy up the boat numbers. Clubs reminded of the need to assist with this specifically after a race day.
- Boat numbers – noted need to be checked prior to AusChamps and cleaned up if needed. AusChamps require 18 numbered 1 to 18 for 2K racing – 3 sets of 1 to 8 for straight racing.
Action: AusChamps (#177)
- Boat #4 – noted when rolled over there were some cracks and marks on the bottom caused by running up to the sand over rock. Suggested if unable to use the mat or there is not one visible to stop the boat before the sand so some paddlers can get out and steady the boat. Noted all boats would have to be checked and repaired as needed. A supply of tape and fibreglass has been ordered and a time will be arranged to organise Clubs to assist.
Action: Peter (#178)
- ASA – advised had an incident with one paddler who cut her leg. Advised to submit an incident report via Safe365.
- CDs – advised that due to Covid reason and for safety, once they have allocated paddlers to a boat they will use the same boat for the entire regatta and not change.
- BSD – confirmed each Club is to launch their own boats next regatta.
- PBs – suggested a third trolley be sourced as back up and noted this was being investigated already.
- PBs – noted issue with wheel bearings.
- John Holland advised that the trailers should not go into the water as this is what rusted out the previous trailers – boats should be carried from the water and then loaded onto trailers.
- Neil Parker advised sometimes it is unavoidable depending on the number of volunteers available at the time.

10 NEXT MEETINGS

- Wed 09-Feb – Adelaide Phoenix
- Tue 22-Feb – Water Warriors
- Tue 15-Mar – DBSA

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
168	Upload RC Minutes from 6-Jan meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
169	Advise PBs if have any paddlers for their composite Senior-B team.	ASAP	Michele	
170	Place on race draw a Mixed-20s race for State teams as the last race.	Race Draw	SADA	
171	Metro Clubs to consider supporting the Hat Regatta event and registering participants.	ASAP	Clubs	
172	Follow up Jenny Dungey (Desert Dragons) at Bordertown to see if their team will be participating at the Hat Regatta.	ASAP	Chris Wood	
173	Promote Mannum Dragons event again via email and on FB.	ASAP	Marie	
174	Send out reminder re Tatiara Masters Games and advise of the cut-off date for registrations.	ASAP	Marie	
175	Send out reminder re seeking volunteers for AusChamps	ASAP	Marie	
176	Check supply of boat numbers for AusChamps to ensure adequate supply and are cleaned.	Aus Champs	DBSA	
177	Set a time for Clubs to help with maintenance on the bottom of the boats for AusChamps.	Aus Champs	Peter	

ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING

134	Install solar panel to container roof to charge Umpire's boat in container.	ASAP	Neil	
147	Provide Chief Official's report for Wallaroo and race days up until end of year.	ASAP	Steve, Jen & Julie	
-	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	



RACE DAY:

DATE 16 January 2022

LOCATION: Scullers reserve

Chief official report by J Bould		
Set up		
All Clubs completed set up tasks assigned to them	Yes	No
Comment DBSA President requested assistance with boats return at end of day from Clubs present Electrical supply provided by good neighbour Club tents came after the finish line – spacing required – Covid principles memo applied		
At Captain's and sweep's meeting		
Meeting attended by Clubs	Yes	No
Reminders about Covid, code of conduct, racing lanes, 2 way radios	Yes	No
Documentation provided by Clubs	Yes	No
Questions received and answered by Starter 2K race	Yes	No
Volunteers supplied by all Clubs	Yes	No
Comment 3 Clubs did not provide volunteers 5 volunteers came to the race day from other Clubs not present (BRs, BSD)		
Start line		
Crews arrive at start line at scheduled race draw time	Yes	No
Comment Actual start times varied throughout the program. Delays when crew were doing back to back racing		
Sweeps obeying instructions from Starter	Yes	No
Code of conduct observed by crews	Yes	No
Any breaches at the start line	Yes	No
On water		
All crews use transit lane when moving from loading to start line	Yes	No
Sweeps respond to instructions from on water umpire	Yes	No
Code of conduct observed by crews	Yes	No
Any red flags occurred during the race day	Yes	No
Comment Red flag 2K Premier Open and Women with boats collisions happening on corner		
Covid 19 Marshall report		
Covid plan complied with by Clubs	Yes	No
Attendance sheets handed in	Yes	No
QR code used at site	Yes	No
Race Secretariat		
Crew lists received	Yes	No
Any issues occurred on the race day	Yes on water	No
Any disrespectful behaviour noted at race day	Yes	No

Marshalling & Boat Loading		
Crews arrive and load boats correctly and on time	Yes	No
<p>Comment</p> <p>2 way radio used to marshall crews for race- successful. Haphazard loading and unloading observed. Crews with back to back races delayed loading/unloading</p>		
Crews respond to instructions given by race officials/volunteers	Yes	No
Code of conduct observed by crews	Yes	No
Sweeps correctly move boats in and out of the boat loading area	Yes	No
<p>Comment</p> <p>Observed -Sweeps need to be aware and back out sufficiently to allow themselves clear water to manoeuvre their boats. Numerous issues due to rising wind conditions at end of day in clearing boats from loading area</p>		
Finish line		
Did the race day start on time	Yes	No
<p>Comment</p> <p>start time Race 1 at 09:02, Race 23 at 13:48 all 23/23 races done</p>		
Were there any crew withdraws	Yes	No
Finish equipment working well	Yes	No
<p>Comment</p> <p>Manual stopwatches used, new time keepers mentored in role reminders given Lynx system work in progress – trouble with multiple categories in races and progressions. Race computer labour intensive, multiple categories in races</p>		
Were there changes to the race program	Yes	No
Volunteers		
Nominated volunteers completed their roles with no issues	Yes	No
Volunteers looked after with food & drinks	Yes	No
Changes to roles/tasks	Yes	No
<p>Comment</p> <p>Race secretariat moved to marshalling, any RS queries had to go to the caravan</p>		
Equipment		
<p>Comment</p> <p>PA limited due to distance of the last Club tent Announcer relied upon 2 way radio to keep people up to date</p>		
Summary		
<p>Race day kept close to program and ran well overall . Logistics to bring all equipment over demanding Recommendation To have only 20's racing over 500 metres at location Reason Council electricity supply available at 500m mark, Clubs actually see the boats go by as they race, less boats required</p>		