



DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES

8pm Wednesday 14 September 2022
The Sailing Club / via Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ■ ASA 1: | Mary-Ann Holt | ■ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen – Z |
| ■ ASA 2: | Steve Holt | ■ DAPL 2: | Nil |
| ■ ACDC DF 1: | Sharon Knights – Z | ■ KIDS 1: | Apology |
| ■ ACDC DF 2: | John Holland – Z | ■ KIDS 2: | Apology |
| ■ ACDC DF 3: | Chris Wood – Z | ■ Mannum Dragons 1: | Jason Kuhlmann – Z |
| ■ ACDC DF 4: | Manuela Voss – Z | ■ Mannum Dragons 2: | Julie Metcalfe – Z |
| ■ Adelaide Phoenix 1: | Nil | ■ Powerblades 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ■ Adelaide Phoenix 2: | Nil | ■ Powerblades 2: | Sharon Etherington |
| ■ Black Sea Dragons 1: | Lyn Payne | ■ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson – Z |
| ■ Black Sea Dragons 2: | Sandy Beagley | ■ SADA 2: | Apology |
| ■ Blade Runners 1: | Apology | ■ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane – Z |
| ■ Blade Runners 2: | Sandy Douglas – Z | ■ Subsonix 2: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ■ Blue Water Raiders 1: | Nil | ■ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ■ Blue Water Raiders 2: | Julie Allen - Z | ■ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ■ Copper Coast 1: | Nil | ■ WWs 1: | Apology |
| ■ Copper Coast 2: | Nil | ■ WWs 2: | Nil |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 1: | Brigitte Chapman – Z | ■ Vicki's Pride 1: | Liz Hunkin – Z |
| ■ Coorong Dragons 2: | Nil | ■ Vicki's Pride 2: | Sandra Bennett – Z |
| ■ DA Adelaide 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ■ Victor Dragons 1: | Nil |
| ■ DA Adelaide 2: | Nil | ■ Victor Dragons 2: | Jeneanne Hateley – Z |

APOLOGIES

- Blade Runners 1: Julie Clinch
- SADA 2: Gaye Millar

The meeting was chaired by: Pat Doogue (SADA) on behalf of Powerblades. The Welcome to Country acknowledgement was given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 30 August 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie (#211)**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
203	Upload Minutes from 24-May meeting	1-Sep	Marie	Done
204	Consult with Board to allow RC Committee to have Charter changed to allow more ownership of a race day.	13-Sep mtg	Chris	Ongoing
205	First Aid course 5-Nov – check if any registrations needed within Club.	ASAP	Clubs	Done
206	Amend RC meeting from Thu 4-Jan to Thu 5-Jan.	ASAP	Marie	Done

207	AusDBF's National Pride launch – Subs to follow up if still involved and WWs to follow up AusDBF for further details after EOI submitted.	ASAP	Ronnie Jacky	Done
208	If unaware of the online Safe365 App to record safety incidents/injuries, follow up with Clubs and ensure other members are also aware.	ASAP	Clubs	Done
209	Circulate to Clubs list of pertinent decisions from RC meetings from last two years to Clubs for their input, if they should be kept on the list or advise if no longer relevant.	Mid-Sept	Chris	Ongoing
210	Schedule next RC meeting for Wed 14-Sep.	ASAP	Marie	Done

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Sun 11-Sep – Race day #1 – 10s over 200m + 2000m – feedback

- Reminder given of minimum number of x8 paddlers (10s) and x16 paddlers (20s). Noted Water Warriors entered x7 paddlers in one race with question raised as to how this could occur. Noted was not picked up by the Chief Marshall who may not have been present at the time as was on occasion in another position on the course. Suggested Umpire's Boat should take note of who is in the boats.
- Noted Umpire's Boat should be responsible for managing the issue on the pontoon.
- Importance of having Chief Marshall was noted.
- Consensus was the boats were loaded quickly.
- Noted 2000m course was actually 2300m due to mistake made when setting up the course.
- Pat Doogue said having the first race day at Scullers was not ideal with lots of things going wrong.
- 2000m starts – consensus was starts were not conducted in the right manner with some allowed to float across the start line instead of digging in. Reason for penalties was not advised at the time.
- Officials to note crews were not happy with the starts in general. Starter was quiet, could not hear in lane #7 and having no PA of any sorts did not help with one Club missing a race because of this.
- Noted the spread of tents was 300m making it difficult for any PA system to work well.
- Noted race schedule was not followed.
- Teams told to get into boats to go out for first race and then called back for the C&S meeting. Flexibility required.
- Chief Official's report – consensus was inaccurate, negative and did not account for any of their own faults.
- Issue of catering for Officials and number of volunteers was discussed.
- Noted regional Clubs often have people available to assist if requested.
- Agreed Volunteer coordinator and Officials to communicate better.
- Noted issues with the return of boats at the end of the day with the last boat having a lot of the equipment placed in it placing an onus on a few to put away at the other end. Suggested they should be towed back together which would leave more people available for presentations.
- The below proposal from the Board meeting was considered and agreed for status quo to remain:

Proposal for Race Committee:

- Program order:
 - The order of the race program is changed so the first race is Premier mixed with the final to be held after the masters categories are raced as opposed to program end where realistically all finals are premier events – results in guaranteed Premier racing of one category heat and final
- Noted feedback from Board meeting is that RevSport cannot handle more than three different categories in the one race. Suggested that Junior categories be treated as the one Club to assist this.

Question asked if Board would reconsider use of RevSport as it is not working as intended. Recommendation is that the Board reverts just to the use of FinishLynx and advise what are the advantages of using RevSport if it cannot download results as intended. **Action: Chris (#212)**

5.2 Sun 25-Sep – Race day #2 – 20s over 200m + 2000m – planning

- Noted John Holland and Pat Doogue will be unavailable as at an AusChamps Sweeps workshop in Sydney.
- The email from Officials Coordinator was reviewed. The request for six stopwatch operators in total as a backup for Joy Fisher who will be operating the FinishLynx system alone, was discussed.

Noted this was not necessary as there is a Stopwatch App available with one button to press to start the race and that person can then stop the timer as each boat crosses the line. This was available on John's tablet which will be provided for use on the day. Noted Mary-Ann Holt is familiar with how it works.

Action: Volunteer Coordinator and Officials Coordinator to work together on the day to ensure the App is available and working.

Action: lunch orders will be collected first thing in the morning and delivered to Officials then.

- Noted communication was the key between all parties on a race day.
- Water Warriors – not participating however Jacky Wright would be available to volunteer.
- ASA – initially did not enter however will enter B-Grade Women Open.
- Agreed each Club to have their own boat for the day if only seven Clubs participating.
- Composite crews – noted request to be made prior to this meeting and is difficult to decide on the run. Agreed Clubs to consider this for the next 20s race day.
- B-Grade – Mannum and ASA to form composite crew – approved.
- Coorong Dragons – noted not participating this race day and looking to enter the 9-Oct and 11-Dec race days.
- Noted will be x9 races and 2x2000m races and likely to finish around 1pm.
- PBs – with only 2 boats entered, asked if they could race Senior-B mixed as an exception with a vote taken and the outcome being against this.

5.2.1 Sweeping up requests

Nil.

5.3 Task List – any changes

- Noted Neil Parker will take over from Pat Doogue with the collection and return of the Umpire's boat for the next race day.
- Noted there is sufficient toilet paper in one of the containers.
- Agreed to order x2 more portaloos. **Action: Marie (#213)**
- Noted radios are being looked after by Steve and Julie Clinch.

5.4 Hat Regatta 3-Sep – feedback

- Overwhelming consensus was that it was a fantastic well-coordinated event with congratulations extended to Mannum.
- Suggestions going forward:

- As part of the nomination process note if a person is a sweep, drummer, left or right paddler etc., include strokes to ensure that they are experienced and also preferred position.
- Sweeps – before taking a team out are to run through the safety drill as there are several inexperienced participants. Rules to be explained, capsized rules and ensure proper fitting of life jackets.
- To be held in warmer months.
 - Capsized – noted was managed well and a credit to everyone involved.
 - Noted there was good communication, cooperation and transparency with everyone pitching in on the day.
 - Mannum are producing some notes on the event and include ideas for improvement and this will be provided to the next organising Club to assist. Suggested a manual could be produced which should include ideas for the various novelty races.

6 SAFETY

Nil.

7 SWEEPS' UPDATE

Pat Doogue advised:

- Noted Sweeps' courses are scheduled for Sunday 30 October and Saturday 21 January and an update will be provided if another one will be held later in the season.
- A Sweep Come & Try session with likeminded people keen to have a go at sweeping is being planned with encouragement given to those who are not sweeps to attend.
- A Sweep Advance course for experienced sweeps who have never undertaken the theory part of the training will be offered, combining the theory and advanced training.

Question was asked if there will still be a Drummers' component of the Sweeps' course as this was only offered locally in SA.

8 AusDBF

John Holland advised

- Coaching workshop just held to revise the courses for each level. Those up for Level 1 renewal will need to undertake the Learning Management System (LMS) module with all links on the AusDBF website for the new LMS modules. Next course will be in May 2023.
- Upcoming Sweeps' workshop in Sydney will have each state contribute to rewriting the program to develop a new one. Rex Tindall has produced an LMS module for sweeping which will be sent to Sweeps for feedback. They will review whether the six levels are needed.

9 2000m racing

Pat Doogue highlighted on the white board the correct route for Sweeps to take on the course.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Despite there being no PA system currently in place, the question was asked if the Board should look to reengage Max Stevens as the race day announcer when the PA is operational again. A vote was taken with the majority being in favor of this. **Action: Marie (#214)**
- Sun 9-Oct race day – reminder that it will be a “pink” day with Clubs encouraged to dress themselves and tents in pink with prizes to be awarded. Donations will go to the Otis Foundation.
- Reminder given to be more careful of the equipment to avoid the need and expense to replace.
- Mannum – have 9 potential Sweeps looking to do a course locally. Pat Doogue will follow up offline.
- PFD exemption – noted awaiting response to submission to Department of Infrastructure and Transport.
- AusDBF Level 1 Coaching course – request made not to schedule on Mother's Day.

11 NEXT MEETINGS

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| ▪ Race day #3: | Thu 29-Sep | Black Sea Dragons |
| ▪ Peter Bristow: | Tue 11-Oct | Powerblades |
| ▪ Wallaroo Marina Challenge: | Wed 9-Nov | Copper Coast |
| ▪ Race day #4: | Wed 30-Nov | Adelaide Phoenix |

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:31pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
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212	Recommendation to Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review use of RevSport and advise of the benefits as it cannot download race results as intended etc. and revert to use of FinishLynx only. 	Board mtg	Marie	
213	Recommendation to Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Order x2 more portaloos for upcoming race day. 	ASAP	Marie	Done
214	Recommendation to Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Look to have Max Stevens back as race day announcer when the new PA system is up and running. 	Board mtg	Marie	
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