



DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES v1

8pm Thursday 9 February 2023
The Sailing Club / via Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Mary-Ann Holt | ▪ KIDS 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Steve Holt | ▪ KIDS 2: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland | ▪ Mannum 1: | Jason Kuhlmann – Z |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Nil | ▪ Mannum 2: | Julie Metcalfe – Z |
| ▪ AP 1: | Nil | ▪ PBs 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ▪ AP 2: | Nil | ▪ PBs 2: | Sharon Etherington – Z |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley | ▪ SADA 2: | Gaye Millar – Z |
| ▪ BRs 1: | Apology | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Apology |
| ▪ BRs 2: | Sandy Douglas – Z | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 1: | Chris Wolf – Z | ▪ WWs 1: | Jacky Smith – Z |
| ▪ CC 2: | Jane Gersch – Z | ▪ WWs 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Brigitte Chapman – Z | ▪ VP 1: | Apology |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Nil | ▪ VP 2: | Miranda Roccisano – Z |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ VDs 1: | Bronwyn Bowen – Z |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 2: | Jeneanne Hateley – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandy Jansen – Z | ▪ SC Chair: | Pat Doogue – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ DBSA: | Chris Wood |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ BRs 1: | Julie Clinch | ▪ VP 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Mary-Ann Holt (ASA) with a Welcome to Country acknowledgement given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 24 January be accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
247	Coordinate input from Regional Clubs and B-Grade teams as to their thoughts on how this category should be raced next season and at Scullers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted that Brigitte was unable to do this due to personal reasons. ▪ Bronwyn Bowen offered to take this task over. 	ASAP	Brigitte	Ongoing
248	Next season RC planning meeting: suggestion of there being only 1x200m race scheduled at Scullers.	ASAP	Marie	Done
249	Provide corporate team names to Ronnie.	27-Jan	Chris Wood	Done

250	Clubs to consider if they can support L2 Sweep from CDs to Sweep for them next race day and to let Brigitte Chapman know.	Next race day	Clubs	Done
251	Amendments for Policy #005 to be taken to the Board: 1. B-Grade paddlers to be included as well as regional paddlers for topping up crews. 2. Need to incorporate exemption for sports crew paddlers topping up crews on more than two occasions from the ruling that they would automatically be upgraded to a sports paddler. ▪ Noted would be reviewed at meeting end.	ASAP	Board	Done
252	Undertake stock take at the Torrens boatshed.	ASAP	Chris Wood	Board action
253	Board to consider stock take at remaining locations.	Board mtg	Board	Done

5 SEASON 2022/23

5.1 #6 Sun 5-Feb – 20s over 200m + 2000m @ Aquatic Reserve – feedback

- Chris Wood read to an email from Sharon Knights with feedback on behalf of ACDC with respect to the Corporate Challenge as follows:

“On the whole really positive feedback. Areas where we can improve the experience and where I had a number of comments were:-

1. The crews were not aligned on the starts so the crew felt this was unfair on the competing crews and there were a few gripes, which is a shame, given the effort we went to to get them there.

2. Some patience and understanding from the officials would have been appreciated in the first corp race of the day. These were brand new paddlers who were not quick to move even though we had them marshalled, they were excited for their first race so there was some hilarity we were trying to control. The crew were quite taken aback by the tone and messaging coming over the PA, and thought the announcer was rude. From my perspective barking over the PA does not help us it just causes panic and delays the loading further.

3. The changing of how the winners were calculated was not communicated early enough and again the crew were disappointed not to see their times. They understood the reasoning but felt the additional speech at presentations was again rude, because it came across as ‘we don’t have the volunteers, so we did it like this, don’t complain’

As an organisation we are really not taking advantage of the opportunity to make a really great first impression. We put in a heap of effort to get these Corporate Teams involved and this feedback diminishes the great work and attitude the majority of our volunteers have.”

- Disappointment by some, that finish times were not available.
- Chris Wolf advised he volunteered his services at the beginning of the day with the stop watches and it was declined.
- Noted another person offered to volunteer and was advised as name was not on the list that they could not.
- Noted not all Clubs provided a volunteer which was disappointing. The Board will be reviewing the management of all volunteers next season.
- Day was more relaxing for some and finished 40 minutes early.
- Starter was advised by Chief Official to slow the timing down of the gun start however noted that the Rules state the gun can go off up to 5 seconds.
- Drummers’ toggles – question asked as to why they need to be used as they were a hindrance to some with different viewpoints put forward. Noted it is the Starter’s decision and must be used unless there is a specific reason not to.
- Question asked if the Sweep could put up their hand at the race start with the response being that it must be the Drummer.

- FinishLynx – noted Maria Darby is no longer available on race days to assist and that Joy Fisher was the only other experienced person other than Jennifer Bould and she was not at the last race day.

Discussion ensued as to why this was the case and to clarify what the exact issues were with RevSport and FinishLynx with the response being that no one was aware of what the issues were and the Board was trying to get to the bottom of it.

John Holland offered to contact Dennis Whitford, to see if he was available to be contracted out to enter the race draw into FinishLynx as he used to do previously.

Comment made that the RC should be informed prior to the race day if there was no one available to operate RevSport/FinishLynx to ensure there were sufficient volunteers in place and whether there should be someone from each Club trained on this equipment.

Agreed that an EOI would be sent seeking volunteers to join a Working Group to be trained on the equipment first to work out what the issues were.

Action: Chris (#254)

5.1.1 Task List – any changes?

Nil.

Noted Hearing Australia Bus will be placed on the circular grass lawn.

5.1.2 Chief Official's Report – 5Jan

Circulated.

5.1.3 Chief Official's Report – 5 Feb

Circulated.

5.2 Sun 19-Feb – 10s over 500m + 2000m @ Aquatic Reserve – planning

- Race categories were discussed.
- Races will be 15 minutes apart.
- 2000m races to both be scheduled earlier in the draw so they hopefully don't get cancelled if conditions deteriorate.
- B-Grade crews to be at the 200m line ready while 500m crews are racing.
- A-Grade crews to use the boats numbered for that respective lane.
- BSD will be assigned their own boat.
- B-Grade teams will have to attach their lane numbers as necessary.
- Composite crews – approval given for Mannum participants (x10) and Helen Smith (VP) to join ASA.

5.2.1 Sweeping up requests

Approval given for Penelope Howard (CDs) to Sweep up if she qualifies before the race day. A test is being arranged separately for this.

6 DBSA

6.1 First Aid Course – Sun 12 March

Noted only x6 registered at this stage and need at least x10 to proceed.

6.2 Level 1 Coaching Course – 18&19 March or 13&14 May

Noted only x2 registered at this stage for the different weekends and a minimum of x8 were required before the course would proceed.

Encouragement given to register online via RevSport as a matter of priority.

6.3 Boatshed – update

Noted access fobs will be assigned to Clubs in due course with Julie Lister providing regular updates.

Neil Parker asked if an arrangement can be made with Paddle SA to store the Umpire's Boat in the old DBSA section as it was proving difficult to access it and return it currently due to the nearby construction in Jenkins Street.

John Holland said he would be receiving an update from Renewal SA on Tuesday and to hold off until then.

6.4 Hearing Australia Bus – free testing 19-Feb race day

Reminder given.

7 AusDBF

Next Bulletin to be released soon and encouragement given to submit team entries.

8 SAFETY

Noted reports are being submitted in Safe365.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Rob Bowen raised issue of incident during race 25 (2000m Mixed) race where Jacky Smith entered the ACDC boat at the last minute which was against the rules. He stated that the Chief Official should not have allowed it to happen and advice of this had not been given to the Umpire's Boat or Starter. He felt that others had seen this breach of the rule with some becoming disillusioned with the sport if the rules of racing are continually being flaunted and that it put the integrity of the sport at risk.

In response Jacky Smith advised that it was more about participation and she had not had the opportunity to race a 2000m race in quite some time so had asked the question and approval was given. She felt if anyone was to protest it should have been the other crews in that race and that the rules were more for State Champs and AusChamps with season racing being more about participation and having fun.

Rob Bowen advised that SADA and Subsonix denied our members the opportunity to form a composite team last race day because we were following the rules.

- Agreed to leave any changes to relaxing the rules for 20s racing to the next season planning.
- Neil Parker implored Clubs to help support 20s racing to ensure that they have enough competition prior to AusChamps.
- Mannum – enquired if the Board was aware of which boat numbers they had with the response given that Julie Lister was looking into this for them.
- Policy #05 – Conditions of Entry to Races was circulated prior to the RC meeting with latest changes made by the Board. The focus had changed to include allowing A-Grade teams to also form composite crews as needed.

The consensus was that the intention had not been discussed with the RC and that this section of the policy was still confusing. Agreed there should not be any changes made to the policy this late in the season. Clubs to be given time to consider this new focus and come back to the next meeting with some feedback. **Action: Clubs (#255)**

- The Board is keen to have as many RC Delegates attend meetings face-to-face next season as it is an easier format. Noted that the number of delegates may need to be increased then.
- John Holland advised that the Board had approved a request from Mildura Dragons to attend the race day on 5 March and participate in B-Grade races.

The RC supported this.

10 NEXT MEETINGS 2023

- Race day #8 – Sun 05-Mar – meeting Wed 22-Feb (WWs)
- State Champs – Sat 25&Sun 26 Mar – meeting Tue 14-Mar (DBSA)

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
254	Send out an EOI seeking interest to be on a Working Group to understand RevSport / FinishLynx and issues.	ASAP	Chris	New
255	Clubs to come back with their feedback (Policy #05) with respect to composite teams and whether the rule should specify what conditions allow A-Grade clubs to combine.	Next RC meeting	CLUBS	New
247	Coordinate input from Regional Clubs and B-Grade teams as to their thoughts on how this category should be raced next season and at Scullers.	ASAP	Bronwyn	