



DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES

8pm Wednesday 22 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: | Jason Thompson | ▪ PBs 1: | Apology |
| ▪ AP 2: | Nil | ▪ PBs 2: | Sharon Etherington |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Apology | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley | ▪ SADA 2: | Gaye Millar – Z |
| ▪ BRs 1: | A | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane |
| ▪ BRs 2: | Sandy Douglas – Z | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Rob Bowen |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 1: | Chris Wolf – Z | ▪ WWs 1: | Jacky Smith |
| ▪ CC 2: | Jane Gersch – Z | ▪ WWs 2: | Vanessa Shepperd |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Brigitte Chapman – Z | ▪ VP 1: | Sandra Bennett – Z |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Roylene Nixon – Z | ▪ VP 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ VDs 1: | Apology |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Apology | ▪ SC Chair: | Pat Doogue – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ DBSA: | Chris Wood |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ BRs 1: | Julie Clinch | ▪ PBs 1: | Neil Parker |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ VDs 2: | Jeneanne Hateley |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandy Jansen | ▪ VDs 1: | Bronwyn Bowen |
| ▪ AP 2: | Leigh Woodrow | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Jacky Smith (WWs) 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 subject to amending Clause 5.1 – seventh bullet point as follows:

- Under season 2023 – rules state gun can go off to “is up to 5 seconds”.

Action: Marie (#257)

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

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	Ongoing
255	Clubs to come back with their feedback (Policy #05) with respect to composite teams and whether the rule should be relaxed for metro teams.	Next RC meeting	CLUBS	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New process will be for email to be sent to RC Delegates seeking their feedback on this which would be reviewed at 7-Mar Board meeting first and then collated and sent back to RC for discussion. Action: Chris (#258) 			
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Rob Bowen, in Bronwyn Bowen's absence tonight, read out a brief summary of the feedback received so far from other B-Grade clubs as to their thoughts on how this category should be raced next season.

He advised how they could potentially race all 3 categories within 8 races in a day. He noted that Bronwyn had come up with an option for discussion during the off-season.

Agreed best outcome would be for a meeting to be coordinated of the B-Grade Clubs to meet separately to look at their options and to maximise their participation. **Action: John (#259)**

5 SEASON 2022/23

5.1 #7 – Sun 19-Feb – 10s over 500m + 2000m @ Aquatic Reserve – feedback

- Consensus was Chief Official's report was positive.
- Pat Doogue responded with respect to the feedback in the report, that he had obtained a copy of the AusDBF Drummer Master Class Document and provided this for circulation to the RC via the DBSA Secretariat. Within it states that "drummers should be lifting their hands above their shoulders".
- John Holland responded that in his report, he noted that umpires were instructing drummers to lift their arm above shoulder height – which is not a requirement.
- He also said there may be reasons why a Drummer cannot lift their arm up high whilst drumming (ie shoulder injury / recovery) and that Officials only needed to see that they were drumming and the issue should not be blasted over the walkie talkies. Instead the Umpire's Boat should follow behind and remind the Drummer that they need to be 'actively drumming'.
- Noted some of the drumsticks are broken and may be damaging the drums and others are tied too short making them unable to be lifted high at all. Suggested that any broken drumsticks should be reported to the respective Maintenance delegate at the time.
- DBSA to follow up and check all of the drumsticks to ensure they are in good order and tied at the correct length. **Action: DBSA (#260)**
- Ronnie Lane advised she was surprised to see that Dragonmites had been included in the draw when it had not been discussed or agreed upon at the previous RC meeting. In response John Holland advised that he did not know at the time of the RC meeting that there were so many juniors and he should have actually entered them as ACDC and not Dragonmites.

Agreed that such decisions needed to be agreed upon at the previous RC meeting in future and noted that Dragonmites would not be participating this race day.

- Sandy Beagley advised that after the race day, the first four boats were left on the trolleys in the Boatshed which meant they had to be taken off the trolleys by other teams to enable the remainder of the boats to be returned.
Chris Wolf advised that many of the regional teams helped return the boats and they were unaware of the process to be followed.
Agreed to allocate task of supervising the return of the boats to the Club that is allocated the DBSA flags. **Action: MA Holt (#261)**
- Appreciation extended to the Starter as the event ran on time.

5.1.1 Task List – any changes?

Nil.

5.1.2 Chief Official's Report – 19-Feb

Discussed earlier.

5.2 #8 – Sun 5-Mar – 20s over 500m + 2000m @ Aquatic Reserve – planning

- Noted Mildura would be participating in B-Grade races with only 14 paddlers.
- Approval given to ASA & Mannum to form a composite crew to race in a 2000m category
- Agreed to change 2000m Premier Women's race to 2000m Premier Open as there was only one entry for Premier Women's with other teams encouraged to enter.

- Copper Coast – to find out if their 3 male paddlers would be prepared to participate in a 2000m composite crew with ASA and let WWs know. **Action: Chris W (#262)**
- 12 minutes between races = four hour race day plus 2000m.
- Agreed scheduling the 2000m race during the day and at the end worked better as it provided a bit of a break during the day.
- Agreed SADA would revisit their team configuration to avoid cancellation of Senior B Open category.
- Sandy Douglas advised that the volunteers working in the caravan do not get the opportunity to have a break throughout the day as there was no one with the same skillset to relieve them.
Suggested that if there were sufficient volunteers available, that they could be tasked to provide relief as needed throughout the day. Sandy responded that this would need to be discussed with the respective officials on the day.

5.2.1 Sweeping up requests / composite crews / chief official

Agreed:

- ASA & Mannum – would form a composite crew.
- PBs – will loan Copper Coast a Sweep for their B-Grade races.
- Mildura – seeking a spare paddler which would be worked out on the day at the C&S meeting.
- Chief Official – Steve Clinch.

6 DBSA

6.1 First Aid Course – Sun 12 March

Noted would be proceeding with 10 participants.

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

Noted would be proceeding with 7 participants only on the 18&19 March as that was the most popular weekend.

6.3 State Championships

John Holland advised that he had spoken to Dennis Whitford who previously managed the FinishLynx system on race days some years back as agreed at the last meeting. He noted Dennis was willing to set this up again and train others as well. He was willing to do this for the next race day and also for State Championships with volunteers needing to be trained up before the next race day.

Feedback was sought from the RC with the consensus being in favour of reverting back to the use of FinishLynx with Dennis's assistance.

Agreed to send out an email seeking volunteers willing to be trained up by Dennis prior to next race day. **Action: MA (#263)**

Quote to be provided to Board for review next meeting for Dennis Whitford's assistance and any from Phil Egel if needed to operate the camera. **Action: John (#264)**

Noted that any volunteers helping out on a race day may have to tap out to paddle and it was hoped that the Board may allow this.

Chris Wood said the Board was keen to have about 10 volunteers trained as an official by the newly appointed AusDBF Officials Course Presenters.

7 AusDBF

Noted Chris Wood and Julie Lister would be representing DBSA at the Quarterly Members meeting the following evening.

8 SAFETY

John Holland advised that a paddler in NSW recently died whilst in a boat and that AusDBF is investigating what happened. He had an apparent heart issue and had a clearance from his doctor to paddle.

He noted there is a checklist on the AusDBF website which can be used at the Doctor's if needed to receive a medical clearance.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The email sent by Julie Clinch addressing some of the comments in the previous RC Minutes was circulated prior to the meeting to the RC Committee and Club Presidents and Secretaries.

The opportunity was given to RC delegates to provide their feedback to the document.

One response was that there seemed to be a lack of communication in both directions.

Another was that it may also be an issue of interpretation and that both were issues that needed to be addressed.

Chris Wood advised she would like it minuted that she had not verbally abused her whilst ACDC juniors were being prevented by the Chief Marshall from entering the boat without a Sweep being in the boat first. Agreed to circulate the AusDBF ruling on this.

Action Chris (#265)

Chris Wood advised that she had actually obtained her AusDBF Level 3 Official qualification on 27 January 2023 and John Holland had recently completed his and were recorded in RevSport so what had been reported was incorrect.

Suggested that any issues within a portfolio should be raised at the time with the respective Portfolio Chair or coordinator.

- S&D course – scheduled for Wallaroo on Saturday 11 March with invitation extended to anyone to register.
- Pat Doogue sought feedback from Clubs as to their perspective on the ruling around uniforms and whether the shorts being worn should be the same amongst crews.

The consensus was to leave it up to the Clubs to manage how they represent themselves.

- Mannum – advised that the last race day went well and had a good atmosphere and ran on time. The would be hosting a quiz night on 18 March and details would be provided for circulation. **Action: Marie (#266)**
- Discussion held if there were sufficient boats available for the transit lane to be used to speed up the races. Agreed to see what is possible once the race draw is prepared.
- SADA asked if they could have their own boat assigned as they use a cox vox as BSD does and have been allocated their own boat.

Subsonix responded that they also use a cox box and have to set it up each time if in a different boat and were not given their own boat as BSD had been.

Noted this was not a fair system and the request was denied for SADA for this race day and would be reviewed next season. WWs to advise once race draw has been produced if it was possible for SADA and BSD to have their own boat. **Action: WW (#267)**

Preference is not to have to change numbers as it adds time to the race day.

- Noted Neil Parker had enquired at the last RC meeting if DBSA could look into relocating the Umpire boat into the Paddle SA section of the overall building. Noted Julie Lister had responded separately that this was not possible given the area has been allocated/leased to Paddle SA Education who are yet to move into the area due to lack of keys. When the alarm system is fully operational this area would be zoned with no access granted.

10 NEXT MEETINGS 2023

- State Champs – Sat 25&Sun 26 Mar – meeting Tue 14-Mar (DBSA)

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
257	Amend 24-Jan RC Minutes as noted and upload.	ASAP	Marie	Done
258	Action item #255 changed to have email sent to Delegates seeking their feedback on Policy (05) around composite teams and whether the rule should specify what conditions allow A-Grade clubs to combine. Feedback due in by 4-Mar for review at 7-Mar Board meeting then collated and sent back to delegates for review / discussion at next RC meeting.	23-Feb	Chris Wood	
259	Coordinate a meeting of B-Grade clubs to look at options to maximise their participation next season.	ASAP	John	
260	Check all of the drum sticks to ensure that they are (a) not broken and (b) set at a long enough length to be able to be lifted high.	ASAP	DBSA	
261	Allocate task of supervising the return of boats at the end of the day to Club allocated placing the DBSA flags out roadside.	ASAP	MA Holt	
262	To advise WWs if their 3 male paddlers would be willing to do a 2000m race next race day.	Thu 23-Feb	Chris Wolf	
263	Send email to Clubs seeking volunteers willing to be trained up on FinishLynx by Dennis Whitford.	Urgent	Mary-Ann	
264	Provide quote to Board for cost of Dennis to provide said training and helping out next race day and for States on the former FinishLynx program he used. Also for any assistance needed by Phil Egel to operate the camera.	4-Feb	John	
265	Circulate AusDBF's ruling on there being no requirement for a Sweep to enter a boat before junior paddlers.	ASAP	Chris Wood	
266	Circulate details of Mannum's upcoming quiz night on 18-Mar.	ASAP	Mannum	
267	Once race draw is produced, advise if SADA and BSD can have their own boat next race day.	3-Mar	WWs	
ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
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