



DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES v1

8pm Tuesday 14 March 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 – Z | ▪ Mannum 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum 2: | Nil |
| ▪ AP 1: | Jason Thompson – Z | ▪ PBs 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ▪ AP 2: | Sam Kelsh – Z | ▪ PBs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ SADA 3: | Heather Wingard |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley – Z | ▪ SADA 1&2: | Apology |
| ▪ BRs 1: | Nil | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane |
| ▪ BRs 2: | Sandy Douglas – Z | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Rob Bowen |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Apology | ▪ Subsonix 3: | Chris Young |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 1: | Chris Wolf – Z | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 2: | Jane Gersch – Z | ▪ WWs 1: | Apology |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Apology | ▪ WWs 2: | Vanessa Shepperd |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Apology | ▪ VP 1: | Apology |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ VP 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 1: | Jeneanne Hateley – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Apology | ▪ VDs 2: | Bronwyn Bowen – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ SC Chair: | Pat Doogue |
| | Ron Ottaway | ▪ DBSA: | Julie Lister |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ BRs 1: | Julie Clinch | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Julie Allen | ▪ SADA 2: | Gaye Millar |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandy Jansen | ▪ CDs 1: | Brigitte Chapman |
| ▪ PBs 2: | Sharon Etherington | ▪ VP 1: | Sandra Bennett |
| ▪ | | ▪ WWs 1: | Jacky Smith |

The meeting was chaired by: Julie Lister (DBSA) with a Welcome to Country acknowledgement given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 22 February 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie (#257)**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

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.	23-Feb	Chris Wood	Done

	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.			
259	After States, coordinate a meeting of B-Grade Clubs to look at options to maximise their participation next season.	After race season	John	Ongoing
265	Circulate AusDBF's ruling on there being no requirement for a Sweep to enter a boat before junior paddlers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted Pat Doogue will be attending AusDBF Sweeps' meeting in May where the ambiguity in the Sweeps policy will be reviewed. 	ASAP	Chris Wood	Done
266	Circulate details of Mannum's upcoming quiz night on 18-Mar.	ASAP	Mannum	Done
267	Once race draw is produced, advise if SADA and BSD can have their own boat next race day.	3-Mar	WWs	Done
ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING				
254	Send out an EOI seeking interest to be on a Working Group to understand RevSport / FinishLynx and issues.	ASAP	Chris	Ongoing

5 SEASON 2022/23

5.1 #8 – Sun 5-Mar – 20s over 500m + 2000m @ Aquatic Reserve – feedback

- Ronnie Lane – noted one team raced with less than the minimum 16 paddlers which should have been noted and not actually occur in the first place. She had clarified the rule with the Chief Official on the day but the team continued to race and now queried why and how this was allowed to happen.
- Ronnie Lane – queried how one Club was allowed to have a paddler who had not been cleared by DBSA race in their boat.
- In response to the first issue, it was noted that WWs had advised at the S&C meeting that they did not have sufficient paddlers and would race all races as NQ. It was accepted by the Chief Official with no further discussion. What “racing all races as NQ actually meant” was not asked.
- Noted going forward next season that better communication is required with full disclosure to be given. It was agreed that a checklist would be introduced at the C&S meeting to provide consistency whereby all contingencies could hopefully be covered off at the time. **Action: DBSA (#269)**
- Julie Lister advised that paddler who was not cleared by DBSA had actually paid the DBSA registration fee so would have been covered by insurance. Ronnie Lane noted however this was not following procedure, unfair and did not help relationships between Clubs. It had been raised with the Chief Official on the day however as she was not present her position was not known.
- Question was asked as to why the toggles were not in the right place on the 500m start line making it difficult to align the boats. Noted that the instructions have been rewritten by Rob Bowen and they will be uploaded ready for next season.

5.1.1 Task List – any changes?

Nil.

5.1.2 Chief Official's Report – 19-Feb

Noted circulated and meant for Board review only.

5.1.3 Finish Line Report

Noted circulated and meant for Board review only.

The issue with the Powerblades (womens only) request at S&C to set out last in the 2000m race was discussed along with the composite crew going 3rd. This was not challenged at the S&C meeting and clarification on a NQ crew discussed.

The question was asked by Subsonix as to why rules were consistently being broken and noted that they should have been declared the winners instead of Powerblades. The Chief Official of the day was not present for further discussion.

The importance of having RC Delegates attend the C&S meeting was highlighted. Noted they could raise issues that were discussed and agreed upon at the previous RC meeting as not all Sweeps and Drummers would be aware or had read the RC Minutes.

Agreed next season that the Chief Official for a race day should attend the RC meeting beforehand to be aware of what has been agreed upon and also the one after to be aware of the respective race day feedback. Also agreed that a copy of the RC minutes should be available to refer to as required.

5.1.4 Sharon Knight's Report

Noted circulated and meant for Board review only.

Sandy Douglas commended John Holland and Sharon Knights for the detailed reports provided rather than the check list reports normally provided to the Race Committee.

Sandy Douglas made comments to reiterate contents within the Chief Officials Report and stated he would not work as an official at the state championships if one specific official was appointed as Chief Official. He also named other officials stating they would also not attend to officiate.

5.2 State Championships – Sat 25 & Sun 26 Mar – planning

5.2.1 25/3/22 – 500m + 2000m – planning

The team entries were reviewed. Those categories that would unlikely be racing as there was only one boat entered, or where there were two entered were highlighted to encourage remaining Clubs to enter a team so they could be held.

Given there was a cancelled race day on 9 October it was noted that it could be interpreted that every category from that day is available to be run and all clubs qualified.

Agreed that where a Club had entered a category during the season but had to pull out on the day due to a lack of paddlers (eg. from illness), that they would still qualify in that category for States.

Agreed to race 2000m on both days however 20s only would be held on the Saturday and 10s only on the Sunday as was done at the previous State Championships.

2000m racing – agreed to combine the race with Premier Womens 20s (2 crews) and Premier Mixed 20s (2 crews) as there was no cross over of crew. Mixed crews to start first.

Agreed that if there was only one team entered including Premier into any category that the race would not be held.

Agreed that Premier races will be a heat and final, all others require the minimum 3 crews entered to run and will be a straight final.

Agreed that all senior age would be straight finals only.

Clubs asked to support as many categories as they can, especially those that needed 1-2 more teams for it to be held.

5.2.2 26/3/22 – 200m + 2000m – planning

BCS teams present agreed that two races only would suffice as was held previous State Championships. Noted ASA will not know until Friday if they could enter a team.

B-Grade Mixed – noted there is only one team entered (Copper Coast) and would currently not be held unless there were two other teams entered. Copper Coast requested the ability to enter either Premier or senior A mixed 10s for additional racing. Having not raced this all season it was denied as per DBSA Policy 28.

B-Grade - agreed would finish the season with four races per category if sufficient number of crews entered.

Juniors – Open and Women would be in the same race and could be slotted in with any B-Grade race and the Junior Mixed could be entered into any remaining B-Grade race.

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Agreed that Premier races will be a heat and final, all others require the minimum 3 crews entered to run and will be a straight final.

Adelaide Phoenix noted they would be entering the 3 10s races, mixed, open and women and those entries would be submitted before Friday.

Request from Adelaide Phoenix to enter a Premier Mixed crew despite not having raced this all season was denied as per DBSA Policy 28. They were able to race other categories that they had qualified for during the season.

Noted Clubs were able each season to seek an exemption from the Board at the Board meeting scheduled before the planning meeting for the State Championships however on this occasion the deadline had expired.

5.2.3 Composite / non qualifying crews both days – discussion

Agreed that composite / non qualifying crews (other than BCS) would not be able to participate in this event.

5.2.4 Return of perpetual trophies – reminder

Reminder given to bring any perpetual trophies from previous seasons to the course on either day.

Ronnie Lane – advised she had returned one the previous season upon request received from Julie Clinch so it could be engraved and had not received it back.

The question was asked if any other club had handed a trophy into to Julie Clinch for engraving with there being no response. Agreed to follow up with Julie.

Action: Julie (#270)

5.2.5 Pontoon move #1 – Sunday 18 March @ 2pm – volunteers needed

Noted uncertainty from request received from Rowing SA for x6 volunteers to assist as to whether it was Saturday 18 or Sunday 19 March. Consensus was it would most likely be the Sunday with clarification to be sought.

Action: Marie (#271)

Once clarification is received an EOI is to be sent seeking volunteers for this day and also at the end of each day during the States. Noted would most likely take around two hours. **Action: MA (#272)**

Noted that if it was Sunday 19 March that there was also a Come & Try event scheduled where volunteers would be needed and an AusDBF Level 1 Coaching course scheduled.

5.2.6 Pontoon move #2 – Sunday 26 March – volunteers needed

Pat Doogue said he was unsure if the Umpire's Boat would be needed to assist Rowing SA with the final move of the pontoon which would mean it would not be available to tow the boats back on the Sunday. Clarification to be sought from Rowing SA. **Action: Pat (#273)**

5.2.7 Boat relocation from CDs / Angle Park – 2x6 fleets

Noted Board is arranging to have 12 boats available for both days to allow boats in the next race to paddle up the transit lane early in preparation. The four boats from the Torrens will be placed on two trailers and relocated to Angle Park then brought to the course on Friday early evening. Post States the boats will be located at Angle Park as we look to move boats to a central locations for collection

for the AusChamps. The DBSA boat loaned to GRD and trailer will be relocated to Angle Park as well.

Noted volunteers will be sought to assist with the relocation from the Torrens once the date is confirmed with Peter Button. **Action: Julie (#274)**

Email will be sent seeking volunteers to paddle the boats around on the Friday prior to the States as security will be in place. Metro Clubs could paddle a boat around and they could set up their tents as security will be in place.

Action: MA (#275)

5.2.8 Tower key collection – Friday

John Holland advise he would be collecting the key on Monday 20 March so he could set up the DBSA camera system in preparation. Volunteers would be sought to be trained up on how to use the FinishLynx / RevSport systems during 19-21 March at a time that would suit them. **Action: MA (#276)**

5.2.9 Chief Official/s

Noted Board is still having discussions on the Chief Official and Officials for both days and aware that some who would normally undertake these roles are looking to do specific activities for their accreditation or re-accreditation. Details had been sought from Julie Clinch and not yet provided.

Sandy Douglas made comments to reiterate contents within the Chief Officials Report and stated he would not work as an official at the state championships if one specific official was appointed as Chief Official. He also named other officials stating they would also not attend to officiate.

Julie Lister provided some background into what had led to their decision and clarified that at no stage had it been confirmed that this person would be the Chief Official, only that he had offered his services should it be needed. Noted at the previous Board meeting that the Task List had been reviewed and it had been sent out to RC afterwards in draft format for review at this meeting. It was meant to have had some tasks removed beforehand to avoid any confusion.

As an aside, noted Jennifer Bould had advised that she had fractured her right foot so was unable to drive and attend any Board meetings in person or the State Champs at this stage.

The Board will be having further discussions with the officials.

5.2.10 Volunteers

MA Holt thanked those Clubs that had responded to her request for volunteers last race day and reminded Clubs that two volunteers would be required for both days.

MA Holt noted she needed clarification on some of the official roles to be filled so that tasks can be allocated.

5.2.11 Task List – review

Noted the Board would review the Task List at the upcoming Governance meeting on Sunday 19 March. **Action: Board (#277)**

6 DBSA

6.1 Level 1 Coaching Course – 18&19 March – update

- Noted there are now only seven participants who are undertaking their required pre-requisites.

6.2 First Aid course – rescheduled to Saturday 15 April

- Noted.

6.3 Regional Masters Games reminder – Sat 29-April

- DAA advised they have 8 paddlers wanting to participate in the Senior A (40+) women's category and were seeking a further two plus a Sweep to make up a team.

7 AusDBF

Nil report.

8 SAFETY

- Noted Safe365 is being used by Clubs where appropriate.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Memorial service – agreed to schedule up first on the Sunday morning with one person to read out the names of previous participants who had died in recognition.
- Medals – noted are enroute with tracking advice received today.
- Reminder for Clubs to assist with entering categories to allow them to be held.
- BCS – request to schedule both races early in the morning so paddlers could then leave.
- Good Sports Award – noted organisers are keen for a photo opportunity whereby Powerblades could be presented with their award and they were seeking approval from the RC for this ceremony to occur and for when it could best be held. Agreed to schedule on the Sunday morning after the memorial service.
- Pat Doogue – reminded Clubs that Sweeps for the State Champs will need to be minimum Level 3 with no provisional sweeps allowed.

10 NEXT MEETINGS 2023

- Planning meeting for 2023/2024 season to be scheduled for early May.

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:57pm.