



# DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES

8pm Monday 9 October 2023  
Via Zoom

## 1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

## 2 PRESENT:

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| ▪ ASA 1:     | Mary-Ann Holt       | ▪ KIDS 1:     | Apology            |
| ▪ ASA 2:     | Steve Holt          | ▪ KIDS 2:     | Nil                |
| ▪ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland        | ▪ Mannum 1:   | Jason Kuhlmann     |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood          | ▪ Mannum 2:   | Julie Metcalfe     |
| ▪ AP 1:      | Nil                 | ▪ PBs 1:      | Neil Parker        |
| ▪ AP 2:      | Kearney Sieberhagen | ▪ PBs 2:      | Sharon Etherington |
| ▪ BSD 1:     | Lyn Payne           | ▪ PDs 1:      | Tenielle Stokes    |
| ▪ BSD 2:     | Sandy Beagley       | ▪ PDs 2:      | Robyn McKenzie     |
| ▪ BRs 1:     | Apology             | ▪ SADA 1:     | Apology            |
| ▪ BRs 2:     | Sandy Douglas       | ▪ SADA 2:     | Heather Wingard    |
| ▪ BWR 1:     | Nil                 | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane        |
| ▪ BWR 2:     | Nil                 | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Mario Ferrari      |
| ▪ CC 1:      | Apology             | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil                |
| ▪ CC 2:      | Yvonne Watkinson    | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil                |
| ▪ CDs 1:     | Nil                 | ▪ WWs 1:      | Veronica Maidment  |
| ▪ CDs 2:     | Nil                 | ▪ WWs 2:      | Sam Slabbert       |
| ▪ DAA 1:     | Jo Hamlyn           | ▪ VP 1:       | Nil                |
| ▪ DAA 2:     | Apology             | ▪ VP 2:       | Nil                |
| ▪ DAPL 1:    | Sandy Jansen        | ▪ VDs 1:      | Rob Bowen          |
| ▪ DAPL 2:    | Nil                 | ▪ VDs 2:      | Maxine Timbs       |

## APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ CC 1:  | Marcia Dunne   | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Cherie Furniss | ▪ VP 1:   | Sandra Bennett    |
|          |                | ▪ KIDS 1: | Mary-Alice Swan   |

The meeting was chaired by: Neil Parker (Powerblades) with the Welcome to Country acknowledgement given.

## 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 13 September 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #307**

## 4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
298	Amend RC Minutes 29 Aug as noted and upload.	ASAP	Marie	Done
299	<p>Agreed to post boat training roster to website and place a copy in the boatshed. Noted Clubs haven't been asked their preference yet this season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that Clubs had been advised by Julie Lister of the following:  <i>"I shall be placing a copy at Aquatic on the end of the locker row for a full visual.  I appreciate we haven't communicated to all clubs this year and confirmed/asked for preferred changes to training"</i> </li> </ul>	ASAP	Chris & Marie	Ongoing

	<p><i>times. With the limitation of boats it has seemed more practical to continue with the current allocation for the interim period. If there are any queries, questions or changes that are necessary, please don't hesitate to contact me. As previously communicated, our longer term aim is for there to be 12 boats at the boat shed available for use.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted Clubs still keen to have current roster placed on website.</li> </ul>			
300	<p>Relocate x3 boats from Angle Park to Torrens for Nov event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted they have been relocated to Aquatic for AMG event with assistance provided by x3 Clubs.</li> </ul>	End Sept	ACDC	
301	Follow up for drivers(s) for Umpire's Boat for race day.	B4 race day	MA Holt	Done
302	Update Task List #49 – to change that Clubs to collect and return their own bins.	ASAP	Marie	Done
303	Send email to Clubs seeking x2 paddlers to read the Paddler's Oath with winner to be chosen from a hat.	B4 race day	MA Holt	Done
304	<p>Decide whether happy to start Peter Bristow race at 5pm instead of 6pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A vote was taken and the consensus was for it to remain at 6pm.</li> </ul>	9-Oct mtg	CLUBS	Done
305	Send email to Clubs seeking participants from Level 1 Officials course to be assigned tasks on race days.	ASAP	MA	Done
306	Reschedule next RC meeting from Tue 10-Oct to Mon 9-Oct.	ASAP	Marie	Done
<b>ACTION ITEMS - ONGOING</b>				
269	<p>Introduce checklist next season for C&amp;S meeting to cover off all contingencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted a template is being prepared for each venue.</li> </ul>	Next season	Board	Ongoing
285	<p>Follow up if remaining Torrens boats at Angle Park have been relocated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted only one remains which will be relocated after AMG.</li> </ul>	Board mtg	Chris	Ongoing
287	<p>Enquire if sensor light can be placed in the Boatshed to avoid any potential tripping hazards as light switch at the back of the room is hard to access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP advised that he had a tripping incident in the shed due to there being no light when he walked through and would submit an incident report.</li> <li>Noted Board had looked into this and best option would be to purchase a portable light which could be plugged into the wall socket.</li> <li>It was suggested that a sensor light would work better and this would be followed up.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Steve #308</b></p>	Board mtg	Julie	No longer applicable
296	<p>Clubs to update their bio on DBSA website, if applicable, to assist race announcer's commentary on the day and send through any changes to Marie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubs given until next meeting otherwise action item would be removed.</li> </ul>	ASAP	All Clubs	Ongoing

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 Sun 24/9/23 – Season launch race day – planning

- Comment made that there were too many races with 10s&20s being held on the day which made the race day finish around 4pm. It was felt that this may deter some paddlers from participating.  
In response it was noted that this committee had made the decision to move away from separate 10s&20s race days as was held in the previous season.
- Question was asked as to why Premiers races were dropped and why there were x2 2000m races scheduled.

- Discussion held on best way to reschedule categories on the race day to reduce the overall number of races being held and the importance of supporting Premier races.
- Agreed Clubs to come back to the next meeting with their viewpoints. **Action: Clubs #309**

## 5.2 Task List

- Agreed as soon as an individual or a Club is aware that they cannot undertake an assigned race day task to let the organising Club/DBSA know.
- Suggestion was put forward to revert back to a separate Task List for each course with the consensus being in favour of this. **Action: Marie #310**
- Noted task list to include: 2000m race buoys to be taken to/from shoreline. Neil Parker said they could be left in the boat whilst being taken to / from the Boatshed however assistance would be required from volunteers for this.

## 5.3 Chief Official's Report

- Taken as read.
- Noted MA Holt had taken on feedback re the lunch options provided for volunteers and officials and would be looking into another provider.
- Noted it was a long race day for Glyn & Ron with the Umpire's Boat and need to be mindful of this when scheduling the race day program.
- Agreed there was no need for DBSA to report incident of there being some inebriated people on a yacht near the course.

## 5.4 Peter Bristow Long Course

- Clubs to arrive by 5:30pm at the latest.
- First boat to leave at 6pm at 2 minute intervals.
- Agreed time will start when each boat crosses the start line.
- Each boat to have a working mobile phone with number provided to the race officials beforehand.
- Each Club to provide a person as timer.
- Any discrepancy by 1-3 seconds would be awarded the same time.
- Neil Parker advised that Powerblades were preparing a safety plan where there be a medical incident that Clubs would be aware of where they could readily land the boat and call an ambulance or for assistance as needed.
- Combined teams discussed (SADA & VDs), (BSD #2 & Adelaide Phoenix), (ASA & Mannum).
- Noted some Clubs were still seeking paddlers from other Clubs for a combined team.
- Comment made that Clubs had agreed at previous meetings to have organised their teams prior to the race meeting. In response it was noted by some that this was often difficult to manage as they had to wait until closer to the race day to find out who was available.
- Defib – agreed for this event that it should be in the Umpire's Boat. Follow up to be had with Glyn & Ron to arrange this and return it to the Boatshed. **Action: Neil #311**
- Noted that defib is not to be used on the water or if the individual needing assistance is wet.
- Chris Wood suggested Clubs look to download the Emergency Plus App on their phone as this will call triple zero and let them know exactly where they were located.
- Neil Parker responded it was preferable to ring triple zero direct as they will direct the caller to the correct service required and categorise the urgency.
- Chief Marshall – Peter Button.
- Reminder if paddler is unable to swim 100m they are required to wear a PFD
- Sweep and Drummer to wear PFD.
- Team categories to be entered 48 hours before race meeting.

## 6 DBSA

- Pat Doogue presentation of Life membership on race day 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- First aid course. Date being finalised with DBSA following up coordinator to check suitability of course now that the program has changed somewhat.
- AusDBF Level 1 Coaching course – noted only four registered thus far and need a minimum of eight. Reminder will be sent out for tentative date of end Nov / early Dec.
- Lyn Payne queried why the Board had changed *Policy #028 – State Championships – to Qualify* to not allow Dragon Pass paddlers to compete as she felt that it was best to have them be enthusiastic and sought the reasoning behind this.

In response it was noted that it had been agreed the previous season, by the previous RC, with the main reason being to avoid the potential for Clubs to stack the team with strong paddlers from other sports.

Given there was some willingness for this to be reconsidered it was agreed for Clubs to review the Policy and the AusDBF ruling on DragonPass to be provided for consideration at the next meeting.

**Action: Chris & Marie #312**

**7 AusDBF**

Nil report.

**8 SAFETY**

Reported earlier by Neil Parker.

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Agreed to follow up on whether there is a Safety Boat for the Wallaroo Marina Challenge.  
**Action: CC & Chris #313**
- John Holland asked if anyone knew where the screws were for the number boards as there were only x6 and a further x8 were needed and there used to be some spares in a locker at the old shed. Suggested that he contact Julie Lister who may know where they are as she is undertaking maintenance on some of the equipment. **Action: John #314**
- AMG – noted tent mud map has changed with PBs and BSD now placed near the marshalling tent.
- AMG – tents can be pegged.
- Veronica Maidment – asked if there could be a time limit imposed on boats arriving late at the start line. Noted there is a 3 minute limit in place however it was often not the Sweeps fault for a late departure. Agreed to a make an effort to get there in time and to also paddle up to the start quicker.
- Rob Bowen – asked if there was any detail re the Regional Training (Morning & Afternoon) schedule for Sun 5-Nov. Agreed to follow up. **Action: Chris #315**
- Mary-Ann Holt – advised DBSA needs 3-4 individuals to be trained in the FinishLynx system so that there were dedicated people trained and they could be rostered on a rotational basis.

**10 NEXT MEETINGS 2023/24**

Wed 08-Nov	Race day #2 - Wallaroo Marina Challenge	DBSA
Thu 23-Nov	Race day #3	?
Thu 11-Jan	Race day #4	BSD
Tue 30-Jan	Race day #5	DBSA
Wed 21-Feb	Race day #6	SADA
Wed 13-Mar	States	DBSA

**11 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.