

DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES v1



8pm Thursday 11 January 2024
At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Steve Holt | ▪ KIDS 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Mary-Ann Holt | ▪ KIDS 2: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC DF 1: | John Holland | ▪ Mannum 1: | Jason Kuhlmann – Z |
| ▪ ACDC DF 2: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum 2: | Julie Metcalfe – Z |
| ▪ AP 1: | Kearney Sieberhagen – Z | ▪ PBs 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ▪ AP 2: | Apology | ▪ PBs 2: | Sharon Etherington |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ PDs 1: | Nil |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley | ▪ PDs 2: | Robyn McKenzie – Z |
| ▪ BRs 1: | Apology | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ BRs 2: | Nil | ▪ SADA 2: | Heather Wingard |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Julie Allen – Z | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane – Z |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Apology |
| ▪ CC 1: | Nil | ▪ Waiwilita 1: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 2: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilita 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Brigitte Chapman – Z | ▪ WWs 1: | Veronica Maidment – Z |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Roylene Nixon – Z | ▪ WWs 2: | Sam Slabbert – Z |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ VPs 1: | Nil |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Lynsey Johnson – Z | ▪ VP 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Apology | ▪ VDs 1: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 3: | Bron Bowen- Z |
| ▪ DBSA SC: | Pat Doogue – Z | | |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ AP 2: | Jeremy Smith | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Mario Ferrari |
| ▪ CC 2: | Yvonne Watkinson | ▪ VDs 2: | Maxine Timbs |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Lyn Payne (BSD) with an Acknowledgement of Country given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 8 November 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #335**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
329	Upload RC Minutes from 23 November meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
330	Change Wallaroo Task List for Copper Coast to set up the Start line and note that it and the Finish Line reside there with them.	ASAP	Marie	Done
331	Send EOI to Clubs seeking interest in training on the race draw to be conducted by John Holland.	ASAP	Chris	Done
332	Arrange to relocate the x2 boats at Angle Park to Aquatic.	ASAP	Neil	Done
333	Arrange to relocate x1 boat to Torrens Boatshed.	After 3-Dec	Chris	N/A
334	Send email to Clubs advising of training session by John on the new gantry system on Tue 28-Nov @ 5:45pm.	ASAP	Marie	Done

ACTION ITEMS – ONGOING

308	When daylight savings end, look into options for lighting at Boatshed.	Apr '24	DBSA	Board action
321	Set some criteria for the Peter Bristow event for review prior to next season.	Mar '24	DBSA	Board action
323	Follow up offline with Subsonix (Mario) re issues he had wish some crew compositions during the AMG.	ASAP	John	Withdrawn
326	Distribute information on what is planned for the R&R Training event at Mannum in January.	3-Dec	Mannum (Jason K)	Done

5 SEASON 2023/24

5.1 Sun 03/12/24 – Race Day #3 – 10s&20s over 500m

5.1.1 Feedback

- Windy, long day
- Some races cancelled
- FinishLynx worked well for 200m & 500m races
- Lengthy time for some race starts, particularly 200m.
- Rob Bowen read to the attached statement extracted below:

My reference point is the 'Agreed Outcomes from Previous Race Committee Meetings' list that Chris Wood collated and distributed to all clubs in late 2022.

In simple terms: *(from 14/10/2021)*

- The boat must be all from the same club members to qualify for any race day prizes (ie. bottle of wine)

Breaking it down:

- If you borrow a drummer then you are a NQ boat
- If you borrow a paddler then you are a NQ boat
- If you borrow a sweep then you are a NQ boat

Further re sweeps:

- If you have a sweep who is paddling you cannot borrow a sweep unless that person (sweep) is required to paddle to meet the minimum number of paddlers – ie. 8 for a 10s boat; 16 for a 20s boat – in which case they can borrow a sweep but you become a NQ entry.

(from 20/2/2020) Most importantly, a NQ boat/entry should be clearly marked on the Race Draw and Race Results sheet. They should also be allocated to outside lanes.

I'm not sure how to identify a pre-known NQ boat entry in RevSport - possibly when entering use the 'Enter Crew Name' option that is normally used when the club has multiple boats in the same category, but type in NQ or something similar. Simple solution is to notify the club/person preparing the race draw of any NQ boats. If any NQ boats eventuate on race day then the relevant officials should be notified on the day.

There have been some instances on the past 2 race days where NQ boats haven't been recorded but have won the race category and accepted the prize. This isn't about the bottle of wine but rather acknowledging and rewarding those clubs that go about it 'alone' as it were, and allowing all clubs to enter crews based on a known set of rules. And please note that these rulings apply equally to A + B Grade crews.

- It was noted that there may have been a lack of communication with the caravan as to decisions made by the Chief Official of any late NQ crews.
- Noted that the Race Draw does not identify NQ teams.

5.1.2 Feedback – Ronnie Lane email

- Ronnie Lane reiterated that it was unfair for category changes to be made on the race day and this went against the process whereby they cannot be changed after the submission deadline.
- Sharon Etherington advised of the background request for a late PBs category change.
- Pat Doogue responded that one category change had been agreed upon at the S&C meeting and another went through the race secretariat, chief judge and he was advised later. He advised that sometimes there may be reasons on race days for category changes however it was important that the team was identified as NQ.

- Agreed to circulate some wording on NQ crews for local rule adoption at the next meeting.
Action: Pat #336
- Reminder given of importance of having RC delegates attend the S&C meeting.

5.1.2 Chief Official's report

- Tabled as read.

5.1.3 Task List – any changes?

- Nil.

5.2 Sun 21/01/24 – Race Day #4 – 10s&20s over 500m

5.2.1 Planning

- Categories discussed.
- Noted there are not enough B-Grade teams to schedule in between the races to prevent backing up with reminder given for crews to load boats quickly and to move to the start line promptly.
- Backing up to be prevented where possible.
- ASA requested a Sweep for Womens races with SADA offering to assist.
- 2000m – Premier Open 10 – currently x5 boats and Premier Open 20 – currently x4 boats.
- Agreed to run x2 sets of boats and an extra boat is to be put out as well for the races that have x7 boats entered.
- Every team is to put out x2 boats.
- Composite NQ teams:
 - ASA / Mannum: B-Grade Womens 10s
 - Mannum / ASA: B-Grade Mixed
 - Mannum / Copper Coast: B-Grade Open
 - ASA / Mannum: Premier Open – 2000m

5.2.2 Race order for 2000m race – out of a hat

- Noted this relates to the next race day.

5.2.3 Sweeping up requests

- ACDC: Cassidy Burns – Premier up to Senior A – approved.
- BSD: Robert Voss – Premier up to Senior A – approved.
- PBs: Cathy Tran – Senior A to Senior B – approved.

5.3 Mannum regional training day – Sun 14/01/24 – update

- Jason Kuhlmann advised:
 - 60 registered to participate
 - X8 Sweeps to receive training
 - X4 boats in use
 - Boat seating has been done by Julie Davies
 - Appreciation extended to Kevin (PBs) who brought up x2 additional boats and Pat Doogue taking up the Umpire's Boat.
 - Club will supply water refills, sunscreen
 - BBQ lunch at Rowing Club
 - Looking forward to a great day

5.4 DBSA Regional training day – Sun 25/02/24 – update

- Noted details will be provided soon.

6 DBSA

6.1 First aid course – update

- Dates are being confirmed with course provider for late April / May.

6.2 AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course – Sat 3 & Sun 4-Feb '24

- Noted course will proceed as late registrations expected from ACDC and PBs.

7 SAFETY

- Nil issues raised.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The following discussion paper was presented online at this point of the meeting for feedback:

New local rule:

Action: Check rules of racing to clarify the rules around the borrowing of a sweep on race days.

The Rules of Racing are for "AusDBF championship events and other AusDBF sanctioned events" hence do not apply to our local regattas and DBSA should define its own "Rules"

Suggestion for the local rule:

Sports A and B Club (such as ACDC and BSD)

A Sports B crew can utilise the use of any relevant age group sweep from the Club including those that participate in Sports A.

The above will apply to the drummer.

Sports B Club (Metro and Regional such as ASA, Pink Dragons and Mannum)

Where the Sports B Club has sufficient paddlers on race day to enter a crew of 10 paddlers, sweep and drummer, then the Sports B sweep should sweep the boat.

Where the Sports B Club has insufficient paddlers on race day to enter a crew of 10 paddlers, sweep and drummer, so as not to disadvantage the crew and allow the sweep paddling opportunity, a sweep can be requested from another Club. This request should ideally be made at the Race Committee meeting, or alternatively on the race day at the Sweeps and Captains meeting and be noted by the Chief Official.

The above will apply to the drummer.

- Noted it was not possible for all meeting participants to view this paper readily online (via Zoom screen share) or consider at late notice, so it was agreed to include it in the Minutes and revisit next meeting.
Action: Marie #337
- It was agreed that the first rule already applied and that the second was too wordy creating confusion. Agreed to rewrite and provide this with the Minutes for review at the next RC meeting.
Action: MA #338
- Noted SA Regional Masters Games (dragon boat racing) are scheduled for 13 April 2024 in Wallaroo.
- Volunteers for next race day to be submitted to Mary-Ann Holt.
- 200m drummer's toggles set up on 500m race days. Chris Wood advised that she did not think they were required to be set up as boats should line up on the windward side and drift over to their lane. Once in the lane the paddler in the middle of the boat can hold on to the Sweeps' buoy which will hold the boat stationary until it is time to start. Consensus was in favour of this.
- Chris Wood – asked if Clubs could be patient with them getting to the race start as they enter a large number of categories and sometimes have no choice to back up.

9 NEXT MEETINGS 2023/24

Wed 17-Jan	Race day #5	DBSA
Wed 21-Feb	Race day #6	SADA
Wed 13-Mar	States	DBSA

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9pm.