

DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES v2



8pm Wednesday 24 January 2024
At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8pm

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Steve Holt – Z | ▪ KIDS 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Mary-Ann Holt – Z | ▪ KIDS 2: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC 1: | Chris Wood – Z | ▪ Mannum 1: | Jason Kuhlmann – Z |
| ▪ ACDC 2: | Nil | ▪ Mannum 2: | Julie Metcalfe – Z |
| ▪ AP 1: | Apology | ▪ PBs 1: | Neil Parker – Z |
| ▪ AP 2: | Jeremy Smith – Z | ▪ PBs 2: | Sharon Etherington – Z |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne | ▪ PDs 1: | Robyn McKenzie – Z |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley | ▪ PDs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ BRs 1: | Nil | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ BRs 2: | Nil | ▪ SADA 2: | Heather Wingard – Z |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Nil | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane – Z |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Mario Ferrari – Z |
| ▪ CC 1: | Marcia Dunne – Z | ▪ Waiwilita 1: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 2: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilita 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Apology | ▪ WWs 1: | Veronica Maidment – Z |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Roylene Nixon – Z | ▪ WWs 2: | Sam Slabbert – Z |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ VPs 1: | Sandra Bennett – Z |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Apology | ▪ VP 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen – Z | ▪ VDs 1: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 3: | Maxine Timbs – Z |
| ▪ DBSA SC: | Pat Doogue – Z | ▪ ASA 3: | Sigrid Thompson |
| ▪ DBSA: | John Holland | ▪ DBSA: | Jennifer Bould – Z |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ CC 2: | Yvonne Watkinson | ▪ DAA 2: | Lynsey Johnson |
| ▪ AP 1: | Kearney Sieberhagen | ▪ CDs 1: | Brigitte Chapman |

The meeting was chaired by: John Holland (DBSA) with an Acknowledgement of Country given.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 11 January 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
335	Upload RC Minutes from 23 November meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
336	Agreed to circulate some wording on NQ crews for local rule adoption at the next meeting.	ASAP	Pat	Done
337	Include Local Rules discussion paper in the Minutes.	ASAP	Marie	Done
338	Rewrite wording for local race rule to simplify re the borrowing of a sweep from another Club.	13-Jan	Mary-Ann	Done

5 SEASON 2023/24

5.1 Sun 14/01/24 – Mannum regional training day – feedback

Jason Kuhlmann advised:

- Started on Saturday night with a get together for tea followed by a quiz night.
- Thank you to all who attended our regional training day and to those that helped with shifting and loading boats.
- It is so refreshing to be able to paddle with other clubs in a learning environment.
- This event would not have been possible without the effort of Pat Doogue, who along with Steve Clinch, ran the training day.
- Most regional clubs only ever train with one boat on the water. This is where regional training is so important as they allow sweeps to practice lining up for racing with other boats under race conditions. This gives level 2 sweeps the confidence they need to transition to a level 3 sweep.
- Plenty of positive feedback from the day and looking forward to the next training day.

Feedback from others involved:

- VDs – congratulated Mannum noting they had a large contingent from their Club. Appreciation extended to the Rowing club for the BBQ, quiz night was fun and the day was enjoyable.
- CDs – had a great time with only six members in attendance. Enabled Alisha Welch to attain her Level 3 Sweep accreditation. Great day, somewhat windy, BBQ was fantastic. Extended appreciation to Mannum.
- Pat Doogue – noted the amount of work done by the Mannum Club to organise the event, seek council approval, arrange tents, local person provided his own boat. Great day with everyone learning a lot. Four boats on the water and excited for the next one.

5.2 Sun 21/01/24 – Race day #4 – feedback

Of note:

- Windy event, with program shortened as a result.
- Noted disappointing that the Premiers once again had to miss out and given the weather was forecasted the program could have been rearranged beforehand.
- Identified need for DBSA to buy quality framed marquees in future rather than cheaper ones which can collapse readily in the wind.
- Noted the good quality Starter's tent was left by the caravan and the emergency tent was used instead.
- From BSD event organising perspective it was not as straightforward as it had been in previous years. Unaware needed to contact Dennis to do the race draw.
- Noted Dennis was not aware that he was doing the race draw.
- BSD have since streamlined the Task List to re-allocate some of the previous tasks assigned to the Organising Club.
- VDs – noted issue with some of their volunteers' lunches which was being handled separately and taken up at next Board meeting. Suggested they should have contacted MA Holt direct rather than the email dialogue that occurred.
- Question asked as to when conditions deteriorate who makes the decisions to cancel the event.
- Noted that the DBSA President made the decision and walked around and communicated this to all Clubs. Feedback was that it was communicated poorly, and the Chief Official was not informed at the time.
- Agreed that a C&S meeting should be called in future to make this decision.
- Noted there would never be a penalty applied to Clubs that chose to pull out due to deteriorating conditions.
- Question asked as to why, and who decided to, change the 500m races to 200m when the program was shortened.
- Issue with Sweeps not backing out far enough in the windy conditions or turning around and having a look back at the shore causing damage to some heads and tails. Suggested Sweeps use the front x3 paddlers to draw right and the others paddle forward when then moving off. Alternatively, the "tank turn" can be used. Will be addressed at the Sweeps' Committee meeting.
- Noted Ron Ottaway on occasion was in the Umpire's boat without any assistance which was not safe.
- PBs responded that this was due to Kayla Mundy having to leave the boat to sweep some races despite being designated to be on the boat and noted that their Sweeps seemed to be doing a large amount of sweeping other Clubs boats.
- Feedback was that PBs did not have to do all the additional sweeping.

- MA Holt advised that there were two volunteers assigned to the power boat to rotate and that Kayla should have advised when she was racing / sweeping so this could be managed. Aim will be to have someone in this role more permanently.
- Noted the race day was 8 minutes late in starting with boats waiting on the start line for the first race. BSD assumption was that agreement had been reached previously that the race will be started on such occasions as starter will not wait for a boat arriving so late.
- Noted issue with the radios meant that the Starter on the 500m line repeatedly asked the caravan if they were ready to start with no answer, which was frustrating.
- Noted in response that the walkie talkies in the caravan suffer from a lot of static and may have been turned off. Pat Doogue has been charged with finding a communication system that will work with the equipment without interference and is waiting for approval.
- MA Holt advised that her 2-way radio kept being taken away from her by various Sweeps which was frustrating.
- Noted Pat Doogue has some plans to organise additional radios at low cost.
- Noted Jennifer Bould retained the paperwork for the judges and Race Secretariat issues along with the team sheets.

5.2.1 Chief Official's report

- Question asked if the new procedure referred to in the report for the middle of the boat paddlers to hold the buoy was so successful, if it could be introduced on the 500m line.
- Noted this was trialled at the 200m line on a 500m race day and would be reviewed by the sweep committee as an option.

5.3 Sun 11/02/24 – Race Day #4 – 10s&20s over 200m +2000m + Corporate Challenge + Lunar New Year

5.3.1 Planning

- Noted registrations had to be submitted earlier than usual to order and receive the medals in time.
- Question asked as to why B-Grade Mixed and Junior Women categories were not included with the response being the directive from Julie Lister was that it would only be B-Grade Women and Open x 3 races each.
- Mannum advised that they wanted to compete in the B-Grade Mixed category.
- VDs advised because of the reduced categories and races they would not be participating.
- Agreed there should have been more consultation about all categories being raced.
- Subsonix only entering corporate teams at this stage.
- Noted Corporate team entries to be sent to Chris Wood.
- Clubs were encouraged to revisit categories being entered to have more teams participating.
- Noted SADA had requested x2 BCS races with only one allowed. Suggested that they could race with the corporates allowing them x2 races. Program to be adjusted.
- Noted Juniors could also be included in with the corporates to allow more racing if the race draw allows.
- Agreed cut-off for team entries will be 1 February.

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

- Agreed on this order but the draw will have to wait until close of entries.
- Agreed Chief Official to coordinate a briefing prior to the 2000m race given it is a 20s race making it more difficult to sweep.

5.3.3 Composite crews

- Noted ASA & Mannum will have a composite crew for the 2000m race.
- Any other composite crews to be advised to organising Club for inclusion in the race draw.

5.3.4 Sweeping up requests

- BSD – Robert Voss: Premiers to Senior A – approved.
- ACDC – Cassidy Burns; U24 to Senior A – approved.

5.3.5 Chief Official

- Jennifer Bould.

5.4 DBSA Regional training day – Sun 25/2/24 – update

- Noted is in planning stages with email to be sent out by Monday with details.

6 DBSA

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

- Noted registrations remain open.

6.2 First aid course – update

- Noted scheduled for Saturday 4 May 2024.

6.3 Local rule re Sport B Club – review

- Noted the following 'new local rule' was discussed at length along with the process for their introduction:
 - If a B Sports Crew only has the maximum number of paddlers for a 10s crew (10) and one of those paddlers is a qualified sweep, they may borrow a sweep to enable them to race with a full crew.*
 - This crew will still be eligible for prizes at the regatta and this rule will also apply to State Championships.*
- Varying viewpoints were put forward.
- Noted that it had been agreed at the previous RC meeting that any amended version of the rules would be brought back for RC review and the process had been circumvented by the Board which was disappointing. It appeared to be rushed and mismanaged given there were so many amended versions being circulated.
- Agreed that Clubs would submit their feedback on the above rules to Marie Cunningham for collation and review at the 12 February 2024 Board meeting. Due date: 5th February. **Action: Clubs #339**

7 SAFETY

- Noted depletion of sand at the boat ramp is problematic. Council to be contacted to replenish. **Action: Marie #340**
- Noted de-fib unit has not yet been mounted to BSD locker with the preference being that it be attached to a permanent position. **Action: DBSA #341**

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Veronica Maidment – noted lack of 2000m racing for Premier – Mixed 10 this season and queried if it would be included in the State Championships in all three categories. Agreed Clubs should not have to pre-qual for this category if included.
- MA Holt – noted availability of volunteers and officials for the next is regatta being sought.
- Rob Bowen – queried when next Sweeps' course would be held. Noted SC will follow this up.
- CDs – queried why race rules seem to change each race day.
- Noted Mildura will not be participating in Race day #5 however would enter the Regional Masters Games (RMG).
- Noted Task List has been amended to include the 200m Starter's tent.
- Reminder given to Sweeps to come into shore carefully to avoid damaging the boats.
- Noted Glyn Wingard would be available to assist in the Umpire's boat next race day.
- Congratulations extended to DAPL for their 20 year anniversary in February.
- RMG – scheduled for Saturday 13 April 2024 with entries opening next week. Future Masters category will be dropped due to little interest over time.
- RMG – Wallaroo will be visited next month to discuss running the course in a different direction and along the front of the hotel, which the Council is amenable to. Noted usual land for tent set up has been reduced due to development.

9 NEXT MEETINGS 2023/24

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

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW				
NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
339	Submit feedback to Marie on the Local rule re Sport B Club for Board consideration at their next meeting.	5-Feb	Clubs	Done
340	Contact Council to replenish sand at boat ramp.	ASAP	Marie	Done

341	Mount de-fib unit to a permanent position.	ASAP	Board	Done
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