

DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES



8 pm Thursday 14 November 2024

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8 pm.

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Steve Holt | ▪ KIDS 1: | Nil |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Mary-Ann Holt | ▪ KIDS 2: | Nil |
| ▪ ACDC 1: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mannum 1: | Jason Kuhlmann |
| ▪ ACDC 2: | Nil | ▪ Mannum 2: | Julie Natrass |
| ▪ AP 1: | Tony Grigg | ▪ PBs 1: | Sharon Etherington |
| ▪ AP 2: | Jeremy Smith | ▪ PBs 2: | Neil Parker |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Lyn Payne – Z | ▪ PDs 1: | Angela Yates-Taylor – Z |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Sandy Beagley – Z | ▪ PDs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Nil | ▪ SADA 1: | Mandy Tudor |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Nil | ▪ SADA 2: | Nil |
| ▪ CC 1: | Marcia Dunne – Z | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Ronnie Lane – Z |
| ▪ CC 2: | Judy Haydon – Z | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Mario Ferrari – Z |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Roylene Nixon – Z | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Nil |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Nil |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ WWs 1: | Veronica Maidment – Z |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Lynsey Johnson – Z | ▪ WWs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Apology | ▪ VDs 1: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Nil | ▪ VDs 2: | Michael Lowe – Z |
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| | | ▪ MB 2: | Nil |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Sigrid Thompson | ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandra Jansen |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Sue Jones | ▪ SADA 1: | Margaret Davidson |
| ▪ AP 1: | Kearney Sieberhagen | ▪ WWs 2: | Salomon Slabbert |
| ▪ PDs 2: | Melanie Garland | | |

The meeting was chaired by: Sharon Etherington (Powerblades).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 23 October 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #365**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

- Action items reviewed.

5 SEASON 2023/24

5.1 Sun 2/11/24 – Race day #3 – 10s&20s over 200m + 1000m – feedback

- Event was terrific except for the wind.
- Neil Parker raised safety concerns with the 1000m race being a bit tight for some of the sweeps not experienced in negotiating the turn into the rocks at the far end and had to jam stop to avoid them. He was concerned that if there were two boats next to each other, there could be pandemonium if something happened.
- Feedback from some others was that they did not see an issue at all.
- Suggested relocating the buoys to avoid this.
- Judy Haydon noted that it was unlikely the land would be available going forward due to the housing development that will start there, and an alternative venue will be needed. The Club had discussed reverting back to the previous course direction if held at the same time or looking to reschedule to February when it is not so windy.

- Ronnie Lane noted that this raised the question as to whether races should be held there anyway, as the program is usually cancelled halfway through due to the wind at that time of the year. The race program has only been completed once in the last six years. She suggested that the program be reduced and that it be more of a fun race day with fewer races. Their Premier paddlers were disappointed as they were not able to race much. She suggested that the race day be held in February (when the weather was better, less windy) rather than November and this could be revisited as part of the next season's planning.
- Marcia Dunne said that as there are only four boats available, there are no spare boats to allow people to load boats while others are racing, and not all people are accustomed to loading on/off pontoons. The development will start next year, and it is uncertain if there will be any room available to place the tents.
- Agreed to revisit the event and issues next race season.

5.2 Race day official's report

- Disappointment expressed that the report was not made available for this RC meeting and that the report from race day #2 had not yet been circulated either.
- Mario Ferrari said this process created conjecture about the report being changed by the Board before being circulated, which Chris Wood disputed.
- Chris Wood said this would be revisited at Monday's Board meeting and she was still chasing the race day #2 report. **Action: Chris #366**
- Rob Bowen said this type of activity tends to put people offside. He referred to the document issued in October 2022 concerning race days and whether boat crews must be all club members to be qualified, as he thought some clubs had forgotten this, and they had received prizes despite being a 'non-qualifying' crew.
- He sought consensus that this was the procedure that if a sweep, paddler or drummer is borrowed, that crew becomes ineligible for race day prizes, as this was ignored at Wallaroo. It was requested that he submit this in writing to Chris Wood, who will follow up on this.
Action: Rob #367

5.2 Task List – any amendments?

- Nil required.

5.3 Sat 9/11/24 – Peter Bristow Long Course Challenge – planning

- Teams to be there by 5:15pm to put out boats.
- Race will start at 6pm with boats leaving in 2 minute intervals.
- Umpie's boat and Umpire needed. Noted Kayla Mundy will drive the boat and Mary-Ann Holt will be the course umpire.
- Peter Button is towing the boat to and from the compound.
- Sweeps to have a mobile phone in a waterproof bag and provide that number to the course umpire beforehand.
- Starter – Steve Holt.
- Noted no Chief Official available. Agreed to provide an exemption to Chris Wood to take on this role noting she will be racing.
- Race Jury will be in place if needed, and each Club will advise who their nominated member is beforehand when signing in.
- Timers – each Club to provide one person. MA will send out an email seeking names.
Action: MA #368
- The timing board will be available along with the stopwatches. Noted some have gone missing from Wallaroo and will hopefully be found beforehand. Will run both options hopefully.
- Agreed if stop watches are used for the results that there will be a 2-second allowance in the timing if there are any neck-to-neck finishes.
- Mario Ferrari asked if the same overtaking rules apply as in previous years. Chris Wood responded that she was awaiting correspondence from the Department of Marines prior to the event to allow the passing on either side.
- Suggested that Sweeps should recognise and understand the importance on docking at a reserve area so that the ambulance can provide ready access should it be needed.
- Recommended that everyone wears a life jacket if it is going to be windy.
- Clubs to bring their own radios.
- Starts – 20 second warning to be given, can stop on the line however if break the line will have to go back around.
- Reminder for boats to go out through the middle of the buoys and back through them when returning.
- Draw – seeded from last year with highest placed going last and composite teams out first.
- Draw – non qualifying will be from a hat.

5.3.1 Composite teams – approval/s

- Mannum / ASA – composite.
- Copper Coast / Powerblades – composite.
- DAA / Waiwilta – composite.
- SADA / VDs – composite.
- Phoenix – have 2 males and 6 females – suggested they contact Vicki's Pride.
- PDs – have some ladies keen to paddle.
- Suggested Clubs contact each other beforehand to sort out crews as needed.
- BSD – noted their second crew would be non-qualifying and not a true mixed crew. They queried why the event could not be an open event, as it was held in the past, rather than a mixed event.
- The response was that a premier crew allowed for more inclusivity as not all clubs have males.
- Question asked if the composite crews needed to be the same mixture as a mixed crew with debate ensuing and different viewpoints put forward.
- As no consensus could be reached a vote was taken on the following:
 - Crews that do not have the correct mix can participate as a non-qualifying crew.The result was in favour of this for this race day.
- Noted could be revisited next season.
- Question asked if non-qualifying crews should be awarded prizes with the consensus being that they should not however their times should be recorded.
- Noted that the tail will be awarded to the slowest qualifying crew.

5.3.3 Sweeping up requests – approval/s

- Not relevant.

5.3.4 Race Day Official

- Chris Wood.

6 DBSA

- Nil update.

7 AusDBF

7.1 Level 1 Coaching course – Sat 22 & Sun 23-Feb '25

- Dates noted.

8 SAFETY

- Reminder given to be mindful of the West Lakes Princess boat being on the course and to stick to the right-hand side of the lake as they have right of way. Check to be made if they will be operational.
Action: Chris #369
- Mario Ferrari congratulated DBSA for arranging for the sling to make it safer to load the top boat and noted it was an excellent solution.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- BSD – sought approval for four of their new young male paddlers to race with x5 B-Grade ladies in a B-Grade mixed team next race day. Approval was given and noted they would be required to wear life jackets.
- Copper Coast – advised their boats sustained quite a bit of damage at the Copper Coast Marina Challenge, including to their heads and tails. Noted photos have been sent to DBSA and John Holland will follow up regarding the repairs.

10 NEXT MEETINGS FOR 2024

Wed 27-Nov	BSD
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11 CLOSE OF MEETING

- The meeting closed at 8:59 pm.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW

NO	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
365	Upload 1-Oct RC Minutes.	ASAP	Marie	Done
366	Follow up Race day #2 report.	ASAP	Chris	Done
367	Write to Chris Wood of issues with non-qualifying crews receiving race day prizes on occasion and more recently at Wallaroo.	ASAP	Rob Bowen	
368	Send out an email seeking names from each Club for a timer for the event.	ASAP	Mary-Ann	Done
369	Check if West Lakes Princess boat will be operating on night of race day and inform clubs at the C&S meeting.	ASAP	Chris	