DRAGONBOAT SA
RC MINUTES v2

8:00 pm Wednesday 5 Mar 2025

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

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1 MEETING OPEN – 8:00 PM.

2 PRESENT:

- ASA 1: Steve Holt
- ASA 2: Mary-Ann Holt
- ACDC 1: Chris Wood
- ACDC 2: John Holland
- AP 1: Jeremy Smith – Z
- AP 2: Kearney Sieberhagen
- BSD 1: Lyn Payne
- BSD 2: Sandy Beagley
- BWR 1: Nil
- BWR 2: Nil
- CC 1: Marcia Dunne - Z
- CC 2: Nil
- CDs 1: Nil
- CDs 2: Nil
- DAA 1: Jo Hamlyn
- DAA 2: Nil
- DAPL 1: Nil
- DAPL 2: Nil
- KIDS 1: Nil
- KIDS 2: Nil
- Mannum 1: Nil
- Mannum 2: Nil
- MB 1: Nil
- MB 2: Nil
- PBs 1: Julie Lister
- PBs 2: Neil Parker – Z
- PDs 1: Angela Yates-Taylor
- PDs 2: Nil
- SADA 1: Heather Wingard
- SADA 2: Margaret Davidson
- Subsonix 1: Ronnie Lane
- Subsonix 2: Nil
- Waiwilta 1: Nil
- Waiwilta 2: Nil
- WWs 1: Veronica Maidment
- WWs 2: Nil
- VDs 1: Rob Bowen
- VDs 2: Bron Bowen
- DBSA: Jennifer Bould – Z
  Tracey Gardiner – Z

APOLOGIES:

- ASA 3: Sigrid Thompson
- DAPL 1: Sandra Jansen
- PBs 1: Sharon Etherington
- PDs 2: Melanie Garland
- CDs 1: Roylene Nixon
- Mannum 1: Jason Kuhlmann
- Waiwilta 1: Kay Cameron
- Waiwilta 2: Jill Furmage
- VDs 2: Mike Lowe
- Mannum 1: Jason Kuhlmann
- Subsonix: 2: Mario Ferrari

The meeting was chaired by John Holland (DBSA).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting 20/2/25

Agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting held 20 February 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

Nil.

5 SEASON 2024/25

5.1 Sun 2/3/25 – Race day #7 – 10s&20s over 200m + 1000m – feedback

- Ronnie Lane thanked Black Sea Dragons for doing their task on Sunday 02Mar25 due to the withdrawal of Subsonix (due to sickness).

5.1.1 Race day official's report

Report circulated prior to the meeting - Thank you to Jennifer Bould for getting this out to everyone early.

Rob Bowen queried the suggestion under Marshalling in the report, about using a 3rd set of boat numbers after one crew took out the wrong coloured boat number, stating that this

would cause even more confusion. John Holland said that everyone was to ensure they use the correct boat colour number so it does not mess up the rotations. The red boat numbers are not being used as we do not have all of them.

Jo Hamlyn raised the question as to why Pink Dragons were not flagged as a Non-Qualifying crew as they borrowed a sweep (their club did not have a qualified sweep). John Holland & Jennifer Bould stated that it had been agreed (they would be a qualifying crew) at the Captains & Sweep meeting in the morning & it had been noted in the Chief Official's report.

5.1.2 Task List – any amendments?

Chris Woods stated that the were duplications for the Aquatic Reserve task list – she will update with Marie Cunningham. Action: Chris Wood/Marie Cunningham #380

5.2 Sat 22/3/25 – 500m + 2000m – planning

5.2.1 Race day official – John Holland, Judge: Jennifer Bould, Starter 500m: Pat Doogue, Starter 2km: John Holland, Secretariat: Mary-Ann Holt. Mary-Ann Holt has list of all Officials & volunteers.

5.2.2 Pontoon move – Saturday volunteers required by Pat Doogue. John Holland to follow up with Pat Doogue to ensure there are sufficient volunteers to assist him. Action: John Holland #381

5.2.3 Equipment move to Rowing SA – Friday 21/3/25 – planning – 13 boats to move to course, Pat Doogue is organising, time TBA. Action: John Holland to follow up with Pat Doogue #382

5.2.4 Catering arrangements (both days) – there will be a coffee van & a Vietnamese van available, plus the Café will be open for business.

5.2.5 Race Categories planning – 2km racing to be held on Saturday & 1km racing to be held on Sunday (last year it was concluded that it was unsafe to race around the pontoons). No one is entered in the 1km racing as yet as Revolutionise has to be amended to reflect the categories we are to race.

2km racing – Agreed to race categories: Premier Open 10, Premier Women 10 & Premier Mixed 20 in the 2km racing.
2km racing - Premier Open 10's & Premier Women 10's to be run together in the one race.

Some clubs have entered 2 crews in the same category into Revolutionise – this was a mistake & will be rectified. To be one crew only in a category per club.

Agreed all Premier 10's, over 500m/200m, races would be unchanged as a Heat & Final. Premier Open 20 only has 2 boats at present so will be one race only (Final). SADA to put in a Premier Women 20's crew to make 3 boats which agreed to be one race only (Final).

All changes to be entered by Clubs into Revolutionise by Monday 10Mar25 midnight.

Volunteers meeting to be at 8.15am, Captains & Sweeps meeting to be at 8.25am.

Presentations to be at the end of the day, each day. Medals to be awarded to top 3 places. Mary-Ann Holt to organise an appropriate time for the Volunteers Pins presentation (either Saturday or Sunday). Action: Mary-Ann Holt #383

5.3 Sun 23/3/25 – 200m + 1000m – planning

5.3.1 Race day official – See Mary-Ann Holt's list

5.3.2 Pontoon move – Sunday volunteers required, Pat Doogue to organise.

5.3.3 Equipment move back – planning. There are 10 Clubs participating so each Club to paddle one boat back to the Aquatic boatshed, which leaves 3 boats to be towed back – volunteers required to assist Pat Doogue.

5.3.4 Medal preparation – Tracey Gardiner has the labels for these.

5.3.5 Race Categories planning – Phoenix to enter their categories into Revolutionise.
1km - Agreed to race Premier Open 10, Premier Women 10 & Premier Mixed 20's over 1km.

Revolutionise to be updated so Clubs can input their entries by Monday 10Mar25 midnight.

John Holland to update categories & send to Tracey Gardiner. Action: John Holland #384.

Breast Cancer racing – agreed to hold 3 races only in this category.

B Grade – Mixed to run with the BCS and have 3 races, the rest (Open & Women) to have 4 races as normal.

Premier Women 20 – agreed SADA, BSD & PB to race in the Premier Women 20 & the Senior A Women 20 will not be raced. This will be one race (Final) only.

There are approximately 30 races to be held on Sunday.

Margaret (SADA) queried the sweep oar in shed with no handle – had it been mended? John Holland said there was a sweep oar with no handle but that was for the 10's boat (it was not meant to have a handle). There are also 2 new sweep oars in the shed.

6 DBSA

6.1 Sat 5/4/25 – Port Augusta Regional Masters Games - Victor Dragons confirmed they are not attending as a club but some of their members are paddling with SADA. John Holland expressed gratitude to the 3 Victor Dragons members who have already volunteered to help, but more volunteers are required. John Holland said the Council are very excited to have dragon boating in Port Augusta & have organised coffee & food vans. DBSA would be using a crane & truck to transport 3 or 4 boats, but this is yet to be arranged. 6 Clubs have already entered. John encouraged everyone to make the trip.

6.2 Sun 13/4/25 – First Aid course
Chris Wood confirmed this course is now full.

7 AusDBF – AUSCHAMPS 2025 Bulletin 2 is now available.

8 SAFETY
Julie Lister attended an AUSDBF Risk & Safety Committee meeting recently mentioning that it was getting a lot harder than previously with the requirements & planning for events. One of the Risk Plans was 196 pages!. Margaret Davidson queried if our insurance covers this – John Holland confirmed it did not. Julie Lister confirmed DBSA has a Risk Management Plan.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Lyn Payne (BSD) said she had noticed at the regattas that at the completion of a race the sweeps were "going all over" on their way back to the beach, this caused delays in boat loading/unloading. She felt this needed to be better organised in future. Her suggestion was for sweeps to keep their boat in their lane after finishing the race, then all turn & go together into the beach area, with the boat markers positioned accordingly so there is no crisscrossing of boats etc. John Holland requested Lynne document this ready for next season. Action: Lyn Payne #385
- Veronica Maidment (WW) said they had 2 volunteers at the last race day who felt there was too much to do & found it stressful. They stated that they would be unwilling to volunteer in future if more help was not available. She called for more volunteers to assist. John Holland reminded Clubs that they each need to provide a volunteer for each race day. Chris Woods wished to attract volunteers who would then continue on to gain their Officials qualification.
- Chris Wood requested that if people left early on a race day that they ensure their task has been allocated to others.
- Margaret Davidson & Judy Sweatman (SADA) had attended an interview on Community Radio today, where they talked about the sport, its history, modern times & invited people to come along both to paddle and/or as a volunteer.
- Chris Wood thanked Ronnie Lane for taking the Minutes today in the absence of Marie Cunningham.

10 NEXT MEETING DATE
Planning meeting 2025/26 season – TBA.

11 CLOSE OF MEETING
The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

ACTION ITEMS				
NO.	**NEW**	**DUE**	**WHO**	**STATUS**
380	Task List for Aquatic Reserve – Duplications to be deleted.	ASAP	Chris Wood/ Marie Cunningham	
381	To check with Pat Doogue that there are sufficient volunteers to assist with the pontoon move.	22Mar25	John Holland	

382	To check with Pat Doogue sufficient volunteers to help move the 13 boats & equipment, from Aquatic Reserve to the Ramsay course on Friday 21Mar25.	21Mar25	John Holland	
383	Organise time for Volunteer Pins Presentation at State Titles (Saturday or Sunday).	22Mar25	Mary-Ann Holt	
384	To update categories (for 22nd & 23rd March) & send to Tracey Gardiner.	10Mar25	John Holland	
385	Document procedure for sweep organisation after finishing a race & coming into the beach area (to reduce delays).	Prior to Season 2025/26	Lyn Payne	