DRAGONBOAT SA
RC MINUTES

8:00 pm Thursday 1 October 2026

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

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1 MEETING OPEN – 8:00 pm by Mandy Tudor (SADA).

2 PRESENT:

ASA 1:	Nil attendance	Mannum 1:	Jason Kuhlmann – Z
ASA 2:	Mary-Ann Holt	Mannum 2:	Julie Nattrass – Z
ACDC 1:	Chris Wood	Mildura 1:	Apology
ACDC 2:	John Holland	Mildura 2:	Apology
AP 1:	Apology	MB 1:	Apology
AP 2:	Jason Thompson – Zoom	MB 2:	Not in attendance
BSD 1:	Sandy Beagley	PBs 1:	Julie Lister
BSD 2:	Lyn Payne	PBs 2:	Sharon Etherington
BWR 1:	Apology	PBs 3:	Julie Davies – Z
BWR 2:	Not in attendance	PDs 1&2	Apology
CC 1:	Vei Li Soo – Z	PDs 3:	Sadie Goddard-Wrighton – Z
CC 2:	Not in attendance	SADA 1:	Mandy Tudor
CDs 1:	Roylene Nixon – Z	SADA 2:	Heather Wingard
CDs 2:	Not in attendance	Subsonix 1:	Gareth Chee – Z
DAA 1:	Jo Hamlyn	Subsonix 2:	Ronnie Lane
DAA 2:	Not in attendance	Waiwilta 1:	Apology
DAPL 1:	Not in attendance	Waiwilta 2:	Apology
DAPL 2:	Not in attendance	WWs 1:	Leonie Kelley
KIDS 1:	Not in attendance	WWs 2:	Chris Kelley
KIDS 2:	Not in attendance	VDs 1:	Rob Bowen – Z
DBSA SC:	Pat Doogue	VDs 2:	Mike Lowe – Z

APOLOGIES:

AP 1:	Tony Grigg	PDs 1:	Angela Yates Taylor
BWR 1:	Julie Allen	PDs 2:	Melanie Garland
DAA 2:	Lynsey Johnson	Mildura 1:	Kathy Judd
MB 1:	Ben Daly – Z	Mildura 2:	Shane Johnston
SADA 1:	Roger Horstmann	Waiwilta 1:	Kay Cameron
		Waiwilta 2:	Jill Furmage

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting 2/9/26

Agreed to accept as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #453**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

The Action list was reviewed; refer to the Action Items list for status.

5 SEASON 2026/27

5.1 Sun 13/9/26 - Race Day #1: 10s 200m, 1000m

5.1.1 Feedback

- Gareth Chee raised an issue with the volunteer timekeepers for the last race, as there was a lot of confusion due to the boats not being the same as on the race sheet and some having different coloured numbers. In addition, the stopwatches were problematic, with one not working.

  Agreed to purchase a replacement set of 10 stopwatches in time for the next race day. **Action: Chris #454**

- Ronnie Lane encouraged all sweeps to review the rules for the 1000m/2000m races as some sweeps were not moving over when required.

5.1.2 Race Day Official's Report – Pat Doogue

Tabled as read.

5.1.3 Task List – any changes required?

Sandy Beagley advised of an issue that BSD had when putting out the start line, which delayed the start of the race. They couldn't find the eyelet on the western side wall to hook the toggles, so they had to paddle back to get the star dropper instead.

Pat Doogue advised that there was actually a very faint coloured bolt on the western side which was difficult to find. He had since marked the point on the wall with red paint for where the star dropper is to be placed if used. He will make sure it aligns with the point on the eastern side, and update the set-up instructions accordingly.

Action: Pat #455, Marie #456

5.2 Sun 11/10/26 – Race Day #2 – 20s 200m, 1000m

5.2.1 Planning

- Race categories were reviewed accordingly.
- Noted that some clubs would submit additional entries for some categories to be raced.
- 1000m categories will be raced separately.
- 18 races plus corporate and BCS.

5.2.2 Sweeping up requests – approvals

The following requests were approved:

- ACDC: Cassidy Burns from Premier to Senior A.
- PBs: Cathy Tran – Senior A to Senior B

5.2.3 Composite team – approvals

The following requests were approved:

- Copper Coast Sports-B Open– will borrow a Sweep and be non-qualifying.
- Mannum Sports-B Women will borrow a Sweep and be non-qualifying.

Noted that Pamela Harris (Waiwilta) will be available as a Sweep and that DAA had room for 2-3 BCS paddlers.

5.2.4 Race Day Official – John Holland

Noted.

5.2.5 Opening Ceremony

Noted that the monks' ceremony will commence at 8:15 am and finish at 8:45 am.

An invitation is being sent to the DBSA Patron, Jing Lee.

5.2.6 Corporate Challenge

Agreed to allow time midway through the program to present the corporate team trophies once their racing was completed.

Clubs requested to forward corporate team entries to Chris Wood.

5.2.7 BCS Challenge

Jo Hamlyn advised that her brother would once again do some drone footage.

5.3 Sun 27/9/26 – Regional Training Day feedback

Rob Bowen, as event coordinator, reported an excellent event with positive feedback and favourable weather. It was well supported, with 55 participants from eight clubs, and a detailed summary was provided; photos were on Facebook for review.

Appreciation was extended to Rob for coordinating this event so successfully again.

6 DBSA

6.1 Course: First Aid – Sun 18/10/26

Noted there are only seven registered for the course; will proceed with registrations encouraged.

6.2 Checklist – Captain & Sweeps

Noted that the checklist was provided for club information as a reminder of what the Race Day Official checks off on race days.

A reminder was given to all Sweeps to attend the C&S meeting on the day and arrive on time.

7 AusDBF

Nil.

8 SAFETY

8.1 Any incidents?

Nil.

8.2 Boat loading/unloading – caution reminder

Reminder given to clubs to be mindful of crews entering and exiting boats, as a few incidents have been reported at Aquatic Reserve and in the regions.

Suggested that the strokes ensure that they hang on to the boats and help the crew exit.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Sadie Goddard-Smith advised she and another PD's paddler will help out with the setting up of the pink ladies in the field and asked about providing flowers for the on-water ceremony.

  Agreed that participating clubs would bring along their own petals for the on-water ceremony.

- Leonie Kelley asked if consideration could be given for 10s crews (still a Mixed category) to also be included for the Peter Bristow Long Course Challenge, as otherwise many of the clubs would not be able to participate.

  There was unanimous support for this as more clubs would be able to form composite teams and actually participate.

  Julie Lister said she would discuss this first with Peter Button and Neil Parker to seek their support and advise clubs in sufficient time so entries can be submitted in RevSport before the RC meeting on Monday 12 October. **Action: Julie #457, Marie #458**

  In the interim, clubs would discuss this option before the next race day. **Action: Clubs #459**

- Mary-Ann Holt advised that she would like the opportunity for Sports B clubs to be able to participate in at least one 500m race during the season, which was supported and would happen in the new year.

10 NEXT MEETING DATES

▪ Mon 12/10/26	Peter Bristow Long Course – Sat 24/10/26	Powerblades
▪ Wed 28/10/26	Race Day #3 – Sat 7/11/26	Mannum
▪ Mon 23/11/26	Race Day #4 – Sun 6/12/26	Subsonix

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:44 pm.

ACTION ITEMS				
NO.	**NEW**	**DUE**	**WHO**	**STATUS**
453	Upload Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September.	ASAP	Marie	
454	Purchase a replacement set of 10 stopwatches.	B4 next race day	Chris	
455	Place a marked line with red paint on the eastern wall to align up with the red line on the western wall.	ASAP	Pat	
456	Update set-up instructions for Drummer's toggle accordingly (#455).	ASAP	Marie	

457	Consult Peter Button and Neil Parker on whether they would support clubs to enter 10s crews in the Peter Bristow event as well, to allow more clubs to enter. Advise clubs of the outcome so that RevSport can be updated accordingly.	Priority	Julie	
458	Update RevSport to allow 10s Mixed entries for Peter Bristow if supported by Peter and Neil.	Priority	Marie	
459	Clubs to discuss entering 10s Mixed crews for Peter Bristow in the interim and enter teams if approved.	B4 next RC mtg	Clubs	
NO.	**CARRIED OVER**	**DUE**	**WHO**	**STATUS**
450	When a new DBSA bookkeeper is appointed, arrange payments to Clubs for Masters Games and advise of any debts owed.	ASAP	John	Ongoing