DRAGONBOAT SA
RC MINUTES

8:00 pm Monday 12 October 2026

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

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1 MEETING OPEN – 8:00 pm by Neil Parker (Powerblades).

2 PRESENT:

- ASA 1: Apology
- ASA 2: Mary-Ann Holt
- ACDC 1: Chris Wood
- ACDC 2: John Holland
- AP 1: Tony Grigg
- AP 2: Jason Thompson – Z
- BSD 1: Apology
- BSD 2: Lyn Payne
- BWR 1: Apology
- BWR 2: Nil attendance
- CC 1: Vei Li Soo – Z
- CC 2: Dennis Haydon – Z
- CDs 1: Apology
- CDs 2: Linda Noack – Z
- DAA 1: Jo Hamlyn
- DAA 2: Lynsey Johnson – Z
- DAPL 1: Sue Bishop – Z
- DAPL 2: Sharmane Cooper – Z
- KIDS 1: Nil attendance
- KIDS 2: Nil attendance
- DBSA SC: Pat Doogue
- Mannum 1: Jason Kuhlmann – Z
- Mannum 2: Nil attendance
- Mildura 1: Apology
- Mildura 2: Apology
- MB 1: Apology
- MB 2: Nil attendance
- PBs 1: Julie Lister
- PBs 2: Nil attendance
- PBs 3: Peter Button – Z
- PDs 1: Angela Yates Taylor
- PDs 2: Melanie Garland
- SADA 1: Mandy Tudor
- SADA 2: Heather Wingard
- Subsonix 1: Apology
- Subsonix 2: Ronnie Lane
- Waiwilta 3: Carol Cooper
- Waiwilta 4: Pam Howard
- WWs 1: Leonie Kelley
- WWs 3: Deb Wells
- VDs 1: Rob Bowen – Z
- VDs 2: Nil attendance

APOLOGIES:

- ASA 1: Sue Robinson
- BSD 1: Sandy Beagley
- BWR 1: Julie Allen
- CDs 1: Roylene Nixon
- Subsonix 1: Gareth Chee
- MB 1: Ben Daly
- Mildura 1: Kathy Judd
- Mildura 2: Shane Johnston
- Waiwilta 1: Kay Cameron
- Waiwilta 2: Jill Furmage
- WWs 2: Chris Kelley

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting 1/10/26

The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #460**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

The Action list was reviewed; refer to the Action Items list for status. Noted items #454-459 completed.

5 SEASON 2026/27

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

5.1.1 Feedback

- Great day – rather windy.
- A reminder was given for clubs to be mindful of the strong winds.
- Clubs were encouraged to secure tents down more strongly with the guy ropes on race days as there are often strong winds, especially the start line tents and DBSA tents behind the caravan.
- Comments were made about the abruptness of the Starter on occasion and some Drummers' hands being ignored at times. In response, noted that the hand needed to wave, not stay stationary, and that a third person was needed on the start line to assist, as the hands could not always be seen waving.
- Suggested in those conditions that "near enough is good enough" on the Start line for heats.

- Question asked why some races had only two boats, with it noted that they withdrew after the race draw was produced and the race still needs to continue to allow remaining clubs the opportunity to race. Cancelled races will still be recognised as having been held for the purpose of state championship qualification.
- Noted some feedback about the quality of the race announcer and noted that it was under Board review.
- Noted some rudeness by Sweeps to other Sweeps.
- Clubs were reminded to ensure that boats are fully dressed before heading out. Replace heads from the boat shed supply as needed.
- Noted in race 3 that a Corporate boat was at the back of the course making it difficult for boats to line up. Neil Parker advised, as the Sweep, that it was an error, as he thought they were in that race, and apologised.
- Subsonix advised that their two corporate teams enjoyed the day and appreciated the extra races at the end of the day and extended appreciation to Chris Wood for coordinating and arranging the trophies.
- Powerblades also expressed appreciation as they had a corporate team with some receiving parking fines from the council whilst parked across the road. Chris Wood noted that she was looking into this with the council.
- Reminder given that there is currently no parking on the northern grass verge in front of the western car park. Clubs will be advised when council approval is received.
- Noted the missing buoy #3 was located on the rocks and had come adrift due to it not being looped securely. The hook is limp and needs replacing. **Action: DBSA #461**
- Noted some volunteers' lunches were not delivered on the day, and this will be followed up to ascertain why. Volunteers to let Mary-Ann Holt know on the day if lunch is not supplied.
- Mary-Ann Holt advised she was aiming to have a team of volunteer marshalls in preparation for the state championships. Noted that Victor Dragons have supplied a regular 'finish line' volunteer.
- Reminder given for all clubs to have a maintenance delegate and, if paddlers find equipment not working, either fix it themselves or, if they are unable to do so, report it to DBSA.
- BSD said they are trying to find someone within their club to fix the broken head and if not successful, will advise DBSA. **Action: BSD #462**

5.1.2 Race Day Official's Report – John Holland

Noted that it will be circulated with these Minutes. **Action: MC #463**

5.1.3 Task List – any changes required?

The following changes were suggested:

- Remove the requirement to place the temporary steps.
- Ensure the wording on both tasks matches any duplicate items.
- Remove from the Club Task List any items already on the Club Task Rotational List. **Action: MC #464**

5.2 Sat 24/10/26 – Peter Bristow Long Course – 10s, 20s, 7000m

5.2.1 Planning

- A vote was taken on whether to approve the inclusion of 10s crews for this event, which was successful.
- Discussion was held on naming of the 10s race trophy with the Board to make the decision in due course. For now, it will be the "10s Long Course" trophy.
- Focus for this event will still be on 20s racing.
- Start: 6:00 pm.
- Sweeps' meeting: 5:30 pm.
- Crews to depart at 2-minute increments.
- New stopwatches available with a 2-second variance in place.
- Each participating Club to provide a stopwatch volunteer.
- Paddlers unable to swim must wear a life jacket.
- Crews to pass through the two yellow buoys heading out and returning.
- Race starter: Pat Doogue – 0415 834 633.
- Umpire's Boat: Lyn Payne.
- Crews to take a radio and mobile phone in case of any issues.
- Crews to provide their Sweeps' mobile number to Mary-Ann Holt beforehand, and she will provide them to the Race Starter and Umpire's Boat. **Action: Clubs/MA #465**
- If weather is inclement, a 30-minute window will be in place and if need be, the event will be cancelled.
- Clubs to take out, dress, and bring back their own boat.
- Clubs to remain after the event for the presentations.
- Non-qualifying composite and unseeded teams to depart first. Draw names from a hat.

5.2.2 Sweeping up requests – approvals

Noted Sweeps to be a minimum level 3.

5.2.3 Composite teams (non-qualifying) – approvals

The following requests were approved:

- ASA 20s crew (with PDs)
- DAA 20s crew – not a composite but non-qualifyingPBs 20s crew – uncertain
- Subsonix 20s crew

5.2.4 Race Day Official – Pat Doogue

Noted.

6 DBSA

6.1 Course: First Aid – Sun 18/10/26

Noted that only seven are registered for the course, which will proceed despite not reaching the minimum numbers.

7 AusDBF

7.1 AusDBF Para Dragons presentation

Julie Lister delivered a PowerPoint presentation and asked clubs for help forming a team. Presentation to be provided to clubs. **Action: MC #466**

8 SAFETY

8.1 Any incidents?

Noted that Safe365 incident reports have not yet been lodged for Rick French's injury (Subsonix), or for race-day incidents involving Powerblades and Subsonix. **Action: PBs, Subs #467**

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Neil Parker raised concerns about some of the questions and requirements for Sweeps in the Sweeps' Accreditation module. Pat Doogue advised him that this was not the correct forum to raise these concerns and that he should put them in writing to him first, as DBSA Sweeps Coordinator, so that they can be discussed with the Sweeps' Committee. **Action: Neil #468**

  Pat Doogue advised that he and John Holland will be in Sydney this weekend for an AusDBF national meeting for Sweeps coordinators and, if time permits, will raise this if Neil submits a paper beforehand.

  The new email for the Sweeps Coordinator is sweepcoordinator@dragonboatsa.com.

  John Holland provided background on this requirement, introduced by AusDBF after receiving funding from the ASC for the first time, with clubs encouraged to keep their members informed of AusDBF's initiatives.

10 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

▪ 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 9:08 pm.

ACTION ITEMS				
NO.	**NEW**	**DUE**	**WHO**	**STATUS**
460	Upload Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October.	ASAP	Marie	Done
461	Replace Buoy #3 hook, then secure it more securely.	ASAP	Board	
462	Identify someone to fix the broken head within the club or notify DBSA that assistance is needed.	ASAP	BSD	
463	Circulate Race Day Official's reports from the 11/10/26 race day.	With Minutes	Marie	
464	Remove from the Club Task List any items already on the Club Rotational List.	ASAP	Marie	

465	For the Peter Bristow event, provide the mobile number of Sweep/s to MA Holt, who will provide to the Race Starter and Umpire's Boat.	B4 PB Long Course	Clubs	
466	Circulate the AusDBF Para Dragons PowerPoint presentation delivered by Julie Lister.	With Minutes	Marie	
467	Lodge Safe365 incidents for race day on 11/10/26.	ASAP	PBs, Subs	
468	Submit written notice to DBSA SC of issues with the AusDBF Sweep accreditation module.	16/10/26	Neil	
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