



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGON BOAT CLUB Inc.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 8 July 2023 at The Paddlers' Den

Meeting Opened: 9.12am

Minute taker: Gill Robinson

1. APOLOGIES: Lyn S, Sue B, Cheryl R, Jane S, Iris H
Attendees: Cherie Robinson, Sonia Anger, Margery Barnes, Fran Heales, Tina Van Kuyl, Andrea Coe, Iciar Argus, Lyn Russell, Phil Matthysen, Ann Matthysen, Ann Neiland, Simon Argus, Vince De Gregorio, Ross Lambert, Marina Denaro, Lisa Dunne, Melanie Roper, Peggy Rapley, Bob Rapley, Natalie Mason, Tony Griffiths, Suzie Fox, Gillian Robinson, Sandy Crawford, Melva O'Brien.
2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – read with no matters arising.
President call for motion to accept. Iciar informed meeting only paid-up members can vote, Vince informed meeting only members who attended previous meeting could vote.
President asked meeting for an exception this year due to members not being able to pay club fees as not yet invoiced. Agreed.
Motion to accept – Peggy R, seconded – Vince DG
3. Correspondence as listed and filed with minutes
4. REPORTS
 - i. President's Report – Mel Roper
 - The awards night was a great fun night, she feels the club is growing and has a positive culture. The pinks boat is fixed. Overall ticking along nicely.
 - ii. Treasurer's Report – Lisa Dunne
 - Presented at meeting and attached.
 - Total bank balance: \$72,502.81:
Grants/Insurance: \$28,351.99, Operating Account: \$34,913.96 and Sinking Fund: \$9,236.86
 - Fundraising is essential for the club as membership fees do not cover expenses.
 - Lisa moved this report is accepted. Seconded – Fran H
 - iii. Coach's Report – Cheryl Rigby, read by Secretary
 - Training sessions have focused on technique and going back to basics.
 - This year our 1st regatta is in September, so taking time for technique.
 - The Coaches' aim is to attend more regattas, with the big ones being Coast to Coast, State Championships and National Auschamps in Perth.

- Request that competitive members attend at least 2 sessions a week and to do fitness exercise when not at training.
- iv. Team Manager's Report – Cheryl Rigby
- Combined in Coach's Report
- v. Club Registrar's Report – Simon Argus
- 34 Primary Members, 28 female, 6 male, + 3 on dragon pass
 - Club is on track for similar membership numbers as last year.

5. COMMITTEE

Motion: that the Redcliffe Red Dragon Boat Club confirms extension of current committee officers from 1 July 2023 to the date of the Annual General Meeting

- Traditionally the committee positions finish at the end of the paddling year, June 30th. The new committee is voted in at AGM which will be held once accounts audited.
- Mel motioned for accepting extension. Nat M seconded. Motion to accept by vote. All in favour.
- Mel informed meeting the Treasurer and Secretary will relinquish their roles at AGM.

NB:

Whilst discussing membership, Mel informed meeting that a member of the committee wants to remain but is now a non-paddler. This member can be a social member of DBQ, but the club has no category for social members. The Constitution Section 5.1.2 states committee members must be a club member. Mell asked meeting if committee can amend constitution to allow committee to decide.

Nat M said club struggles to get committee members, so this does need to change.

Simon – DBQ allow volunteers, covered by insurance, so they get assistance at regattas; volunteers are important, but club does not have social members.

Phil – could be an associate member but constitution to limit the number the club can have, ie 2-3.

Decision: The members of the meeting gave permission for the committee to update the constitution with the required wording before going to the vote. Also, for the committee to make an interim decision on an adhoc basis.

6. EOI MAINTENANCE OFFICER

- The club requires someone to be responsible for maintenance of equipment. Mel called for a volunteer.
- Ross Lambert volunteered; Vince De Gregorio will assist.

7. CLUB FEES 2023 - 2024

Motion: that the Redcliffe Red Dragon Boat Club ratifies club memberships fees for 2023/2024 season.

- The committee propose to increase adult fee by \$10 to \$160. Other membership classes pro rata – Junior 50%, other water sports 25% discount

Motion to accept - Ann M, Seconded – Vince DG. All in favour

- Until the club increase was approved, the treasurer could not invoice members for the club membership. This will be done after this meeting.

8. CHANGE TO SUBSCRIPTION BASIS FOR CLUB FEE TO ALIGN WITH DBQ FEE STRUCTURE

- DBQ is changing structure of annual fees. Once payment to DBQ made, the subscription will be valid for 12 months. RRD currently have different structure with a pro rata payment through the year. The DBQ structure may/may not be more work for Treasurer, but this will negate the need for a pro rata fee.
- It was decided not to return to DBQ/Club fee payment wholly through Revsport due to the cost to the club.
- Proposal to align with DBQ fee structure with treasurer invoicing members upon their payment to DBQ; and upon payment of club fees, membership lasts 12 months.

Motion to accept proposal – Nat M seconded – Margery B Majority in favour.

9. SEPTEMBER REGATTA

- Mel asked Phil to speak, though away for the regatta. Iciar and Cheryl will take over.
- Area needed most is First aid. Several companies who usually provide cover are not available this year.
- Also required, safety boat. Mel to contact clubs to gauge interest and equipment availability.
- Andrea – happy to provide the first aid help, but experienced people with Basic Life Support skills should be on duty. Andrea to plan what is required for the regatta and source competent first aid cover, to convey to Phil in a week.

10. UNIFORM STOCK PURCHASE

Mel – was going to put in a new order for uniform but it was suggested a change in the design. Several members thought this a good idea as need to become more modernised.

- Ann M suggested going to Team Elite, company providing other clubs and DBQ with uniforms. Will be more expensive. Natalie M willing to contact Team Elite + Ann M
- Phil- if the uniform is changed, everyone must purchase the new one for regattas.
- Iciar – two badges need to be on uniform as per DBQ / AUSDBF regulations.

Getting a sponsor ruled out, due to having to change uniform if sponsor changed.

Vote to look at a new design – majority in favour.

The final decision re uniform to be made at AGM.

11. RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

This was due to be discussed by Cheryl R.

Cheryl has had flyers printed and trying to work out where to leave them.

Recruitment strategies discussed.

- Ann M – other clubs advertise on Facebook, and target category they wish to recruit, ie male 40-50.
- Vince – if Facebook advertisement, all members need to share, so that it gets out to more people.
- Gill to see if MBRC do a male only healthy & active session
- Nat M suggested a promotion with the Dolphins.
- Iris has offered to be the contact person for the Come 'n' Tries.
- Need to be mindful of sweep/coach availability.

12. COACHING COURSE

Mel reminded members of the DBQ Coaching course available. Any member being accredited in this course will have fees reimbursed by club. The club needs coaches/sweeps. Mel informed meeting of Rita leaving club and said she will be missed.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Iciar: need more people for tin can bay regatta in September. Need a theme – lisa suggested where’s wally
- ii. Peggy: raffle prizes needed for regatta. Is contacting sponsors and as our previous regatta was in January, just 6 months ago, club to offer a team building paddle for the company’s sponsorship/donation.
- iii. Anne M: resigning from Facebook administrator. Thanks to Anne. Natalie M and Andrea C to continue.

Meeting Closed 10.07am.

CHAIR’S DECLARATION THAT MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING (Following ratification at the next meeting)

Name (Chair):

Signature:

(May be electronic)

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Date: