



# REDCLIFFE RED DRAGON BOAT CLUB Inc.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 VENUE: Paddlers Den

Minute taker: Lyn Russell – Club Secretary

Meeting opened at 9:00am – The Committee agreed to start the meeting early at 9:00am however some members were concerned that there were a few people who were still not in attendance. The meeting was halted.

The meeting recommenced at 9:17am with a decision that future meetings should be scheduled to start at 9:00am.

1. APOLOGIES: Anne Hewitson, Tina Van kuyl

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Rita Beadsmoore, Natalie Bliesner, Chloe Burt, Petra Cruikshank, Renee D'Arcy, Marina Denaro, Suzie Fox, Tony Griffiths, Iris Hall, Karen Hardy, Anne Hewitson, Andy Howlett, Kerry Ingebrigtsen, Jamie Jarrott, Norma Kelly, Mandy Lake, Ross Lambert, Gary McDougall, Francis McKeown, Melva O'Brien, Brett O'Leary, Charlene Povey, Barb Powell, Karen Rolfe, Melanie Roper, Jenny Shapland, Clinton Storey, Jane Storey, Louise Swan, Tina Van kuyl, Darren Voigt

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Sonia Anger, Jill Aplin, Iciar Argus, Simon Argus, Margery Barnes, Sue Batchelor, Peter Bowen, Andrea Coe, Mick Cruikshank, Vince De Gregorio, Lisa Dunne, Stephen Evans, Fran Heales, Tina Ikenasio, Del Martin, Natalie Mason, Ann Matthysen, Phil Matthysen, Erlindal May, Anne Neiland, Sharyn Nunn, Peggy Rapley, Bob Rapley, Cheryl Rigby, Cherie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Kay Roper, Lyn Russell, Mel Voigt

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Read with no matters arising.

President called for motion to accept as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Ann Matthysen

Seconded by Lisa Dunne

3. CORRESPONDENCE In/Out – as listed and filed with Minutes

4. REPORTS:

President's Report - Andrea Coe

- The President thanked the new members of the Committee.
- Reminded the Club members to please address the Committee directly with any questions or concerns.
- Steve Evans sold the trailer and it was agreed last year to purchase a new trailer for an approximate cost of \$12,000.
- Rita Beadsmoore was awarded Life Membership and a presentation was held at the Christmas celebration in December 2023.

#### Treasurer's Report - Lisa Dunne

- Treasurer's report was tabled and distributed to all members at the meeting – filed with Minutes
- Treasurer congratulated members on their efforts at the fundraising events.
- Moved by Kay Roper - Seconded by Peggy Rapley

#### Coach's Report – Cheryl Rigby

- Coach's report was tabled and distributed to all members at the meeting – filed with Minutes

#### Club Registrar's Report - Simon Argus

- Registrar's report was tabled and distributed to all members at the meeting – filed with Minutes
- Noted that the State election was being held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024, same date as States Regatta – suggested members who are attending the regatta to do a postal vote prior.
- MBRC Come and Try session scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 had not been put up on MBRC website and link shared had incorrect date. Lyn Russell to contact MBRC on Monday morning. Iciar Argus advised that there is no minimum number of participants and it was up to the Club to decide if they wanted to proceed with low numbers. One such session had only 5 people signed up.

#### 5. SOCIAL v SPORTS PADDLERS

The Committee has received feedback regarding training levels. The President reiterated that we are a sports club catering to all levels of fitness. This issue was vigorously discussed amongst the members in attendance. Margery Barnes suggested introducing a social boat, however Andrea Coe commented that maybe there were not enough numbers on a Saturday. Cheryl Rigby said that was all good as long as there are enough Coaches and Sweeps and a program. Coaches need to be accredited and the Club needs more Sweeps. Del Martin let the members know that she is happy to be the Sweep for the social boat. There also needs to be a Coach in each boat. Iciar Argus reminded members that if they couldn't paddle that it has always been accepted that they can pull their paddles in at any time, and if any member was impacted by an injury, then they didn't need to paddle at 100%. Lisa Dunne suggested the Pink Snapdragons take out their own boat with a Coach, Sweep and program. Sharyn Nunn, as a new member, suggested when joining the Club, that members list their goals when signing up and have their goals re-evaluated during their membership as necessary. This was received very positively. Lisa Dunne suggested renaming sessions from Social and Sports to Competitive and Non-Competitive. There was no resolve over this issue at the meeting.

#### 6. UNIFORMS – NEW DESIGNS

The President reminded the members that in July 2023 it was agreed that the Club would get new uniforms and thanked Ann Matthysen and Natalie Mason for putting in a lot of work to get the designs and quotes. The design options were circulated to all members in December 2023 to vote for their preference and comments. It has been a long process and the order for new uniforms is being submitted to the supplier following today's meeting. A grant was applied for but was unsuccessful. The Club did want to subsidize the cost to the members and were still hopeful of doing that in the future. There is no obligation for members to purchase the new uniform, however it was noted that all members attending regattas, needed to have the new uniform and if they couldn't purchase one, they could consider borrowing one. Members were also advised that should they find

it difficult to purchase a new uniform they could make an arrangement with the Committee regarding payment. Andrea asked the members if they had any comments. Cheryl Rigby commented that she didn't like the font for the Club name on the back of the shirt and that it sat over the dragon, or the size of the KPI logo and had contacted KPI directly. Andrea had already asked KPI to reduce the size of their logo. Andrea stated that all members had been given an opportunity to give their input regarding the new branding, and it was too late for any further input, especially as the aim was to have the new shirts ready for the State regatta mid-March.

7. **COME AND TRY – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am – volunteers needed**  
This was discussed within the Registrar's report.
8. **PINK SNAPDRAGONS – ZONTA BOAT**  
The Zonta boat has been sold and the purchaser requested the Club deliver the boat. This was put to the members, with any member interested in towing the boat to contact Fran Heales, Pink Snapdragons President, and a towing fee would be arranged.
9. **KEY DEPOSITS AND STORAGE FEES AT PADDLERS DEN**  
The Paddlers Den is currently storing items for members and non-members at an annual fee of \$50. The President asked those members in attendance if they would like to continue this offer particularly as non-members have access to the Paddlers Den. The majority vote was "no" with only one member, Natalie Mason, voting "yes". Phil Matthysen suggested putting up the fees for non-members. Lisa Dunne will reach out to those who aren't members to see what they would like to do.
10. **COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE RAFFLES**  
Peggy Rapley asked members to start collecting items for future regatta raffles, with items being stored in the Paddlers Den. At this time, Redcliffe does not have a regatta scheduled.
11. **TASK CHAMPIONS**  
Lyn Russell suggested that Club members take on a variety of tasks to assist in the running of the Club. A table of tasks was circulated to all members in attendance where they could nominate themselves to become Task Captains and Champions.

Below is a list of tasks where additional help from members is required:

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| ✗ Awards evening          | ✗ Newsletter  |
| ✗ Bottle Recycling        | ✗ PR  |
| ✗ Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | ✗ Social events – 4 annual events –<br>1 Champion per event |
| ✗ Come 'n Tries           | ✗ Social media  |
| ✗ Fundraising             | ✗ Sponsorship   |
| ✗ Grants                  | ✗ Uniforms  |
| ✗ Lolly Run               | ✗ Website   |
| ✗ Member Liaison          |   |

It was suggested that task packets be made up with clear instructions on what is required for each task, and to be given out to the Task Captains, who will then take on the responsibility of the task and recruit helpers as needed. This was well received with several members stepping into the many roles on offer.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – opened to the floor

- Kay Roper asked if anyone had any feedback regarding the recent changes to cancelling registrations on RevSport to report it to DBQ.
- Kay Roper reminded members that DBQ were hosting a Members Forum webinar session on 21<sup>st</sup> February which Kay has booked into. Iciar Argus commented that they were not taking questions during the forum.
- Kay Roper raised a concern regarding potential Sweeps and a story she had heard of a person who attended a Come and Try session and who found the paddling to be too hard for her. She wasn't interested in training or attending regattas, but was interested in becoming a Sweep, however this person was knocked back by one of the Club members. It was disappointing as we should be encouraging people and it was acknowledged that sometimes it can take years for a person to be confident as a Sweep, as well as taking months to get accreditation.
- Cheryl Rigby advised members of grants applied for, and an upcoming grant with a deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> February. It was decided to apply for this grant with the hope of getting funds to pay for the new trailer, which Steve Evans has quotes for. Cheryl mentioned that there were stipulations on grants as to how the money was spent. There was a general discussion regarding the replacement of the trailer and size, measurements, etc. Cherie Robinson commented that it was a struggle to tow the old trailer given the size. Steve Evans went on to comment that the new trailer is lighter, manufactured from aluminium therefore will not rust. It was the same trailer as what Broadwater use. Gillian Robinson asked if we had so much money in the bank account, why do we need to apply for grants? The Committee responded that funds were needed for unexpected expenses and the Club were hoping to purchase a new boat in the future. Iciar Argus commented that the only income the Club receives is from member fees and profit from fundraising events, and it was necessary to maintain funds, especially if membership dropped. It had already been decided that the Club would be getting a new trailer.
- Kay Roper reminded members that DBQ had a position open for a Trailer Manager as mentioned in the recent DBQ newsletter.
- Simon Argus advised the members that Merlin Paddles had reached out to the Club offering a deal on Club branded paddles. The members agreed that this was not an offer they were interested in taking up.

Meeting closed: 10:22am

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):

Andrea Cap

Signature:

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Date:

22-6-24