**SKI RACING QUEENSLAND GENERAL MEETING**

**JUNE 22ND 2023 VIA ZOOM**

Meeting opened 7.35 p.m.

**Present:** S. Smith, D. Opperman, E. Best, B. Shepherd, Z. Haw, E. Williams, M. Titmarsh, S. Gray, N. Walker, B. Haak, C. Singleton.

**Apologies:**- J. Davis

**Previous Minutes**: accepted D. Opperman, seconded S. Smith

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Incoming Correspondence**:

 Scott Cleaver - Hervey Bay - June

 Leslie Dam sun water

 NRAC - no to Clarence change

 APBA - Laidley

 Seq water - permit Atkinson

 MSQ - permit Atkinson

 Big river - state title

 MSQ - Leslie feedback

 APBA dates

 MSQ Bud - policy & surveyor

 Seq water - Aug, Sept events

 MSQ boat requirements

 MSQ Hervey Bay

 Parks & wildlife - Hervey B

 SRA calendar

 Eloise Anderson

Outgoing Correspondence

* Ben Casey - srq calendar update
* Mark stephenson - SRQ dates
* NRAC - change date
* MSQ GC - boat images
* Seq water - Atkinson ok
* Seq water - June claimer
* Sunwater - Leslie Dam
* MSQ - Leslie Dam
* SRA request tier8 confirmation
* APBA - Clarence80 clash
* Cancel Atkinson - seq, MSQ
* Cancel - Leslie
* Letter to SRA - asf, Mgmt rules, standard risk/treatment/safety Mgmt/boats, tier8/state/classic
* MSQ - Hervey Bay
* Cancel Atkinson June
* Northern rivers – Woodburn
* SRA - cancelling Hervey Bay

**Treasurer’s Report**:- D. Opperman apologised as she had left her report at work but could report that State Titles Entries totalled $13,103, expenses were yet to include Paramedics Invoice. E. Best requested that Financial Report be forwarded for inclusion in Minutes. Bank token on order for J. Davis before electronic banking would be operational. E Best still account signatory. S. Smith requested that E. Best also be included into the electronic banking system.

S. Smith followed stating that income was down from last year’s Titles. There wasn’t any problem with supplying hoodies and trophies, but the capped entry fees had run down the income.

**Judges Report**: E. Best reported minor infringements but did comment on a boat that bit rounding top turn. The boat should have been black flagged, but Rule 18.14 does not state that black flags are required but it is a duty of care to other competitors that, until it was defined what had caused the bite, that other competitors should have had the risk removed.

A Report on this incident has been reported to Judging Co-Ordinator for review of Rule 18.14 to have a procedure included into the Rule should a team not retire after such an incident and continue on course.

S. Cleaver & N. Walker commented on top turn being very busy and a lot of boats changing lanes.

E. Best stated that no Reports were received further adding that if there were the personnel and/or Judges, then a Course Boat could sit inside the Turn and not be used as a traffic control boat at end of Course as per Maritime requirement.

S. Cleaver added that in future, experienced personnel should be used at Top Turn for such large, fast races.

Notes to be added to 2024 Briefing sheet for – Race Live, Judges inside & outside top bouy

**SRA Race Committee**: S. Cleaver reported that the bulk of the last Meeting contained discussions on this year’s World Titles. S. Cleaver requested the Committee to compile a criteria for crews who were interested in nominating for World Selection Races so pathways be given for their experience prior to Selections. Qld State Titles and Hervey Bay were to be to be those path-ways but nothing had emerged in time for State Titles & unfortunately Hervey Bay was cancelled due to “red tape”.

**SRA Safety Committee**: C. Singleton reported that a flotation test on every wet suit assigned was to be undertaken, by way of photograph, at every as at 1st January each season. Committee Representative to witness any substitution suit.

**SRA:**

* Independent Directors, preferably sports based, are to be sourced.
* An Operation’s Manager to also be sourced which may increase fees.
* Membership numbers are down 20%
* SRA to discount membership fees 70% for 6 months. Also allowing Series Race prior to Classic but no World Events.
* Introducing a 60mph package at $290. Lane racing & marathons will fit into 60mph category.
* Tier 8 approved for SRQ. MPBC members can now sign up with personal accident.
* S. Smith to manage SRA calendar.
* D. McMillan will be replacing B. Casey as Chairman to Racing Committee
* Marketing & communications now with S. Smith. Survey to members forthcoming.
* No response on Seeding Committee – S. Smith to follow up.
* Rule Book under review.
* SRA will now not be World Titles Organiser. SRA withdrew as they didn’t want to jeopardise memberships so a new entity – World Water Ski Racing Association Inc has been setup.

**World Titles:**

* Planning underway and some issues with Gosford Council Planning Department
* ~~SRV will not host Selection Races at Mulwala. Alternate venue to be chosen.~~

Meeting Monday 26th June to determine if SRV will hold a selection race, alternative will be a 2nd race in NSW.

* Nominations for Selection Race entries to be submitted 21 days prior to Selection Races

World Titles to contain 3 race Challenge Series for F70, F80 & Juniors. These will be conducted after Worlds races on the same day

Entry fees to be released soon but they will be $660/person nomination fee for all selection races plus $250/day entry+ SRA Levy & Race Live fee

S. Cleaver enquired if a 2nd Paramedic crew were to be in place for the Challenge Series – Selection races would run before all challenge series races

Estimated that $5m will be contributed to Gosford Council from the Worlds taking place.

**General Business:**

* Eloise Anderson contacted S. Smith – rather upset that the SRQ State Titles were awarded for the fastest Men & Women’s laps. S. Smith informed her that SRQ had repeated past Titles which had awarded same.
* S. Smith proposed a Fastest M & W Perpetual Trophy, but S. Cleaver asked if that was what SRQ wanted to promote. Discussion ensured resulting in reverting to Men & Women’s Races as the State Title Awarded races.
* Suggestions were forthcoming regarding a Junior Perpetual Trophy.
* Junior Trophy Perpetual held by Ruby or Erin?
* Members were asked to submit trophy ideas
* New registration of Course Boats requires a Safe Work Induction & training for Course Boat Operators.
* S. Smith has contacted Scott Cummins to carry out specification works at approx. $900 for both boats and SWMS preparation, load bearing specs for winch, inspection and re plating for higher HP engine
* Moogerah has expressed interest in reviving Lane Racing & Marathons which will fall under 60mph SRA Category
* Hervey Bay had to be cancelled due to lack of permits but 9-10 September is to be applied for. S. Smith to use format the same as World Format.
* Woodburn is to be conducted with a double-dash for powerboaters.
* Calendar for SRQ discussed and Scott Cleaver recommended approach clubs to put races on
* Calendar – members asked to submit dates and ensure 6-8 weeks between and in winter months
* State Titles location discussed and mixed feedback – suggested a QLD location and also moving to Kirchner Street in Grafton.
* Lost property discovered at State Titles; radios, db meter & red buoys. B. Shepherd reported that he had found radios & db meter at his warehouse.
* S. Smith to wind back on SRQ and not handling logistics at race events. Hoping that everyone will stand up and help.
* S. Cleaver reviewed tides for Hervey Bay and stated that 7-8 October would be more suitable and would assist with MSQ’s 90 day application policy.
* S. Smith & B. Haak discussed what was happening up in NQ. B. Haak reported that what was happening was not competition but more social. Only 7-8 boats taking part.

There being no further Business, Meeting closed at 9.17p.m.