



SA DRAGONS ABREAST INC.

Annual General Meeting 11.45 am Saturday 2 August 2025
Boat Shed Function Room, Bower Road, West Lakes

MINUTES

Acknowledgement of Country-

In the spirit of reconciliation, SADA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples today.

Present: Helen Macleod; Julianne Kuhlmann; Mandy Tudor; Amy Cramond; Liz Morallee; Heather Wingard; Glyn Wingard; Lyn Cannon; Steve Cannon; Sue St Clair; Rhonda Wright; Judy Tozer; Julie Fisher; Pat Doogue; Jan Bice; Roger Horstmann; Sue Horstmann; Jo Footner; David Dunkley; Wendy Bromell; Judi Sweatman; Lesley Roberts; Mary Newland; Sandra Allen, Lorraine Hocking, Denise Edge.

Apologies: Gaye Millar; Lucja Magner; Simone Davoli, Anne Storen; Maya Fearnley; Eva Quinn; Andrena Moore; Margaret Davidson; Anne Peters; Caroline Russo.

Confirmation of minutes of AGM held 10th August 2024. The minutes were confirmed on a show of hands. [Sue Smith / Jan Bice]

Business arising from the minutes: None.

Correspondence:

1. Margaret Davidson – apologizing for her absence and expressing her appreciation for all the work undertaken by the President and members in contributing to ‘such a cohesive and supportive club’. Noting her stepping down as a boat captain.
The correspondence was read in part by the Secretary and is available to members in the SADA SharePoint site.

General Business

1. **President’s report** – Helen Macleod.
Previously circulated to members and now available in SharePoint in full. The President spoke to her report, thanking all SADA member volunteers, including the boat captains, coaches and sweeps. She acknowledged the input from Margaret and offered particular thanks due to her stepping down as a boat captain.
Highlights she touched on included the following –
 - ❖ The advantage of Jan continuing to mentor the coaching team of 3 men, as it provided women members with a female to go to with physical and/or emotional issues which Jan could then relay back to the coaching team;
 - ❖ The decision the reasons for SADA not to competing at the 2025 Nationals
 - ❖ The work of the sweeps, without whom the boats could not go out;
 - ❖ Thanking Pat Doogue in auditing the club books;
 - ❖ Thanks to Julianne and Mandy for their assistance to the committee and club managing the technology and associated social media contacts on behalf of SADA; and each was presented with a gift of thanks
 - ❖ Thanks to Michele for regularly ensuring boats are prepared and taken from the shed at each paddling session;
 - ❖ Thanks to Martin and Steve for their ongoing support as SADA and as DBSA maintenance representatives;

- ❖ Thanks extended to all of the committee members individually; and also congratulated Glyn on his successful grant application
- ❖ Welcome to 3 new members and the loss of 5 members for reasons sited in her report.

Helen then advised the meeting of outgoing committee members (on the basis that half the committee were to retire after serving 2 years at each AGM as per the constitution, leaving some members with experience and introducing new members to the committee. She flagged that her two-year term was ending and that she would be stepping down as President.

She then foreshadowed inviting Julianne Kuhlmann to manage the election process.

From the floor – Pat Doogue advised that for the first time, funds raised by clubs through volunteering, had been automatically returned to the club by DBSA.

2. **Coach and boat captain reports** – Roger Horstmann.

Previously circulated to members. Roger spoke to the report, thanking the boat captains, other coaching group members, and the race committee.

He drew members' attention to the intention to focus in future on fitness and in paddling smarter – in the context of the ageing of club members.

Jan reminded members of the ongoing work she is doing in updating policies; and of the importance of good communication within the club.

3. **Secretary's report** – Wendy Bromell

Wendy tabled her report and thanked people for their ongoing support to her as she learned the role.

4. **Marketing/Recruitment report** – Gaye Millar.

The President spoke on behalf of Gaye in her absence as she was actively marketing the club at Westlakes Mall. To date 13-14 people have expressed interest in the club and Gaye will make contact with a view to holding a 'come and try' session.

A report was subsequently provided and is stored in SharePoint.

5. **Fundraising** – Lorraine Hocking / Lucja Magner / Denise Edge.

Substantial fundraising is ongoing.

Thanks to Lorraine and Rhonda for their wine sales (\$2616) to date and the next sale planned for later in 2025; and to Lucja and her team for their fundraising at Bunnings and Mitre 10 which have brought in over \$3,580.00 so far and further fundraisers are planned, the next one being 10 August at Mitre 10, Unley.

A report was provided to members ahead of the meeting regarding the Bunnings and Mitre 10 fundraising and is available on SharePoint.

A call was made for volunteers, with emphasis on the benefits to all members from the money raised – in contributing a substantial amount towards the cost of races and trips away.

The President acknowledged the difficulties being faced by Denise in finding a suitable movie and date for a fundraiser, and that work is ongoing.

6. **Breast cancer report** – Judi Sweatman.

Judi spoke to her report. She also advised members that a former SADA paddler, Karen Drost had returned to hospital to face another round of cancer treatment, and the club wished her well.

Judi reminded members that the 12 October DBSA race day has a focus on breast cancer awareness and that plans were ongoing on what the focus would incorporate, and including other breast cancer support clubs.

She supplied a copy of her report which has been uploaded to SharePoint.

7. **Treasurer and Financial Statements** - Glyn Wingard

The Treasurer explained to members that the accounting system used by SADA is cash based rather than accrual which has resulted in a paper loss to SADA this financial year of \$6,092.64, following a profit the previous year of \$11,106.09 (of which \$6,200.00 relates to this financial year.)

A new accounting system has been introduced as discussed at last years AGM– moving from MYOB to an Excel model – which has been undertaken by Sue Smith and her son and which the Treasurer has reported to be much easier to use. He acknowledged the hard work undertaken by Sue and her son and thanked them for their efforts. Sue was given a gift of thanks.

The Treasurer reminded members of the ongoing sponsorship of the club by Drakes and the importance of members downloading the Drakes app and making use of this when shopping as it is another of the club’s fundraising opportunities.

Sandra advised that she was due to collect a Drakes voucher and was waiting for them to notify her so she could collect it.

The Treasurer reminded members of the impact of fundraising on reducing the costs to individual members relating to race days and intra and inter state competitions and encouraged everyone to do their bit to support the fundraising efforts.

Financial statements for 2024/25 and the Auditor’s Report – were tabled by the Treasurer and had been provided to members prior to the meeting.

In tabling his report, Pat acknowledged the work being achieved by the Treasurer and complimented both the Treasurer, Glyn Wingard, and assistant treasurer, Sue Smith, on their work in introducing and maintaining clear financial records for the club.

Glyn presented Pat with gift of thanks for his auditing of the club accounts.

Pat noted that SADA should create an inventory of club assets.

The reports were accepted on a show of hands. [Sandra Allen / Meredith Smith]

Appointment of Auditor

The President put the following resolution as an ordinary resolution which was unanimously passed on a show of hands:

That Pat Doogue is appointed the Auditor of SA Dragons Abreast Inc. for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Election of Committee Members

In accordance with the Association’s constitution the following committee members have one year of their term remaining – Wendy Bromell, Lucja Magner, Glyn Wingard, Denise Edge.

As Helen’s position was one that had served its full term, she stood down and handed this part of the meeting to Julianne Kuhlmann to conduct.

The Committee positions declared vacant: Helen Macleod, Lorraine Hocking, Gaye Millar and Jan Bice.

Nominations were received from: Amy Cramond, Helen Macleod, Gaye Millar, Roger Horstmann and Michael Rubini.

Members agreed unanimously to elect all 5 nominees to the committee.

Executive positions will be decided by the elected committee following the adjournment of this meeting.

Any other business

- 1. The question of participation by SADA at the Nationals** was raised by Steve Cannon over concerns at SADA's non-participation this year. Discussion touched on reasons for the decision including the cost of attending, the need to be selective in choosing participants (in a club that prides itself on its inclusivity) and the need for SADA to be able to demonstrate its competitiveness at a state level before it considers a broader field.
Members were reminded that in the absence of SADA submitting a team nationally, individual members were always free to train with the State team where they may be selected for the team to participate at the national level.
Members were also referred to SADA's Crew Selection Policy.
A show of hands was called and approximately 12 people indicated their interest in competing nationally. Individuals with an interest were encouraged to approach the coaching team to discuss this further.
- 2. Timing of the next AGM.** The Treasurer sought feedback on timing of this year's AGM, and all agreed that it was suitable – that it be timed to correspond with the opening of the season's paddling as it was this year.

Closure of meeting – followed by opportunity to stay for a shared lunch.

The meeting closed at 1pm.