

WALLIS SPIRIT DRAGONS INC.–
Committee Meeting – 4 June 2015 – Laraine Hattersley's place

Attendance: Chris Hutchison, Sue Hutchison, Kim Manners, Laraine Hattersley, Lee Newell.		
Apologies: Annabelle Lewis, Kathy Boyce		
ITEM and DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Minutes of previous Meeting on 9 April: Accepted Chris H/Sue H		
Matters arising from Minutes: to be covered in remainder of meeting.		
Correspondence: IN Email from D & Y Jennings re noise (see below) Many and various from Nthn Region OUT Reply to D & Y Jennings (see below)		
Treasurer's Report: tabled and explained. We now own the trailer - no further monies owing . Accepted Laraine/Kim		
SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS		
Fund-raising and Catering: Update on end of year party - Saturday 11 July at Laraine's. Another invitation to go out soon. Catering discussed. Club to supply meat. BYO Chairs, glasses and refreshments. Various members to add extra food.	Reminder to go out	Kim
Membership: Damage to sign in strong winds. Now repaired and ready to go back up. Membership for DBNSW due 1 July plus WSD fees of \$20. Cost for DBNSW not yet confirmed. Reminders to go out.	Notice to members	Sue
Regattas: Urunga unfortunately cancelled but those that went up had a great time. Dinner on Saturday night was awesome. Thanks Kim for organising. We all survived the weather and trip up and back. This weekend is Port Macquarie with new members competing. Good luck and safe travels.		
Uniform: Lee received email 5 mins before meeting so was able to show committee what was on offer. Everyone pleased with a few minor alterations.		
Coaches and Sweeps Input - nil from Coaching Panel. Discussion of Stuart's unfortunate situation . An appropriate response determined.	Response as discussed	Lee (?)
Nominations for Supporters of WSD Group: John Whiteoak's name has been put forward verbally but no nomination form has been supplied to date. (form is available from website and has been emailed to all members). Will address this when we get a form.	Form completed for next meeting	(by whom??) (since meeting - Kim following up
Plans for AGM: Date suggested is 10 August at Coomba Hall - 7pm probably. Feedback from members. 21 days notice of meeting date. Lee, Kim and Laraine willing to continue unless someone else would like to take their positions. Chris and Sue undecided. Annabelle will not be standing as Secretary, but will willing to remain as an ordinary committee member ONLY if there are insufficient members interested to ensure the correct committee membership.	Members notified, Nomination forms distributed, Hall booked	Secretary
MAINTENANCE ISSUES The boats will be coming out of the water on 17 July. Chris is looking into Boat Covers.		
GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. Chris asked the reps to find out why we have to pay a levy for the championship boats at Regattas. We pay an entry fee and feel this is excessive. 2. Lee asked if there was no sweep available to take the boat out can we still paddle. Chris replied that we need 8 paddlers and a Sweep. And the possibility of a Generic Plan be in the Sign-on folder if this were the case. 3. Lee also asked if it was possible to have a casual paddle sometime during the day in winter when it's more pleasant. Some discussion. Chris said he was willing but didn't think we would get enough interest.	Contact reps before meeting this Saturday	Chris
Meeting closed at 5.38 pm.		
Next meeting: 4pm Thursday 2 July at Chris & Sue's place		

Thank you Lee for taking Minutes in my absence. Annabelle

Email from Darryl Jennings to WSD - 28 April 2015:

"Please forward this letter to Wallis Spirit Dragons.

The Wallis Sprit Dragons

Formal letter of complaint.

We have supported our local Dragon boat group since its conception, as you are aware it was initially intended to be an Aquatic Club related activity based at the Aquatic Club site & its nominated lake water sports area.

Peace, tranquillity & the wonderful ambiance here are among the reasons that makes our area special and we have enjoyed this for the past 20 years, however we wish to advise your group that your noise carries across the water & is amplified by our house structure to the extent that is disturbingly heard throughout the home especially our bedrooms awakening all.

The early morning activities of parading back & forth directly in front of our home is causing us & our guests great distress.

In particular noise created by the incessant yelling of your caller counting off & issuing instructions & compounded by the drum beat & paddle clunking.

The mornings of Sunday 26th and Tuesday 28th & of April 2015 starting just after 6am continuing through to 8am is unreasonable.

We have previously mentioned this to several committee members several times over the past year to no avail thus we make this formal complaint.

As this is such a big lake we would think that some common sense & consideration for others would prevail, thus I suggest that you find an alternate route for your exercises, such as the channel between Yahoo & Wallis Islands would be the best place as it is shallow enough to be safe, close enough to land to fit within & protected from wind in all directions. I might add that noise generated there will be absorbed where "You can make all the racket you like"

There are many other alternatives also.

We note that the Forster Pearl Dragon Boat group practises without the noise.

Regards Darryl & Yvonne Jennings"

Reply to D. Jennings from WSD 7 May 2015:

Re: Formal Letter of Complaint

Dear Darryl & Yvonne,

In reply to an email we received from you on 28 April 2015 as a formal letter of complaint, we acknowledge that as explained in your letter, we have caused both you and your guests some distress on the dates you stated. Now that you have brought this to our attention, upon reflection we realise our lack of consideration.

We had been training very hard for an upcoming regatta in the weekend of 2 and 3 May. Our enthusiasm and hard work and our will to achieve the best possible result for our club has distracted us and we have overlooked our noise levels.

Wallis Spirit Dragon paddlers are very community orientated people and would never purposely cause distress to our fellow community members.

Paling Fence Bay is a safe and protected area and we try and use this area for the comfort of our paddlers. In future we will try and use the opposite side of the bay from you as often as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Newell,
President
Wallis Spirit Dragons
7 May 2015