

WALLIS SPIRIT DRAGONS INC. –
Committee Meeting – 2 February 2015

Attendance: Chris Hutchison, Sue Hutchison, Kim Manners, Laraine Hattersley, Annabelle Lewis, Kathy Boyce, Lee Newell		
Apologies: All present		
ITEM and DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Minutes of previous Meeting on 5 January: Accepted Laraine/Sue		
Matters arising from Minutes: Further discussion of Gmail difficulties. Each person must update their on Contact lists. Cannot be done centrally.	Help available to C'tee members if necessary	Sue, Chris, Annabelle
Correspondence: IN from Anni Yaringa re Sweep Training various emails as distributed to all committee members and members OUT Chris to Anne Ditton re Sweep Training Request to Melanie Cantwell to clarify 50m Swim requirements		
Treasurer's Report: tabled and explained. Accepted Kathy/Kim		
Reports: Fundraising and Catering: Follow up from Coomba Fest – we raised around \$700 with Food Stall and Chocolate Wheel. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks especially to the Face painters who were kept busy all day. Recommend next time need sponges available. Cards to go to Tracey, Liz, Marjorie and Kayley. Certificates of thanks to go to Mik's Pet Barn, Jane's Pet Grooming, Smiths Lake Butchery, Pacific Palms Hair design. On Lee's request the Mens Shed agreed to redo the Chocolate Wheel.	Cards to Face Paint and other helpers Certificates to be made & presented	Lee Kim (??)
Membership & Publicity: Three new members – Lindy, Chris & Cathie. Banner at intersection has graffiti. Discussed but decided to not move, but clean up.	Clean up Graffiti – and protect in future	Sue to enquire of Ted Bickford
Regatta: If attending Urunga need to sort out accommodation soon.	Members to be notified	Annabelle
Coaches and Sweeps: On-land capsized practice is needed (DBNSW). Decided to include in Members Meeting (and 50m swim – see below) Each sweep is to supply his/her own whistle. Mobile Phone – decided to not consider obtaining another but to notify Sweeps that they have the responsibility to recharge the Mobile Phone before handing over	Sweeps to get a whistle each	Chris and Wendy to confer re whistle & Phone
Maintenance issues: Planned work will happen when possible	Work on small boat	Chris & Ray
General Business: Formal acknowledgment of contribution of non-members – various ideas discussed. The idea of forming a "Supporters of WSD" group will be put to members at the next Members' meeting. There would be no charge with membership at the invitation of WSD. Nominations would be considered and determined by the Committee. If accepted, a card would be issued and a "Special Social Member" email list would be created. Accepted: Lee/Laraine	Motion to Members on 8 March. Agenda to go out beforehand	Annabelle
50 metre Swim Test to be carried out before membership renewal. Decided to hold a Social day at Coomba Pool: Swim Test, Capsized Drill, other drills, Members meeting and BBQ – on 8 March if possible. Sue to ask Pat Powell re suitability of date (Since then, Pat unable but Carolyn Richards willing to do assessment).	Invitation and outline of day to go to members. Planning required.	Annabelle All c'tee

Farmers Market – would be nice to have a few volunteers to stand in occasionally. Decided to cancel for 21 February because Ray & Chris on Myall trip with CAC.		
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Meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 2 March at 4.30pm at Laraine's.

We may need to consider an additional planning meeting in the previous week. Discussion re this to take place by email.

President's Report:

What an amazing month this has been for our club.

1. We have had a small growth spurt with 2 new members and possibly a couple more also to swell our ranks. Well done to all our members for constantly putting out feelers for potential newbies.
2. I am constantly amazed at the dedication everyone has to putting their hands up for any job that needs doing, whether it be small or large and acceptance of those like myself who have family and other commitments.
3. Our coaching panel do an amazing job making sure we keep our heads on the boat, and that we are an efficient paddling crew – keeping us on track for regattas which I'm sure you all greatly appreciate even though we sometimes give them a hard time.
4. It would be very remiss of me if I did not make a special mention to Chris and Ray for the hard work they have put in with the repairs to our boat and the ingenious raft that won us the race on Australia Day.
5. I cannot thank Kim enough for her hard work. She is an amazing person and has put her heart and soul into our fund raising, activities, organising – hunting and gathering. We all know she has been struggling with her health yet still goes the extra mile for us.
6. I was also impressed by your professionalism and spirit which the paddlers showed on the Australia day raft race even though we were disqualified but which did not matter as winners are grinners and everyone had fun and it was great to show Coombaites what we are made of.
7. In fact we are an amazing club and the camaraderie, friendship, laughs and I am so proud to be President. Thank you all.

Lee Newell