



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

Annual General Meeting – 04/05/2008
Loughborough University; 11am – 3pm

1. **Present:** Kate Wade (Chair), Treasurer (Chris McCorquodale), Secretary (Oli Croad), Club Development Officer (Daniel Sedgewick), Sport Development Officer (Dom Roberton) and Representatives from Bath, Birmingham, Loughborough, Nottingham, Southampton, Swansea, ULU, and Warwick.

Apologies: Aberdeen, Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford and St. Andrews.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting accepted as accurate and correct.**

3. **Summary of year review:**

3.1. Chair

- First job was to organise the website, completed over the summer and now we have a professionally presented useful website.
- Championships got lots of positive feedback helping BULSCA to initiate and strengthen links with both RLSS and RNLI.
- Speeds course and judges courses organised (up to 32 people will be attending the judges course)
- The first year as a larger committee (not just Chair and Secretary) has worked very well and has allowed for huge developments in BULSCA as a whole and there are great prospects for the future in all areas of development.

3.2. Treasurer

- A years report from the treasurer was emailed round recently, at present there is about £700 in the BULSCA account.
- It was pointed out that BULSCA is a non- profit organisation thus effectively should break even at the end of the year.
- It was decided that profit would be acceptable if the money was already destined for either subsidising courses or helping the Nationals fund or any other events.
- It was also suggested that there should be a plan laid out as to what will be done with the money.

3.3. Club Development Officer

- New Clubs are developing in Brighton and Bournemouth, both of which have SLSCA affiliation, but would like to get more involved in BULSCA over the next few years.
- Edinburgh are in the process of setting up a new RLSS club with the aid of Aberdeen.
- Other prospects include Durham university and others.
- TA courses are available around the country.
- The officer has been trying to promote community involvement of clubs along with the local RLSS, with some clubs getting involved with the RLSS 'save a baby' workshops.

- The RLSS club development officer has been producing a new club development scheme and hopefully next years club development officer will be able to use this as an aid in club development.
- It was brought to the attention of the room that possible external competitions that could be entered are the National Lifeguards Challenge and Triathlon.

3.4. Sports Development Officer

- Dom took over the position in February / March 2008
- The officer wants to push the RLSS into going forward with lifesaving as a sport as he feels we can provide them with help.
- The official records have been updated and are available on the website.
- A proposition was made for some sort of coaching programme for university lifesavers. RLSS are producing a pilot scheme for 2009, so it would be better for BULSCA if we start our own scheme and develop it even if it will not be a recognised RLSS qualification.
- It was pointed out that there is a UK Coaching Certificate which could be looked at when producing our own program.
- What needs to be done:
 - For a BULSCA recognised coaching qualification the content will need to be decided on along with other details such as the number of 'levels'
 - Discussions will begin under Dom's charge hopefully over the summer.

4 . Constitutional changes

An updated constitution was sent out along with the AGM Agenda so that clubs could read through prior to the AGM. Comments were emailed back and are included here.

- Grammatical changes were unanimously accepted.
- Removal of "Chair **should** rotate around institutions" from section 5.2 was unanimously accepted.
- Change the notice needed for a competition from "one term" to a fixed period (5.1.1): fixed term changed to **12 weeks** but can be discussed with Chair up to 1 month before.
- Extra proposal: 'An officer of BULSCA committee should be contactable throughout the year' Proposed by Swansea, Seconded by Kate Wade. **Accepted.**
- Rules for non-standard event to be published **a fixed time** ahead of the competition, rather than "in good time" (5.1.4).

Fixed time:	4 weeks	5
	6 weeks	3

4 weeks accepted

- Specification of a penalty for failing to pass competition results to the Chair within 2 weeks (5.1.7) **OR** removal of 5.1.7 on the basis that this is covered in competition manual 3.3.3.

5.1.7 Removed

- Removal of 5.2.2.2 as both UG and PG students are covered in 5.2.2.3.

Removed

- Replacing “or the Association” in 1.1.1.

Removed from draft

- Removal of “Republic of Ireland” from 3.1.3 (old 3.1.2) allowing Irish clubs may effect applications to BUSA.

For keeping Irish Clubs	5
Against	0
Abstentions	3

Republic of Ireland removed

- Re-addition of “and membership shall be reviewed at each annual general meeting” to 3.1.4 (old 3.1.3).

Keep removed	1
Re-add	4
Abstention	3

3.1.4 Re-added

- Addition of “...by secret ballot using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) System.” to 5.1.8.

Accepted

- Add a footnote to define the STV.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstention	1

Footnote will be added

- 6.1.6 Discussion as to appropriate quorum for General Meetings.

For	7
Against	1
Abstention	0

Agreed

- Extra meeting at fresher’s competition discussed for Championships Proposals.
- Need a time limit after deciding on championships location to provide proposed dates and costs. Put this in the constitution.

In	6
Out	0
Abstention	2

Put In

- Time frame set after STV.

For	6
Against	1
Abstention	1

Put In

- Dom will produce some documentation (if accepted as Chair) to explain how to run a competition.
- Proposal to Accept the Constitution as amended by Chris McCorquodale and with the changes accepted today (pending comments when the new constitution is published).

For	8
Against	0
Abstentions	0

New Constitution Accepted

BREAK

5 . Disciplinary Policy – see attached document

- It was suggested by Swansea that it needs more of a balance as there is only one line which really says what to do if a judge/official commits an offence.
- All instances of “Club Members” will be changed to “Individuals” to account for this.
- Warwick questioned when an individual should conduct themselves under the disciplinary policy.
- Propose the policy as a draft for next year as guidelines, changes will be proposed at meetings through the year and a final policy proposed asap.

For	7
Against	0
Abstentions	1

Accepted

6. Competitions – 2008/09

6.1. Limit competitions.

For	0
Against	7
Abstention	1

No limit

6.2. Proposal for Competition Calendar to be set at the December Rules meeting.

For	1
Against	7
Abstention	0

Calendar will not be set at the rules meeting

6.3. Fresher's Competition Proposal

Southampton	7
Warwick	1

Fresher's Comp will be at Southampton

6.4. Championships

Swansea's Proposal:

- Date-2nd and 3rd of May
- 50m pool for 2 days
- 8 lanes
- Electronic timing
- Volunteer ASA timekeepers/staff
- Automated Seeding
- Names on the Scoreboard
- Movable Boom for Incidents, so can use 25m +23m pool on the Sunday
- Cost £16-20 per person
- MPS Sponsorship (£122.50 for medals this yr)
- Swansea club have a fundraiser for club and Champs
- Booked Lifesaving Experienced Commentator
- AU president has offered to help
- Accommodation eith Scout hut or SU (low cost)
- Food: BBQ on beach on the Saturday night
- Qualifying Times for European Champs
- Pool Hire £198

Discussion that followed:

- Do we have sufficient club volunteers so ASA volunteers not needed.
- Very good venue with Proper tie keeping

- Saturday food is included in the price
- Small clubs may not be able to afford the champs and afford to get there.
- Should entry costs be capped at £20
- Main problem: Dates are unsuitable for most clubs.

Summary

- This Competition would allow BULSCA to be taken more seriously by RLSS, RNLI, SLSA ...
- A good prestigious competition will be at an increased price.

For	2
Against	6
Abstention	0

The proposed competition was not accepted

Three new proposals were put forward:

1. Burgess Hill – The same as Championships 2008.
2. Swansea University – Possibly on a different date.
3. Bath University – Use of a 50m pool, but not qualifying times.
 - All will depend upon the dates.
 - The Single Transferable Vote system was used: Burgess Hill and Bath both received an equal number of votes. The final vote then fell to the Chair.

Final Vote: Burgess Hill

AT THIS TIME LONDON UNIVERSITY LEFT THE MEETING

- BULSCA Nationals will be proposed as the week before the RLSS Speeds Championships.

6.5. Competition Calendar:

- Fresher's Comp (Soton) – 25th October 2008
- Warwick – 8th November 2008
- Aberdeen – 29th November 2008
- Nottingham or London – 6th December 2008
- Bath – 21st February 2009
- Birmingham – 14th February 2009
- Loughborough – 2nd May 2009

6.6. Rules Changes

6.6.1. Seeding for speeds events?

For	7
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Against	0
Abstention	0

Speed events will now be seeded

- This will be organised by the incoming Chair and Website Officer
- What event will the seeding be performed using? Proposal Swim Tow

For	7
Against	0
Abstention	0

Seeding will be performed using Swim Tow Times

6.6.2. Bringing BULSCA Rules in line with current RLSS rules.
Proposed by Stu Ward:

6.6.2.1. Rope Throw (2007 Champs)

Remove/Rewrite 5.4.10.5 [F5h] So the 'casualty' has to hold the centre of the backline shown by a mark in the centre of the lane. Proposed wording "Subjects are not permitted to release their hold on the centre of the cross boom until the appropriate throwing line is gripped." – the same as the RLSS speeds rules.

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.2. Swim and Tow (2007 Champs)

5.5.1.8 and 5.5.1.8.1 [F6y] – Change to "The competitor must touch the end of the pool whenever a turn is required but not on pick up of the subject".

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.3. Swim and Tow

Tumble turn will be permitted, but not during subject pick up.

For	6
Against	1
Abstention	0

Carried

6.6.2.4. Swim and Tow

Change 5.5.1.7 : "The subject will be vertical in the water, elbows and shoulders below the water, holding the wall.

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.5. Manikin Relay (2007 Champs).

Rewrite 5.6.3.3: "The manikin (as victim) is presumed to be breathing. Competitors must carry the manikin while maintaining its mouth and nose above the surface

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.6. Manikin Relay (2007 Champs).

Remove 5.6.3.4

Unanimously Accepted

Amend 5.6.5.13 – Keeping the manikin's mouth and nose above the surface during the carry and changeovers.

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.7. Medley Relay (2007 Champs).

Change 5.8.4.1.8 so the 4th competitor has to have the rescue tube fully extended and across his/her shoulder.

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.8. Amend 3.3.3

The official results will be **sent to the Chair for publication** no later than fourteen (14) days after the final day of the competition via **email** after they have been checked and verified by the Management Committee of the Competition. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a £5 fine payable to 'BULSCA' and a further £1 fine per day thereafter.

Unanimously Accepted

6.6.2.9. Records should now be sent via email to the sport development officer.

6.6.2.10. All email address' in the rules will be changed to the new emails.

Unanimously Accepted

7 . Future of BULSCA

Discussions resulted in the following

7.1. We plan to push to get a coaching qualification set up. Hopefully this will help bring the sport forward.

- 7.2. There has been more integration with RLSS and RNLI especially on the Spain trip.
- 7.3. We will attempt to obtain some contacts in the SLSA to get more involved with them.
- 7.4. Affiliation fees were voted in at £25.
- 7.5. The flexible waiving of affiliation fees shall be kept.
- 7.6. BULSCA events insurance is as if the association is a club in the RLSS.

8 . Elections

New Committee:

8.1. Chair

Candidates: Dom Robertson

New Chair: Dom

8.2. Treasurer

Candidates: Alan Sutherland

New Treasurer: Alan

8.3. Secretary

Candidates: Steve Tedds

New Secretary: Steve

8.4. Club development officer

Candidates: Daniel Sedgewick and Lauren Dyson

New Club Development Officer: Lauren

8.5. Sport development officer

Candidates: Nick Farmer

New Sport Development Officer: Nick

8.6. Webmaster

Candidates: Oli Coleman

New Webmaster: Oli

8.7. Championships Co-ordinator

Candidates: Helen Killingly and Daniel Smith

New Championships Co-ordinator: Helen

9. AOB

- A set of Promotional Materials will be put together for fresher's fairs.
- Swansea will be leaving BULSCA and rejoining as Swansea Universities to combine the two universities in Swansea.

AGM CLOSED