



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

BULSCA handover meeting 15/05/12

Present:

- Chair- Ella Hunt
- Secretary- Mark McCorquodale
- Development Officer-Nicola Keenan
- Champs Co-ordinator- David Brown
- Treasurer and Former Club Development Officer- Alex Blandford
- Former Secretary- Steph Wilson
- Former Sport Development Officer-Chrissie Butcher
- Former Champs Co-ordinator- Rachel Bigwood
- Former Treasurer- Suanne Wong

Minutes

1. Apologies

Miles (former chair) and Ollie (webmaster) are absent.

2. Brief handover of important relevant information for committee positions as follows:

a. Chair

Miles absent so no handover available.

b. Secretary

Steph has sent an email to Mark detailing information for RLSS magazine, little else to pass on.

c. Treasurer

Suanne has already passed on most information to Alex. Suanne needs to complete a few more forms then signatories will be changed. Suanne needs a copy of 2012 AGM minutes to hand in with bank documents in order to change signatories, Steph to finish minutes,

Alex hasn't been receiving emails, email addresses to be confirmed. Online banking has never previously been available; this possibility is to be investigated by Suanne when she hands in forms.

d. Club Development Officer-

Last year Alex sent emails to all clubs listed on the BULSCA site- most clubs didn't reply, this coupled with a lack of websites suggested that many clubs listed on the site didn't exist, little other information to pass on.

Discussion on judges courses ensued. Alex thinks running a judges course again this year would be a good idea and is happy to organise it. Suggests it is preferable to use a site where rooms can be booked for free.

Southampton competition is suggested as an ideal site for the course, after concluding that the lifesaving club can rent rooms from the SU for free. The prospect of completing courses on the morning of competitions is considered but deemed unfeasible. Suanne states that after outstanding claims BULSCA should have £1000 left at the end of the academic year, some of this could be used to subsidise the course if expected costs per candidate rise above £33. Most deem this a worthwhile investment. Alex is to contact Southampton to pursue the possibility of



organising a course at Southampton competition weekend and Ella may be able to help with finding assessors.

e. Sports Development Officer-

Chrissie will send Nicola an email with all relevant information with regards to rules changes and records etc, not much else information to pass on.

f. Champs Coordinator-

Not a lot of information to pass over since Rachel and David spoke at the weekend. Rachel will email list of details to David as they had previously detailed. 'Judith' is contact required for pool bookings. Emails from the previous year have been organised in the Champs coordinator mailbox. Booking form must be filled in to finalise booking.

g. Webmaster

Handover is not required- change in position has not occurred (and Ollie is not present.) Discussion of how the two current development email accounts will be merged, concluded that it will be left to Ollie's discretion. Further discussion on changing BULSCA email accounts, Rachel reminds others that email addresses were kept as '@BULSCA' for professional appearance. Problems with glitches on the current system can be overcome by linking BULSCA accounts to external email accounts.

Ella asks that an email can be sent to judges and other clubs so that they are aware of competition dates and that the calendar can be updated to reflect competition dates for next year.

3. New chair's main aims for next year.

- Work with Alex to increase financial standing of BULSCA in order to be able to place deposit for champs in future years
- Develop list of contacts for sponsorship to increase chance of sponsorship
- Increase levels of communication between committee members of different clubs to discuss approaches on attracting freshers to clubs. Possibility of forum of club captains and presidents on facebook. This should be carried out soon, once all clubs have had AGM's
- Develop Alumni network, in conjunction with the recent judges course, in an attempt to ensure that once graduated individuals stay involved. Rachel mentioned that this has previously been discussed in AGM's, but work was not actioned. There is currently a facebook alumni group which has had renewed interest in the last few months in regards to comments and new members. Rachel suggests this is currently used by old boys to organise teams for competitions and is not really used for socials etc. Nicola is happy to take this role of development in conjunction with Ella. It is suggested that could they update alumni email list as well as arrange an alumni competition, but there are concerns over pool demand.

4. Other members' views on next year

- Chrissie suggests setting up beach weekend again- miles was very keen on the idea last year it, but the old committee were unable to set it up. Suggested that a location with links to an RLSS club should be used. Nicola has a few contacts that were interested in running a beach course for Loughborough University who might be interested in running a course for the whole of BULSCA, Nicola to look further into the possibility.
- Increase participation in International Lifesaving meets. Nicola has lists of dates for competitions BULSCA are invited to attend, as well as contacts required to



organise such trips. It is suggested a separate calendar could be created on the BULSCA site for international competitions. 'Blondie' has worked to increase international relations in lifesaving in the last few years and is suggested as a good person to contact for help. It is proposed that BULSCA facilitates a means for interest to be initially developed by reminding clubs of opportunities and then introducing interested parties to each other such that they can then organise the trips. Nicole and Mark to organise this.

(For Swiss competition on 1st September contact is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/347418758627578/> and

<https://www.facebook.com/thibault.kuntzer>)

5. AOB

Everyone appears happy with Notts Comp to be run on 2nd March.

6. Date of next meeting

Regular meetings once a month to be arranged, date to be confirmed at a later date in the week 11th-17th June, arranged via Doodle.