



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

BULSCA committee meeting 17/07/12

Present:

- Chair- Ella Hunt
- Secretary- Mark McCorquodale
- Development Officer-Nicola Keenan
- Treasurer- Alex Blandford
- Champs co-ordinator- David Brown
- Welfare Officer- Daniel Harris

Minutes

1. Apologies

Oli (webmaster).

2. Officer reports

- Chair

Not much to say. New date for Warwick competition confirmed as 16th January.

- Secretary
1. Lifesaving footage- have contacted all clubs, footage available is as follows:
 - Warwick- 8 SERC videos of varying quality:
http://www.youtube.com/user/warwickunilifesaving?feature=results_main
 - St Andrews: some bad SERC footage, some limited good SERC footage, and some gates footage.
 - London- 2 promotional videos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21UUoO1NNMk>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHcitkEfr4Q>
 - Birmingham- promotional video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZfLvHhDTdE>
 - Loughborough- promotional video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n50JwrCNg0U> ,piss taker videos:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPtFjz90al> , 8 sport videos:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/greyhamt>
 - Blondie- CD of 270 ish short clips. Varying relevance

No-one on the BULSCA committee has any experience in video editing.

ACTION- Mark to ask Oli to see if he wants to do it. If not could ask if anyone in BULSCA would want to do it.

2. RLSS magazine- received reports for different viewpoints of BULSCA members.
Awaiting lufbra report. Currently have 0 images sent it. Deadline is end of the month.
Committee to send Mark pictures.
3. Contacted by Leeds Pheonix, they wished to become part of BULSCA to compete with us. Informed us they cannot actually join BULSCA, but have encouraged them to compete anyway, believe they will do so.



Should we let them join BULSCA? Cannot officially join BULSCA due to constitution but welcome to compete.

Briefly discussed if we could we change the constitution to let them become part of constitution? Could be voiced at the AGM to discuss, after seeing how this year goes.

4. Have amended BULSCA AGM minutes and BULSCA constitution

- Treasurer

1. Ella Mark and Alex are now all signatories.
2. Alex is starting to get statements coming through.
3. Alex has been investigating different accounts that we could change to, there is no option to make payments online, but we can view account statements online.

ACTION- Mark and Ella to send home addresses to Alex to enable this.

4. Alex explains that currently our account doesn't receive interest, which is quite poor for a charities account, but we get banking for free which is unusual for business accounts. Other banks do offer some interest (a small amount) so we might earn £20 a year say. Discussion on whether this should be investigated further? Two arguments presented- we could earn extra money but we haven't had any problems with NatWest. It is decided it might be worth it because we are unlikely to change accounts very often and £20 a year for 5-10 years etc adds up.

ACTION –Alex to look into new bank accounts.

5. Alex has yet to talk to David about champs finance.

ACTION- Alex and David to check finances for champs.

6. Alex confirms BULSCA do have ownership of life-raft as requested from previous action. Mark will arrange to receive it from Jen Mathews. Alex to post the cheque to Mark to pay for it.

ACTION- Alex to arrange cheque for life-raft

ACTION- Mark to arrange collection of life-raft

- Development

1. Skype conference for sharing tips for tasters session- this has not been done yet. Nicola is working on the idea for 2 sessions to be held in the last week of August.
2. Leaflets from RLSS- has spoken to Lee Heard, Lee has acknowledged current leaflets are not good enough quality, he is currently in the process of designing new ones.
3. International lifesaving-
 - Nicola has had a skype call with Mark and send out an email detailed every trip we currently have information for. Nicola tried to push two events- one event is event promoted by Blondie on the 16th-18th August to which we only had one person reply. Other trip was trip to Switzerland for which there was no response. Alex will see if London are still interested in this trip.
 - Nicola is unsure how to push things going forward, it is decided to push things more on facebook.



- In their skype call Mark and Nicola discussed whether we should go for just comps or exchanges and whether we should give out all information or just information ones that we think would be popular. It is suggested part of the problem is clubs don't check their emails over the summer, and so details aren't passed on. There is a consensus that BULSCA is primarily a competitive organisation and so people may be more interested in competitions. Also, one may need a number of people to compete in international competitions and BULSCA may act to draw these people together from their different clubs. This isn't the case for exchanges. Conclusion is to provide all information but we may be able to serve more a service for competitions than exchanges.
- 4. Open water/beach training- Nicola has contacts for pursuing this. Discussed that we might get greater attendance at the weekend, but wouldn't be sufficient duration for a whole NBLQ award. It is raised that some people have already started at university by mid-September, so looking to run the course in early September or next summer.
- 5. Naked calendar- Nicola is still pursuing this idea.
 - Champs
 - 1. David has confirmed booking for pool at Bath for pre-agreed date. He has also extended the time of booking from last year.
 - 2. David is to send provisional champs costs to Alex

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- 3. David will amend champs documents with regards to dates.

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- 4. David will start looking for sponsorship and room booking for isolation etc, hopefully to be done by end of July.

ACTION- David to seek sponsorship

ACTION- David to look into booking rooms for isolation and SERC's etc

- 5. David has received some feedback from Steve Tedds from last years champs- Steve suggested a number amendments to rules and other documents. The suggested rules to change concern name changes (of awards of manuals etc) and rules about the treatment of spinal injuries- currently the rules state that if there is a simulated spinal casualty, treatment should be to bronze medallion level, but spinal casualty treatment is no longer taught at bronze medallion; hence this needs rephrasing. Name changes can just be changed in the rules without raising at the, spinal needs raising at GM.
- 6. David has also received some feedback regarding squads at champs- currently they consist of 6 males and 6 females. Females can compete as men in squads, but if women compete in squad as men can they compete additionally as an individual as a woman? Issue would need voting on at GM to clarify.
- 7. Last year at champs a team changed a swimmer after a deadline and was later disqualified, but there is no precedence for this in the rules so this needs clarifying in



the rules. In addition, last year an individual developed an injury over the course of the competition, in the swim and tow their team was allowed to compete with a substitute but team messed around during the race as a protest for the team not counting, but there are currently no penalties currently in place to penalise this kind behaviour. This need to be brought up at the GM to introduce a rule.

- Webmaster

1. Absent

- Welfare

1. Dan has emailed RLSS for details of Welfare policies etc, but RLSS are yet to reply.

3. Actions from previous meetings

- ACTION- Ella to get into contact with RLSS about leaflets for this year.- **DONE by Nicola**
- ACTION- If leaflets can be found Nicola will determine which clubs would like them.-**NOT DONE- leaflets not available**
- ACTION- Mark to contact clubs to see what lifesaving video footage clubs have- **DONE**
- ACTION- Nicola to arrange Skype conference for this purpose (sharing tips for freshers sessions) in August- **NOT DONE, ACTION THIS AGAIN**- she is going to do it this week
- ACTION- Alex to confirm if BULSCA have property of inflatable used at champs 2012.- **DONE**
- ACTION- Mark to amend AGM minutes-**DONE**
- ACTION - Ella to post a few things about it (water safety awareness week) on the facebook group and to suggest if University clubs can join in with any local RLSS club activities- **NOT DONE**
- ACTION- Alex to check championships costs- **NOT DONE, ACTION THIS AGAIN**
- ACTION- Ella to look at notes from all disciplinary reports from freshers comp to see procedures could be improved for next year.-**NOT DONE, ACTION THIS AGAIN.**
- ACTION- Oli to update committee page- **NOT DONE- Details not forwarded**
- ACTION- All of committee to provide descriptions of themselves for this page- **NOT DONE, ACTION THIS AGAIN**
- ACTION- Dan (Welfare Officer) to examine disciplinary procedures- **DONE**
- ACTION- Dan to write officer responsibilities description to be included in BULSCA constitution.- **DONE**
- ACTION- Ella to chase up Southampton to hear their reaction to decision with regards to complaint and appeal about freshers comp. **NOT DONE**- Hasn't heard back from Southampton.



4. AOB

- Bristol competition- The club are still having some problems with pool bookings. They are not going to be able to book their university pool, but their union will pay the difference in costs for an external venue. As such the club will be fine financially but the clubs needs to start booking etc.

ACTION- Ella to follow up on the situation

- Judges course- discussion occurs on when should it be scheduled for. Ella suggested to do it at Warwick comp as this proved a good venue last year and it maybe act to get more people going to Warwick comp; to compensate for their loss of freshers comp. There are concerns that January may a bit late as this doesn't give much time for people to get involved as judges after the course. Only other viable options are Southampton or London. Alex thinks London would be the best option- most clubs go by train so there wouldn't be an issue with transport if 1 or 2 people were staying.

ACTION- Alex to investigate arranging venue for judges course with a potential preference to host it at London.

- There are some concerns by some BULSCA members about bias in RLSS articles- there seems to be unrest that some of the articles are one-sided. It is agreed that in particular for champs the write-up should not be biased. Mark to keep an eye on this situation and monitor articles for bias.
- Next skype meeting to be held in 1 months time.

ACTION- Mark to arrange skype meeting for one months time.