



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

BULSCA committee meeting 04/10/12

In attendance:

- Chair- Ella Hunt
- Secretary- Mark McCorquodale
- Development Officer-Nicola Keenan
- Webmaster- Oli Coleman
- Champs Co-ordinator- David Brown
- Treasurer- Alex Blandford

Minutes of meeting:

Officer Reports

Chair

- Warwick competition- date confirmed as 26th January. Ella needs to send email to confirm this to clubs.
- South East Regional event has been cancelled
- Ella rang the RLSS regarding insurance if BULSCA members do not have SandS bronze sport and are competing in competitions. Awaiting info from RLSS to see if the competitors will be insured. Will be very problematic if they respond competitors do need bronze sport SandS.

Champs co-ordinator

- Entries and rules pack are now online for champs, David has confirmed someone to run the timing. Working on someone to run the social.
- Issues of eligibility for awards have been discussed over email. Problem was at London GM last year a motion was passed that only students should be eligible to win anything at champs (including certificates etc). Discussion was had by the committee over email and it was decided that it will drop the number of entries and does not encourage outside lifesavers to compete. Also, it may make it difficult to understand the result sheets. Currently as it stands David has an email ready to explain the decision that anyone can win certificates in speed events, any male or female squad can win squad events in speeds, overall speeds awards are only eligible for students and on Sunday anyone can win medals but the trophy is only for the best student team and overall weekend awards are just for students. This ensures focus of awards is mainly on students but encourages others to compete. David will send an email explaining this to clubs.
- Yet to hear anything from club members at Bath regarding champs.
- Another big thing to come up is entry deadline of Champs. Alex suggests that we have to have it in December in order to know the amount of income we will receive. For a smaller competition this is not an issue but due to the nature of the competition it is important this is know early. Could be at the discretion of the chair to allow later entries. David suspects teams will not consider entering late as they



will believe the deadline has passed and it will be too late. It is discussed changing the deadline will mainly be of a benefit to RLSS clubs. The committee needs to check the venue's rules on bookings without penalty as this may help with the decision. It might be easier to have deadlines in the same term as the competition, it is discussed we could have different deadlines for BULSCA clubs and RLSS clubs- will not be an issue for BULSCA clubs to have a deadline before xmas. Mark comments that we're publishing the student nationals in the RLSS magazine which will be published in January, so the consensus is to move the deadline to January for Non-BULSCA clubs and keep the date for December BULSCA clubs.

- David will send pictures for the advert for Champs to Mark to be submitted for RLSS magazine.
- Have received an expression of interest from Queen's University Belfast for Champs (asking about costs), David will get in touch with them again.
- Committee have received an email from RLSS about RLSS National Club SERC, Oli will forward this on.

Web

- Not a lot has developed since last meeting. Oli has started chasing Southampton to find out information regarding team entries for Southampton competition. Bristol has just had a meeting about their competition; Oli is also waiting to hear from them regarding entries. Bristol does now have a venue for their competition, but may be slightly behind on the organising of their competition.
- A few committee members are yet to send bio's and logons to Oli in order to receive admin rights to website.

Secretary

- RLSS magazine- essentially finished 2nd article to be published in January. First article is being published imminently.
- Mark is yet to hear back from Southampton about their plan for food for their comp.

Treasurer

- Alex is trying to organise the judges course to be run at London competition weekend, is currently waiting to hear back from Judges. He has talked to London Club with regards to booking rooms in order to run the course. Will email clubs in a few weeks about the course once he has organised a few more things.
- Needs to send out invoices for membership to BULSCA- **ACTION ALEX** to do this
- Set budget for entry champs this year to £31.50 per person, which should help ensure champs remains in budget.

Development

- Nicola recently held Chairs skype meeting with regards to freshers fairs- believes it went well. A report was sent out after the time detailing what happened. Nicola



thinks it would be a good idea to continue the meetings in the future. Some clubs did have technical issues, but this couldn't be helped. Could ask for feedback at Southampton comp.

- Harlequins surf school have emailed Nicola asking about the possibility to advertise within BULSCA. Committee is unsure about this venture, but emails could be sent to club members about this prospect.
- The use of Facebook and twitter has been pushed recently by the committee, has there been any response from these? No. Nicola has received a few emails from clubs but has not received any more contact from them after an initial reply.

AOB

- David is yet to send correspondence out regarding championship entries to international clubs- committee members to send contact details to David for international clubs for this purpose.
- Disciplinary Procedures- **ACTION ELLA** to look at how these should be changed as this issue has been raised in previous meeting but has just to be addressed.
- Oli checked Alex and Ella are picking up emails on their phone.
- Oli has now secured a role within RLSS reviewing national lifesaving champs he is to send out some questionnaires to students to provide info on their opinions on RLSS speeds and nationals. David has been proposed as a contact for the speeds review.
- Mark to start typing minutes up on BULSCA format
- Mark is awaiting to hear back from Sam from Birmingham about BULSCA promotional video. **ACTION MARK** to chase up.
- St Andrews are pursuing the potential idea of forming a 'Scottish Unis' team to compete as scratch teams, with the potential of if this is successful to forming a Scottish Uni's team to increase participation. Oli suggests that there is currently a problem with too many clubs forming merged teams, and is unsure if this actually a good idea with regards to encouraging growth within the BULSCA league. He suggests clubs should only merge if it will help long term growth. **ACTION NICOLA** to talk to St Andrews about this. Meeting to discuss this 15th at 7:30
- Next meeting Thursday 8th November at 7:30