



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

BULSCA committee meeting 22/11/12

Present:

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

Minutes

1. Officer reports
 - Chair
 - Nothing to add at this point
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 - Development
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 - Webmaster
 - Now exported university times from 2011 and 2012 to RLSS sports league
 - Created some sheets for champs, David to bring sheets to GM
 - Champs
 - Had some trouble making arrangements with international teams.
 - Treasurer
 - Judges course is going to be next Sunday. Alex isn't going to be there, has asked Shaun (ULU) to be a contact for the day, from BULSCA point of view Alex has asked Chrissie to be a representative (ex BULSCA committee member).
 - Alex has not been able to get any senior BULSCA judges to go to judges course to add to the course for a BULSCA specific point of view, Paul Moore has agreed to try to cover this.
2. Other matters for discussion:
 - London Universities formation is up for annual review-
 - to be conducted at AGM
 - Freshers competition date-
 - Alex asks if we can fix a date for GM as well as for the freshers competition.
 - David thinks we shouldn't constrain dates too much, as a constrained freshers comp dates already puts pressure on clubs. Suggests that this year we specify freshers competition, then in future years look at specifying other dates.
 - Committee agrees to this and set freshers competition to be hosted on 26th October 2013.
 - Changes by clubs from their competition applications to actual competitions-
 - Nicola states this year we've had a lot of changes by clubs about competitions from their applications, and wished to gauge committee's feelings on the matter.
 - Alex, states we haven't really had that much change, and Oli's main concern is cost which no clubs have changed.
 - Nicola's main objection was Southampton asked to change to many things, yet clubs bid on the grounds of a competition they indeed to run so they should be run to this.
 - David counters that many clubs essentially just put in bid to secure the chance to run a competition, and then actually plan what they can actually do afterwards.
 - Committee discusses whether changes can be enforced rules or fines, but no consensus is reached. No committee member feels strongly enough to raise a proposal for the GM, but the issue could be looked at in the AGM.
 - Leeds Phoenix –



- No-one has received contact from them recently, regarding their desire to compete with BULSCA
- **ACTION-** Nicola to try and find a different contact for them
- Welfare position
 - Nicola thinks this needs clarification.
 - Oli states the intention of this position was simply that there was a independent person available that clubs could go to with welfare issues, as stipulated in the constitution. Committee happy with arrangement.
- Matt Sedgewick has notified committee he is able to continue on judges panel
- Change email of judges panel
 - It is incorrect in the Manuel at the moment-
 - **ACTION-** Mark to correct the email address
- Lifesaving on tour-
 - Committee has been contacted by an individual wishing to set up a 'lifesaving on tour event'. Oli states this idea started around 2 years ago through miles, who met the individual at British surf champs. Consensus is committee should not get involved, beyond sending emails to notify members about it should the event progress, as it would be a lot of work and committee are unwilling to work for an event where others would profit financially.
 - **ACTION-** Mark to notify Miles.
- 3. Proposals for GM
- Beach Weekend- bath
 - Committee agree it is just a statement of fact/raising awareness and not something to be voted on, as such should be included in a separate section of the agenda.
- Champs awards- David Brown
 - Essentially proposal formalizes discussion made by committee this year regarding awards eligibility at champs. Committee all agree with proposal.
 - Accept without discussion
- Code of conduct- David Brown
 - David states that we have a code of conduct in competition manual covering behavior at competitions, but no way of enforcing it. Other organizations have ways of enforcing expected behavior; we should adopt a similar stance. David thinks DQ's is a bit far but we do need an escalating frame of reference for judges if people start behaving inappropriately. This proposal is just about people accepting the need that we need some kind of punishment, the punishment itself can then be worked on during next term. Issue brought up as a consequence of behavior of 1 club at champs last year. Ella suggests we should vote for penalties as well but David adds some are already in place in the champs rules, but this does not cover league comps.
 - Accept without discussion
- Timing of briefs for SERC's- Luke Peel
 - Mark points out this was submitted as a consequence of Bristol competition were competitors felt the time given for the brief was insufficient, since competitors would know where they are in real life and speed of reading should not be assessed in SERC's.
 - Nicola adds if you write a SERC, you can stipulate a time limit, if the judges panel pass this that time limit then it should be allowed.
 - Several of the committee believe it is unnecessary and would add to time delays. Most think it should be an issue for the judges panel to monitor and not an explicit minimum time limit specified in the rules.
 - Nicola suggests we make SERC writers submit a time for the brief when submitting the SERC to judges panel. Committee agree the use of the judges panel is a fluid process and it would be useful to have a check list for SERC setters to check their SERC against, with a time for brief set as part of the checklist.
 - Ella says this information is already available from judges panel. It is suggested this information is written and posted on the website. Alex and Oli discuss that this was auctioned a number of years ago but was never completed. Overall consensus by the committee is that amendments are required to the proposal.
 - Reject with discussion.



- Judges Panel- change SERC submission deadline
 - Committee see no reason to reject proposal
 - Accept without discussion
 - BULSCA Fundraising- Chris Harper
 - Nicola thinks this should be discussed but not something to be voted on. Alex's believes there are issues with this in that BULSCA is an independent body and shouldn't align ourselves financially dependently on RLSS.
 - Oli also believes it has issues in term of expected profit that can be gained or amounts charged, agrees it is a way of raising funds for clubs, but disagrees with proposal in that any course should be used to fund BULSCA, and believes that projected levels of income are unrealistic. Nicola raises that Loughborough was a pilot for the scheme last year but doesn't think it will work on a wide level.
 - Committee consensus is it should be an issue to raise awareness for clubs, which they could pursue if they so wish, but not an issue for BULSCA. Proposal to be moved to separate agenda item.
4. AOB
- Bristol appeal
 - Appeal lodged against inconsistencies with brief given to clubs. Committee discuss option to address this but agree not much can be done to change current proceedings.
 - Committee agree that briefs should not be double sided, but could be longer than 1 page (multiple sheets each of which is 1 sided)
 - RLSS sports league
 - Normal league competitions don't interact well with this unless clubs specifically do update times themselves. Oli asks if clubs would want BULSCA to facilitate an easier interaction. Consensus is that some clubs will care, some wont, if the club does care they'll be happy to do it themselves, but BULSCA should update the league with results from the student national though.