



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

BULSCA committee Skype meeting 6/3/13

In attendance:

- Secretary- Mark McCorquodale
- Development Officer-Nicola Keenan
- Champs Co-ordinator- David Brown
- Treasurer- Alex Blandford

Apologies

- Chair-Ella Hunt
- Web- Oliver Coleman

Minutes of meeting:

Meeting called to order at 18:00

1. Matters arising from minutes

ACTION 1.1 Judges' Panel to finish writing SERC setters' guidelines

Not done

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ACTION 1.2 David to forward word copy to Oli so it can be completed

Done

ACTION 1.3 Webmaster to update email list descriptions on the BULSCA website

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ACTION 1.5 Dan Harris to read guidelines

Not done

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ACTION 1.6 Champs co-ordinator to pursue the introduction of a separate non-counting team award for champs

Done- a trophy is on order that BULSCA shall keep, alongside a smaller award for the winning team to keep

ACTION 1.7 David to produce a proposal for penalties for breach of code of conduct to be submitted for the AGM

Not done- David has had discussions with Steve Tedds (Judges panel) about this as part of proposals that shall be raised to generally update the competition manual.

Action 1.5 David to ensure proposals for disciplinary procedures and penalties for breach of code of conduct to be submitted for the AGM either as a distinct



proposal, or as part of a more general proposal regarding competition manual updates.

ACTION 1.8 Ella and David to look at how disciplinary procedures should be changed
Covered by above point.

ACTION 1.9 Mark to chase up BULSCA promotional video
Done- Sam (Birmingham) has said that he is still working on the project, and gave no indication for when it shall be complete. Mark suggests this should be raised again at the AGM to see if anyone else is interested as little progress is being made.

ACTION 1.6 Mark to raise the development of a BULSCA video as an item for discussion at the BULSCA AGM

ACTION 2.1 Nicola to contact Bangor
Not done

ACTION 1.7 Nicola to contact Bangor

ACTION 2.2 Mark to send contact to Nicola regarding Bangor
Done

ACTION 2.3 Mark to finish updating club list on BULSCA website
Done

ACTION 2.4 Ella to hold a Skype for club representative a week before deadline for proposal submission for the AGM regarding meeting procedures
Not done (date for this has yet to be reached)

ACTION 1.8 Ella to hold a Skype for club representative a week before deadline for proposal submission for the AGM regarding meeting procedures

ACTION 2.5 Mark to update meeting procedures
Done

ACTION 2.6 Nicola to follow up with Steph Moore (UWE)
Not done

ACTION 1.9 Nicola to follow up with Steph Moore (UWE)

ACTION 2.7 Nicola to chase up Lee Heard regarding Save a Baby

Done- There is no mention that the scheme has progressed any further, Nicola suggests raising the item for discussion with new club committees at the AGM

Action 1.10 Nicola to raise Save a Baby as a scheme for BULSCA clubs to get involved with in conjunction with the RLSS at the BULSCA AGM

ACTION 2.8 Nicola to chase up international teams for BULSCA nationals to see if they have any queries, and to find out about travel arrangements

Done- has had some correspondence with international teams who seem very self-sufficient.

The Swiss team have asked for lifts to and from champs but otherwise seem self-sufficient. Oli has said he will be able to provide lifts but there may be some waiting involved for the Czech team in Bath. Committee agree this is not an issue. Not that much has been heard from the Czech team.



Action 1.11 Nicola to ask Irena (Czech Lifesaver now based at Nottingham University) about the Czech team's plans

ACTION 2.9 David to send names of SERC setters to judges panel (for BULSCA nationals)
Done

ACTION 2.10 David to confirm scout hut booking and pay for booking
Done

ACTION 2.11 Alex to seek venues for BULSCA champs 2014
See treasurer's report.

ACTION 2.12 Alex to inform London of the committee decision regarding champs entry
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Done

2. Officer reports

- Secretary
 - SERC Feedback following competitions-
 - Mark states that some judges are uncertain how feedback should be given on SERC performance following competitions, as no guidelines were actually set on how this should be conducted at the previous AGM
 - Alex thought the system used last term work well where judges give feedback to overall judges for each of the SERCs, who feedback to the head referee who sends information out to clubs.
 - Mark suggests a store of information of feedback would be useful for long term development of clubs. Discussion ensues on the feasibility and practicality of this. The committee agree the best way to carry this out will be to amend published results with the corresponding SERC feedback once it has been received from the head referee.
 - Hence the suggested course of action is: judges give feedback to overall judges for each SERC, to give feedback to head referee. Head referee sends feedback to Oli to amend the competition results to include SERC feedback

Action 2.1 Mark to discuss suggested course of action for SERC feedback with Oli and Ella.

- Development
 - International teams at champs
 - Social for international teams- Nicola wants to get into contact with Bath University to see if it would be possible for international teams to get to an alternative venue/social as it might be difficult for them to partake in a pub quiz.

Action 2.2 Nicola to check with International teams whether they would like to attend the planned pub quiz social at champs, or an alternative



Action 2.3 Nicola to enquire about possible alternative social arrangements that could be made for international teams

- International RLSS run down
 - Nicola had a meeting with RLSS representatives on Monday; over the summer the RLSS are going on several trips which BULSCA members are attending. There is some discussion regarding BULSCA-RLSS relationships, but it is concluded that nothing should be done at the moment.
 - The RLSS are also looking for helpers for an activity camp for young lifesavers. Blondie (RLSS) is sending information about this camp to Oli to put up on website
- Up to date BULSCA speed records
 - Nicola notes that she is yet to update any of the BULSCA speed records this year. None of the committee are aware that any records are yet to be broken. David suggests this weekend (RLSS national speed championships) may be the first chances for people to break BULSCA records.

Action 2.4 Nicola to check no BULSCA records have been broken since May 2012, and update records as appropriate

- David suggests that following the swim and tow updates, records for swim and tow should be restarted.

Action 2.5 Nicola to propose the restarting of swim and tow records at the BULSCA AGM

- Champs
 - Champs general update
 - Both SERC's are basically done, they are being checked currently.
 - T-shirts have been ordered as have medals.
 - Still waiting for signature from head referee to get certificates done.
 - David is sending out information packs tonight to competitors and judges etc.
 - Schedule is proving to be a bit of a pain as set-up is now planned to take longer than originally anticipated. However, as we have longer pool time this year this should be less of an issue.
 - Various RLSS representatives have been invited to attend. Currently we are expecting Anna Walters and Ellen Moore to attend. The president of the local RLSS branch is also going to attend and is happy to do some presentations.
 - Checking champs entries
 - Oli has rigged up a system to catch obvious entry problems such as wrong gender entries etc. When checking entries events are to be split between committee to ensure all these problems are noted quickly. The current plan is that Oli will process the entries on Sunday night, for the committee to check by Tuesday, so clubs can check their entries prior to Friday night for printing.

Action 2.6 Oli to distribute entries for Champs to the committee for proof checking



Action 2.7 Committee to check champ entries as per Oli's instructions

- Champs social
 - David plans to run a pub quiz, but would find it useful if someone else would be able to write it. David will ask judges if any of them would be willing to do it and will post on the facebook group.

Action 2.8 David (and the rest of the committee) to try to find someone willing to write a pub quiz for the champs social

- Nicola asks if can have karaoke as a backup for the social. David unsure will look into it.

Action 2.9 David to look into the possibility of staging Karaoke at the champs social

- David raises (on Oli's behalf) that all competitors will be required to have a competition number on their arm in order to compete, and submission of times for champs by Sunday evening is an absolute deadline.
- David confirms that the RNLI are going to run an additional wet SERC and that Steve Tedds is happy with this. Details for logistics of this are still to be confirmed for this.
- Treasurer
 - Booking champs for 2014
 - Has contacted most 50m pools in the country, most did not have availability, 2 pools were available- Plymouth and Sunderland, but both much more expensive than Bath (£6000 and £4000 respectively vs. £2600 for Bath), as such the only feasible option for champs 2014 is Bath.
 - David agrees to confirm booking due to previous relationship with the Leisure centre. Alex suggests we could see if we could get some kind of discount as we are becoming more an annual fixture there.

Action 2.10 David to book Bath University as the venue for Champs 2014

- David brings up a point of interest that SLSGB also have an event at Bath in April. David will post this on facebook page.

Action 2.11 David to post on facebook about the SLSGB event hosted in Bath in April

3. AOB

The committee conclude that a date for the next committee meeting should be arranged at the BULSCA nationals.

Meeting closed at 18:50