



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

MINUTES

Date: 24/10/13

Time: 19:30

Location: Skype

Present Chris H, Alex B, Adam M, Nicola K, Oliver C, Edward M

Apologies n/a

Agenda Item 1- Adoption of ILS Rules

Presenter: Oli C

Oli would like us to adopt the new ILS rules for manikin carry. Chris asks if we are all happy with switching to the new ILS rules over manikin carry. Alex says its absolutely fine but can we update gates and medley. If we are accepting one change we should accept them all. Oli doesn't think its a good idea. He's proposed the idea for changing manikin carry because that's what the RLSS are going to do. We don't know if they intend to adopt the other rule changes. Also the changes to manikin carry are major so should be updated.

Ed is confused because he thinks the medley change is minor. Alex thinks its important to change them all. Ed raises we want to change the bigger change which is the manikin carry whereas the medley change is the smaller change.

Adam raises that changing Medley will affect Bristol straight after the EGM and we can't give clubs that short notice. So the change would mean changing the rules halfway through the season. Manikin carry however hasn't been raced yet and won't be until Southampton. This would give clubs time to train under the new rule. He thinks it's important to maintain the consistency of events.

Chris says do we pre-empt an RLSS change which will happen mid-season? Ed thinks that if we are aware the change is going to happen then we should.

Alex things that at this point of the year we cannot change the rules. Its unfair. Many clubs will have started training for both Manikin Carry and Medley and to change it would confuse it, especially for the new people.



	<p>Ed raises that if external RLSS clubs are coming to BULSCA competitions then it would be confusing for them having training for RLSS rules to suddenly have to change the BULSCA rules. It would make it strange to come to a BULSCA competition. Alex disagrees, he believes that we are a separate organisation and we don't have to follow that. Chris believes that we should always fall on the side of University Clubs.</p> <p>Ed raises the change will reduce the number of DQs and thus people will enjoy competing more.</p> <p>The committee then discusses whether to change all the rules, change just medley or change nothing. The outcome is that we should change all of them. To do so requires an EGM at Bristol.</p> <p>Chris asks do we have a majority of committee to call and EGM? 3 committee members indicate they are happy. The EGM will be called at Bristol.</p> <p>It's agreed that this meeting will be restricted to the 15 minutes prior to the close of isolation. It will be to discuss the issue of this rule change and nothing else. If discussion goes on too long it will be moved to the general meeting in London.</p>	
Conclusion	Call the EGM to vote on the issue. If the issue proved controversial then it will be moved to London.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Call the EGM	Adam M	02/11/13

Agenda Item 2 - Insurance	
Presenter: Chris H	
Discussion	<p>Chris says we have got the following feedback on insurance:</p> <p>If the club that is hosting a competition is in membership then they are insured by the RLSS. Including everyone at the competition. So uninsured clubs are insured when they attend that competition.</p> <p>Ed asks if this includes activities such as the social. Chris says it doesn't it literally covers the activities of the formal conversation. Things like social venues should be insured. There may be issues where clubs do activities that fall outside the competition such as Nottingham's treasure hunt. That would need to be covered by the students union.</p>



	<p>Ed wants this information to go to clubs from the RLSS rather than BULSCA so that it is accurate and BULSCA can't be held accountable if the information is incorrect.</p> <p>On the other hand we are not currently insured to run champs. The insurance broker does not recognise us as a club despite us being one. They say that should we make a claim the insurance company would reject it on these grounds. Having said that we can get specific insurance which Chris is currently checking through. RLSS is going to pay the premium and we will just be a named club on the RLSS insurance. All agree that this is good as we aren't going to be paying anything.</p>		
Conclusion	RLSS affiliated clubs are insured, BULSCA is going to be insured		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Review of Insurance Document	Chris H	ASAP	
Clubs sent information	Chris H	ASAP	

Agenda Item 3 - Judges Course			
Presenter:			
Discussion	<p>Should we have judges course? Yes we should have them. Is there anyone free to organise it this year. The room is already booked at London. Adam offers to organise it, but may not be able to be there on the day. All okay with this.</p> <p>Oli would like to run another judge level 2 course. We decide to postpone that discussion to another meeting as this one has been quite long and we aren't on the website yet.</p>		
Conclusion	Adam to organise a Judges course for London.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
London Judges Course Organisation	Adam M	ASAP	
Agenda Item 4- Website			
Presenter: Chris			



Discussion	<p>This has dragged on. Oli has some quotes, its a little confusing. In order to host our site it would be £80 a year. Oli says that for the time being we can get away with paying £1 per month providing we have a current undergraduate account. However we would automatically be upgraded at the end of the year unless we kept setting up new accounts.</p> <p>Ed wants Oli to clarify why its £83.99 and not £60 as advertised on the website? Oli says its the quote he got from 123 reg over the phone, him having given them his requirements.</p> <p>Alex is confused why we need to switch hosting provider? Whats wrong with the current one? Currently we don't know if the current website would support the new one. We are waiting on information from out current hosting provider. Its now been 6 weeks and we still haven't had a response. However if the old provider can do what we want then it will cost us nothing.</p> <p>Alex asks what would be the benefit of changing web hosting? Ed explains that the benefits would be minimal, the main benefit would be the new website functioning on it. However we would have a company that was contactable, it would automatically extend our domain registration, we could add a something.bulzca.co.uk site, we could start to do wiki's, forums etc. and a better webmail provider.</p> <p>Having said that we do not think that alone is a good enough benefit. Alex asks whats so great about the new website? Why can we now achieve the new website on the old hosting.</p> <p>Oli says we could achieve the cosmetic changes of the website reasonably easily. What we gain is the wordpress functionality. Adam says that the advantage to him has been the new website is easy to update for people who aren't technical. He has been able to create and modify pages easily. Whereas at the moment for all the GM and AGM organising he is going to have to go through a proxy. The website would turn into a collaboration.</p> <p>Ed adds we would also be able to invite judges panel and other experienced members to contribute content and their own pages.</p> <p>Alex says this is all great but what is the direct benefit to clubs? Adam says that he doesn't know if it's possible but he would love us to be able to give clubs access to their page. Rather than our website being just a table of contact information we would let them make an exciting page that could potentially help with recruitment. Oli & Ed agree this is possible. Alex says that this alone would make him think this was worth the money.</p>
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	<p>Chris asks do we think we can justify spending this amount of money without mandate from a general meeting. It is agreed that we cannot. £80 represents nearly a third of BULSCA's income.</p> <p>Having agreed that do we try and bring it to Bristol or take it to London. Oli says he would like to give longer for our current hosting provider to reply. But accepts that they are now taking a bit too long. Alex raises that given the length of time we've discussed it then the issue wont be quick enough for a Bristol. The majority of committee agree it should be brought to London.</p>	
Conclusion	Wait for our current hosting provider but if they don't reply bring it to London	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Write the proposal for London	Oli C	27/11/13
Agenda Item 5- Next Meeting		
Presenter: Chris		
Discussion	We decide on our next meeting which the secretary forgot to write down. But he suspects its Thursday 28th November.	
Conclusion	Having a meeting in the future	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Find out when the next meeting is	Adam	Soon.