

Held at ULU

12.00pm 20th Jan 2007

Present: - Dan Graham (Chair), Charlie Hawker (Secretary), Representatives of Southampton, Birmingham, London, Nottingham, Bath, Warwick, Swansea and Cambridge Universities

With: - Stuart Ward (Judge)

Apologies: - Aberdeen and Bristol Universities

AWOL: - Loughborough University

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Rule Amendments

- **Tumble Turns** - The tumble turn rule (5.5.1.5.2) was removed and the section renumbered.
 - **Casualty Crosses** - Rule 5.6.3.6 was updated to reflect new CPR protocols.
 - **Swim & Tow Penalties - RULE UPHOLD** - It was suggested that during Swim & Tow events the penalty should be changed from 15s to disqualification. It was agreed that this was a bad idea and the original rule was upheld.
 - **Casualty Clothing** - Rule 5.3.6.1.2 was added to ban casualties wearing clothing that may cause them to be confused for a Judge
 - **SERC Setters Involved in Coaching** - Rule 1.2.4.2 was reworded for clarification purposes.
 - **University Records** - Section 3.4 was updated to reflect the new records system.
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New Posts Within BULSCA

The following new positions were suggested and clubs were requested to find suitable people to take on the following roles;

- Club Development Officer
- Speeds Development Officer

- International Development Officer
- Competition Liaison Officer - Would be an old boy and would offer support to clubs (expecially those with new club captains) when organising a competition.

In addition, the idea of a combined BULSCA team for national and international competitions was raised. The idea was discussed and all agreed it was good in theory, but it had been tried before and failed. The issue is to be discussed again after the Nationals so that newer club captains can get a feel for a 2-day competition.

BULSCA Website & Email Lists

It was raised that updates were not going up on the website fast enough and the league table in particular was taking to long to be updated after competitions. The Chair and Secretary both stated that clubs had been proving hard to chase up for results, but they were going up as soon as possible when available.

On the matter of email lists, some clubs had been having trouble sending/receiving emails on the mailing list. The Secretary explained that when this occurs it is usually because the spam box is full and our storage space is full. Since spam has to be deleted manually and we get around 4000 spam messages a week, sometimes the server will become clogged and genuine messages cannot get through.

Overall it was agreed that the website needed a facelift anyway, so a new host will be sought at some point, and a complete overhaul of the website conducted (probably over the easter holidays), ensuring that the new site will allow clubs to easily upload their results and any future BULSCA Secretaries will not require any complex coding understanding by implementing some form of content management system.

Bank Account Details

The issue of River House holding the BULSCA account was discussed and all agreed it was not the best way to manage the account. It was agreed that there was a need for our own bank account. However this would require becoming recognised as a company and a major constitutional change for BULSCA. In the long run it was deemed that this was a worthwhile pursuit and club captains were urged to go back to their clubs and find individuals with relevant experience (law and finance) to help implement this.

Nationals Progress Update

The order of events for the Nationals was discussed and the committee concluded the best method would be to have the Rope Throw event at the start along with other events that required equipment in the pool (i.e. gates) and then take the equipment out piece by piece as the competition went along.

University Records

The university records system was clarified by the Chair; Neil Rutter is managing the records, so if you're not on their as an individual and you feel you should be or if you beat a record email Neil with the time and proof (i.e. the results spreadsheet). Records can only be counted if individuals are competing for their university.

Date For AGM

The next AGM is to be held at the Loughborough competition on Sunday 6th May 2007. Exact time TBC

AOB

- **Non-League Competition** - The Association of Chief Police Officers' Lifesaving Competition is being held 8-10 June and they need judges and helpers, so please offer your support if possible. Please contact the Chair (Dan Graham) if you can help, chair@uni-lifesaving.org.uk.
- **RLSS AGM** - Is to be held at Whittleberry Hall in the Midlands and includes a black tie ball. RLSS are offering free places (one per club) for those wishing to attend. Interested clubs/individuals should contact Jane Hepburn at River House.
- **Speeds Workshop** - London are proposing to hold a speeds workshop at some point before the Nationals open to all clubs.
- **TA Course** - Birmingham are hosting a Lifesaving TA course, anyone who wants accommodation sorted out for them should contact Birmingham, they may also run another course over the Easter holidays.
- **Bath Competition Deadline** - The bath competition deadline for places is Wednesday 24th January.
- **Overseas Training Camp** - Southampton are looking into running a training camp abroad. They are trying to keep the costs to around £200 including flights and accommodation and are looking provisionally at running it between 8-17th September 2007. It will be open to all BULSCA clubs and if interested, clubs should get in touch with Southampton before the Nationals.
- **Pulling Teams** - It was mentioned that there should be stricter guidelines in place for when is acceptable for clubs hosting competitions to keep the money paid by

other clubs who pull teams out of competition. It was decided that the decision is ultimately up to the competition's management committee and not a matter for BULSCA, however 2 weeks was agreed to be reasonable and whatever decision made should be clearly printed on entry forms.