



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

Mid-season General Meeting – 06/12/2008

University of London Union; Room 2D (2nd floor), 12 pm.

Meeting commenced at 12:16 pm.

- 1. Present: - From BULSCA Committee: Alan Sutherland, Dominic Robertson, Lauren Dyson, Nick Farmer, Oliver Coleman and Steve Tedds. Helen Killingley arrived at 1:04 pm. Representatives from Bath, Birmingham, Cambridge, London, Loughborough, Nottingham, Southampton and Warwick. A representative for Swansea arrived at 12:54 pm. Kate Wade and Stu Ward were also present representing BULSCA Judges.**

1.1. Apologies: - Aberdeen.

- 2. Minutes of previous meeting**

No problems were raised.

- 3. Update on Actions from previous meeting**

No reports were made.

- 4. Website**

4.1. Online Entry System (Oliver Coleman/BULSCA)

Oli Coleman asked for us to agree that the Online Entry System was working and for clubs to vote on it as being an acceptable method of sole entry for BULSCA Competitions.

Proposed: Oli Coleman

Seconded: ???

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

- 5. Rules**

5.1. Clarification of Fresher's Competition (Dominic Robertson/BULSCA)

Dom Robertson asked who was around in 2004 when Warwick held the Fresher's Competition and introduced the following:

"...each club would only be allowed to enter ONE experienced team, any other team they enter must be fresher's teams.

"A fresher's team is allowed include one experienced team member, and then three 'lifesaving fresher's'

As a compromise, a fresher is defined as:

“...anyone who has never competed, or only ever competed in one university league lifesaving competition. Notes on this point - a fresher does not have to be a first year undergraduate; non-university or university speeds experience does not count as league experience and so these people will be eligible to compete as a ‘fresher’.

” The experienced team from each university MUST be that university's A team...”

It was clarified that any additional teams, i.e. not the A team nor a fresher team, could still compete, however they would not be eligible to be counted towards the B League.

Proposed: Lauren Dyson (BULSCA)

Seconded: Tom Strachan (Bath)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

5.2. Swim Hats; 2.4.3 & 2.4.3.1 (Bath)

Tom Strachan (Bath) stated that a member of Bath had complained about having to wear a swimming hat. Therefore they asked to bring BULSCA’s rule 2.4.3. into line with the RLSS rule A21(b), which makes wearing a swimming hat optional in the speed races. Note: they would still be required to wear a swimming hat during the two SERC’s. Bath feel that teams should be identified by lane number rather than colour of their hat to award penalties and disqualifications (during the speed events). No counter arguments were raised at this point. The following word changes to rule 2.4.3 were proposed:

“2.4.3 All competitors shall wear their matching team swimming hats for the Dry and Aquatic Initiative tests. Competitors may wear a swimming hat during the speed races.”

Proposed: Tom Strachan (Bath)

Seconded: Oli Coleman (BULSCA)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

5.3. Records

5.3.1. Recognition; 3.4.1, unrecorded change to the rules (Steve Tedds/BULSCA)

Steve Tedds explained that there is no record of the change that was made to rule 3.4.1. He proceeded to read out the current rule from version 4.0 (which was also in place in the last version, 3.2), and the rule preceding that from version 3.1.

Questions were raised by Steve Tedds regarding there being no requirement to be competing for a university. Stu Ward also mentioned it doesn't include a requirement to even be a student; Steve Tedds raised that the rule 3.4.2 includes eligibility requirements as per 5.2 in the BULSCA Constitution.

Discussion was had about instances like competing for Great Britain and competing for club teams instead of competing for University teams.

Bath asked whether we could have two different sets of records: one for "students" and one for "BULSCA". Dom Robertson said that both sets of records would be administered by BULSCA and so therefore they would both be BULSCA records.

Bath then asked whether individuals could become members of BULSCA to gain BULSCA records. Lauren Dyson explained that she was wanting to address this point herself, and was planning to raise it in AOB.

Steve Tedds brought the discussion back to the point on the Agenda. Nick Farmer asked as to which rule we have been currently working under, and explained that he had updated records as per the old rule. Lauren Dyson said that records should only be broken if competing under the name of a University, otherwise it does not promote University Lifesaving. Oli Coleman and Steve Tedds suggested that we should amalgamate the two rules.

The following rule was then proposed:

"3.4.1. BULSCA shall recognise university records set by individuals who are competing in any RLSS, SLISA, ILSF or BULSCA sanctioned competition under the name of their member institution."

Proposed: Steve Tedds (BULSCA)

Seconded: Christian Wood (Southampton)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

5.3.2. Eligibility; 5.2 of the Constitution (Rob Sheard/Loughborough)

Megan Athersmith raised a point that had been asked to be placed on the Agenda by Rob Sheard (Loughborough Old Boy). Megan simply asked when do students stop becoming students and therefore stop being able to break student records.

Different points of views and opinions were discussed, including those of the University of Birmingham and those of BUCS, which were raised by Steve Tedds. Other ideas were discussed; namely after graduation, and after term time finishes. Problems with both of these were found, with the problem being the wide variations between the different institutions, particularly with some graduations not being until the following academic year.

A suggestion was made to extend the student status (in terms of BULSCA), until the end of the summer. Therefore, a proposal was made that the BULSCA “Student Year” would run from 1st October to the 30th September.

Proposed: Stu Ward (Judges)

Seconded: Christian Wood (Southampton)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

5.4. Eligibility to compete; 5.2 of the Constitution (Nick Farmer/BULSCA)

Dom Robertson stated that any changes to the Constitution would need to be voted upon in an EGM. In light of this it was agreed that BULSCA would hold an EGM at the end of the General Meeting.

5.5. SERC Setters

5.5.1. Institutions (Steve Tedds/BULSCA)

Steve Tedds said that he wasn't aware that a hosting club could (if they wanted to) ask the same person to write both the aquatic and non-aquatic SERCs. To stop this Steve Tedds suggested that you could insert a rule simply saying that this wasn't allowed. However, Steve Tedds went on to say that you could in fact insert a rule saying that a hosting club's two SERC Setters must be from different institutions.

Richard Massing said that he could not make the necessary changes to the SERC Setters in time for the Nottingham Competition. It was suggested that the rule could be brought in after Nottingham's Competition on the 31st January 2009.

Proposed: Dom Robertson (BULSCA)

Seconded: Oli Coleman (BULSCA)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

Note: At this point the proposed rule change does not include specific wording; just that a rule is to be introduced.

Kate Wade began discussions for the wording of the new rule and suggested that it should just follow the text as written in the Agenda. Steve Tedds read out the text: “SERC setters must be from different institutions (or associated institutions)”; the amendment from “should” to “must” was made, to relate to BULSCA being insistent upon the rule. Stu Ward said he was confused by “associated institutions”; Steve Tedds clarified that to be associated to a University you are typically an “Old Boy” from a particular University, but could also be a coach.

Dominic Robertson made a suggestion of clubs from within the same region; i.e. two clubs, for instance, Birmingham and Warwick, would not be able to write incidents for each others competition as they both reside in the Warwickshire Branch. After other discussions about who to include as “associated” individuals, current members, alumni, and coaches were suggested. However, this was rejected on the basis of some Old Boys are in fact not Alumni of the University; Dave Owens of Birmingham was given as an example by Steve Tedds. Dominic Robertson re-suggested the idea of “branches”, to which Megan Athersmith and Nick Farmer pointed out that two club likes Loughborough and Nottingham are very close to each other and yet still within different branches. Therefore, this suggestion was rejected again.

Discussions were then moved back to members, Alumni, and Coaches; Kate Wade added the problem of current and past coaches.

[At this point in the meeting Dan Smith (representing Swansea) arrived to the meeting at 12:54 pm.]

To which the above was suggested within a set time frame, i.e. for when they have become inactive within Lifesaving at that institution they would then become eligible again to write a SERC. Laura Thompson added RLSS Individuals to the argument; an

example being Chris and Elaine Lewis, who could be considered to be associated to Southampton.

A proposal was made for “a member, a coach, or alumni within the last 3 years” by Oli Coleman. This was amended 4 years, and to “active Alumni” but was not seconded.

Kate Wade suggested an alternative approach to the problem at hand; “the University has to submit the names of those who they wish to do it (i.e. set the two SERCs) to the (BULSCA) Committee (or to the Judges Panel)” for them to ‘OK’. Steve Tedds proposed the above suggestion and added that a defined length of time before the date of the competition was also required.

Proposed: Steve Tedds (BULSCA)

Seconded: Lauren Dyson (BULSCA)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

The length of time was then defined to be twenty eight (28) days, which was then also voted upon.

Proposed: Christian Wood (Southampton)

Seconded: Laura Thompson (Birmingham)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

This was agreed to come into action at the end of the meeting.

Richard Massing asked whether this now meant that SERC Setters would be known prior to the competition, as currently there are not on the list of officials as defined by the rules. Dominic Robertson answered saying that they were among the list of officials.

5.5.2. Electronic Schematics (Dominic Robertson/BULSCA)

Dominic Robertson quickly mentioned how we’ve already implemented a Judges Panel to avoid incidents that are a “little bit crazy and out there”. He then talked about the new BULSCA Score sheet and how it allows for much more detail to enable competitors to learn more from their results. To accompany this, Dominic Robertson asked for an

“electronic schematic” of the incident to be attached to the score sheet to see how marks can be (and were) gained and lost.

[At this point in the meeting Helen Killingley (BULSCA) arrived to the meeting; 1:04 pm.]

This was proposed by Dominic Robertson to be done back from the start of this season, all the way to the end of the current season.

Proposed: Dominic Robertson (BULSCA)	Seconded: Christian Wood (Southampton)
For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

5.6. Officials list; 1.2.4 (Steve Tedds/BULSCA)

Steve Tedds informed clubs of the situation with Warwick, where they unfortunately submitted their results one day late, and the action that BULSCA took. Steve Tedds went on to point out that so far no hosting University complied with the rule (1.2.4) that requires them to send out their list of officials seven (7) days in advance of their competition, and therefore would like to add the same fine as the one in the submittance results (rule 3.3.3). Tom Strachan asked what the protocol would be for last minute amendments to the list of officials. Steve Tedds replied on behalf of BULSCA, stating that clubs would simply need to send out another email indicating that due to illness, injury, etc, their list of officials had changed.

Steve Tedds checked the list of officials and reported to Richard Massing that in fact the two SERC Setters for the University of Nottingham competition are not currently on the list of officials.

Nick Farmer agreed with the amendment, but then also requested that the same logic be applied to the submittance of the two SERC Setters as well.

Tom Strachan asked whether financial penalties were the correct way with dealing with non-compliance with the rules, and asked whether docking of team points was more suitable.

Dominic Robertson asked whether it was “fair” to dock a team that wasn’t necessarily anything to do with the organising committee. Dominic Robertson explained that BULSCA is to stick with the financial penalties; however, if any club has any ‘major’ issue with them, then they are to email him. He went on to say that they are probably the most effective way of

dealing with these issues “as everybody hates paying out money when they don’t have to”. Kate Wade re-iterated that this discussion was had at the last meeting, where she asked the Clubs to suggest the penalties as it was the clubs that were going to have to deal with them. She continued to say that she didn’t want to implement the financial penalties, but it was apparent that it was the only way BULSCA could get clubs to follow the rule. Kate Wade added that in the last meeting it was also agreed that if a club were to not follow the rules (by submitting their results) after the fourteen (14) day deadline and still hadn’t submitted them before the next competition, then that club’s points would not count at any further competition until they had paid the fine.

At this point Steve Tedds re-iterated to the room that in fact the two SERC Setters are not included in the list of officials.

Dominic Robertson indicated that he will write a proposal for this and clubs would have an email vote. The proposal is to include the rule changes that incorporate the financial penalty (of £5 for missing the deadline and then an additional £1 per day thereafter) for not:

- Submitting the two intended SERC Setters to the BULSCA Committee at least twenty eight (28) days before a competition;
- Submitting the two written SERCs to the Judges Panel at least fourteen (14) days before a competition, and
- Notifying clubs of their list of officials and two SERC Setters seven (7) days before a competition.

Action –Dominic Robertson

Write a proposal for clubs to vote on regarding the rules in which penalty is to be set by BULSCA this was to be completed by Friday 12th December. The voting deadline was set as Friday 16th January 2009.

Laura Thompson asked for clarification on the proposed new rule as the voting deadline would be inside the first ‘SERC Setter’ deadline of least twenty eight (28) days before a competition, Dominic Robertson and Steve Tedds answered by saying that Birmingham should comply with the rule as if it were in place.

[At this point in the meeting George Hopkinson (representing Swansea) arrived to the meeting; 1:15 pm.]

6. Judges Panel

6.1. Judges Panel members (Dominic Robertson/BULSCA)

Dominic Robertson explained that the original plan here was for clubs to simply vote on whether those people he had chosen to be on the Judges Panel were to be accepted. He continued to say that this could be done, however, he had realised that some people might not be aware who they were.

Dominic Robertson said that he would postpone this and have an email vote, and continue with the Judges Panel as it is for the moment. Dominic Robertson informed clubs of who the three people were (Stu Ward, Chris Maher and Abi Hoyle) and asked for any objections to any member of the panel.

Dominic Robertson said that he had been unable to complete the documentation for the meeting, which was to include the details of how the Judges Panel is to work, including information on what roles, responsibilities and powers the members of the Judges Panel have. This document would be circulated to the members of the Judges Panel and Clubs. Dominic Robertson went on to say what he had done at the moment: “one member of the Judges Panel will see both of the incidents for a competition. Things will run in a round robin”. So, one member will do one competition, the next member the next competition, and then the third member for the third competition before going back to the first member for the fourth competition, and so on. This would then allow for any member (if they were not available) to pass their reviewing role on to the next member in line.

Action – Dominic Robertson/Alan Sutherland

Complete Judges Panel guidelines.

Dominic Robertson conducted individual votes for each member of the panel.

Stu Ward

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

Chris Maher

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

Abi Hoyle

For	6
Against	1
Abstention	1

7. Scottish League

7.1. Sport development meeting in Aberdeen (Lauren Dyson/BULSCA)

Lauren Dyson gave a brief overview of the meeting that was held in Aberdeen with regard to encouraging participation in Scotland and in order to do this BULSCA has an idea to set up a Scottish League. Lauren Dyson expressed that this is not planned to have any impact on our current league and Scottish clubs are encouraged to compete in our current competitions. The meeting included people in Scotland that were interested in lifesaving and included people both from universities and non-university clubs. Those in attendance at the meeting included Lauren Dyson (BULSCA), Alan Sutherland (BULSCA) and representatives from: Aberdeen, St Andrews, and East Kilbride Life Saving Club (LSC) and a representative of the RLSS Eastern Scotland Branch. Lauren Dyson added that she had additional interest for around four other clubs. Lauren Dyson also added that for the initial year, non-university clubs would be allowed to take part to allow for the league to be created and “get it running”, particularly as without East Kilbride LSC, Aberdeen might not have been able to host their competition. Martin May asked whether they would keep the BULSCA format. Lauren Dyson then explained that due to the size they could probably hold competitions within training time, but that they would keep our current format and that they are still encouraged to come down to England (and Wales) to compete in our current league. Lauren Dyson also explained that the idea in the long run is for the regionalisation of league, with the BULSCA Championships pulling everyone together.

8. Disciplinary Policy

8.1. Action taken (Helen Killingley and Alan Sutherland/BULSCA)

Alan Sutherland said that a document had been sent out to clubs that indicated what had been done since receiving the complaint after the competition in Southampton.

Dominic Robertson pointed out that the two members of the offending university were banned from competing in the following competition.

Helen Killingley added that a copy of the final report had been given to Southampton’s Athletic Union President, and that no further action had been taken by Southampton’s Student Union.

8.2. Policy amendments (Alan Sutherland/BULSCA)

Alan Sutherland asked this point not to be discussed as he had been unable to make the amendments to suggest to clubs due to time restraints.

9. Championships

9.1. 2009

9.1.1. Entry Forms (Helen Killingley/BULSCA)

Helen Killingley said that these were up on the website and they were sent out in an email. She mentioned that they could either be filled in online and emailed back or they could be printed off and posted to Helen Killingley. The first deadline for entry is Friday 12th December 2008. The two entries that needed to be included were: 1) the general squad entry, and 2) the equipment that the clubs have and that they could bring. The next deadline is Friday 6th March 2009 is for Individual Entries, which are to be on a first come, first serve basis. The last deadline is on Friday 13th March 2009, which is for the remaining forms, namely, squad times and qualifications. Helen Killingley also asked for clubs to send in forms as early as possible to save her from being 'crazy busy' in the last week or so leading up to the Championships.

Helen Killingley also invited questions from clubs, of which none were raised.

9.1.2. Rules (Helen Killingley/BULSCA)

Helen Killingley reminded clubs that Championships were back at the Olympos Centre, Burgess Hill, which has a 25 m Swimming Pool. Helen Killingley also explained that the RLSS are currently producing their own rules for 25 m events. Nick Farmer and Dominic Robertson spoke to say they are producing rules in conjunction with the RLSS and will have some produced for the BULSCA Championships, for us to use. BULSCA can then consider the RLSS rules for a 25 m pool once they are produced.

9.1.3. Events (Helen Killingley/BULSCA)

Helen Killingley said that the final details regarding events will be sent out once she had received everyone's initial entries; these will include timings, the order of events, etc. The RNLI are also coming back again this year.

Helen Killingley re-iterated the importance of getting the entries in from clubs, this was particularly important because BULSCA is keen to invite non-BULSCA clubs to the Championships, but explained that BULSCA clubs (and individuals) will obviously be allowed to enter and fill up spaces before non-BULSCA clubs (and non-BULSCA individuals) are invited.

Dominic Robertson explained that he and others had been targeting lifesavers between the ages of 16 and 18, i.e. those that will be looking to go to university soon, and so will know what University Lifesaving is and if they go to a university that doesn't have a club, they are aware that BULSCA will help them set a club up if they are so inclined.

Helen Killingley asked the clubs whether (from experience last year) there was anything that BULSCA had perhaps overlooked or wants to see in this year's Championships.

Tom Strachan asked whether it would be possible to avoid going outside, as it was "freezing". Kate Wade explained that the alternative was to have a long walk right throughout the centre, but Helen Killingley said that she would look in to it.

Action – Helen Killingley

Investigate alternative routes for competitors from the spectator area to the pool side.

Nick Farmer said that the sleeping arrangements were quite cramped. Helen Killingley asked Swansea about their sleeping arrangements as they stayed in a Travel Lodge.

George Hopkinson said that they would probably be looking to stay there again this year.

Kate Wade mentioned that Travel Lodge currently have an offer on at the moment for around the time of the Championships.

Helen Killingley said that she had invited some RLSS Officials down to the Championships and some had agreed and were keen to come and help out.

9.2. 2010

9.2.1. Location (Helen Killingley/BULSCA)

Helen Killingley explained that she was disappointed by the lack of votes that were cast towards the location of the Championship in 2010. Helen Killingley told the clubs that Millfield had been chosen, and that the pool has already been booked for the 20th/21st March 2010. Helen Killingley said that she would be heading down to Millfield to start investigating other facilities, and then asked whether anyone in the room would be interested in helping with some the initial planning and organisation of the 2010 Championships and would like to come along as well, to which Lauren Dyson showed her interest.

Action – Helen Killingley/Lauren Dyson

Visit Millfield and investigate available facilities.

10. A.O.B.

10.1. BUCS Eligibility (Nick Farmer/BULSCA)

Nick Farmer raised the BUCS eligibility guidelines and said that BULSCA should amend theirs to agree with the new BUCS ones. These are to incorporate Further Education Colleges and students that are undertaking foundation year courses.

Dominic Robertson explained that one reason for doing this was to increase the catchment area of BULSCA, as the people in Further Education are still students.

Nick Farmer went on to say that he had been in contact with the programme manager at BUCS, and they had said that in order to become a BUCS registered sport we will need 20 competing institutions competing at the Championships (not every week).

Oliver Coleman asked about potential problems with Further Education students being under the age of 18. Nick Farmer replied that at the moment BULSCA might need to limit competitors on an age basis, i.e. they would have to be 18 years of age.

At this point it was agreed to move all of the eligibility changes (including those from 5.4) will be moved to an EGM, which will be held in Loughborough before the AGM in May 2009.

10.2. BULSCA Committee 2009-2010 (Dominic Robertson/BULSCA)

Dominic Robertson raised the issue of next year's BULSCA Committee, and asked for clubs to start thinking about the election and who might like to stand at the AGM in May 2009.

10.3. BULSCA Internal Communications (Dominic Robertson/BULSCA)

Dominic Robertson raised the issue of communication with Clubs, he asked for Clubs to advertise the Facebook group 'University Lifesaving'; this is so that BULSCA can contact individual members of Clubs, without having to go through clubs and then expect them to forward it on.

Nick Farmer asked for clubs to make sure that they send back contact information.

10.4. Amendment of Rule 5.3.6.3 (Steve Tedds/BULSCA)

Steve Tedds brought up a rule change on behalf of Simon Creasey (from Warwick), that was submitted too late to be placed on the Agenda for the meeting. Steve Tedds explained that rule 5.3.6.3 hadn't been changed correctly since the removal of red crosses to indicate "no breathing but signs of circulation". Steve Tedds continued to read out the current rule, which says that we will place a marking on the forehead for 'all' unconscious casualties, and then proposed the following amendment:

“5.3.6.3 A black cross will be placed on the forehead of any casualty that is unconscious and not breathing normally.”

Proposed: Christian Wood (Southampton)

Seconded: Megan Athersmith (Loughborough)

For	8
Against	0
Abstention	0

10.5. Reminder of Rule 5.3.10.11 (Steve Tedds/BULSCA)

Steve Tedds reminded clubs of rule 5.3.10.11 which states:

“If during the SERC event, a casualty error, judging error, or other unplanned event affects the performance of a team, they shall be continued to be marked as normal. The error shall be clearly described on the score sheet.

Steve Tedds went on to explain that in instances that this occurs, for example at Warwick where a black cross was left off a manikin’s forehead, the judge should be making a note on their mark sheet, which should then get transferred to the BULSCA Scoresheet by the scorer and then should be realised in the results.

10.6. Additional Information on Online Entry Forms (Oliver Coleman/BULSCA)

Oliver Coleman reiterated the need to fill out the details on the online entry system so that hosting clubs know numbers, particularly for food and social. Oliver Coleman informed clubs that the page is always updatable, so entering Clubs can edit and update details/numbers at any point and that there is no limit to the amount of times that the information can be updated.

Tom Strachan asked whether a box dedicated to the cost of food and social could be included. Oliver Coleman said that there is now a box of ‘additional information’ that the hosting university can add information like the cost of food and social.

10.7. CRB Check’s for BULSCA (Alan Sutherland/BULSCA)

Alan Sutherland raised CRB’s and said that the official position of the RLSS was that at any BULSCA sanctioned competition no-one of the age 18 years and under could be left with anyone that was not CRB checked by the RLSS.

Please note that since the meeting Alan Sutherland has found that this should have been “under the age of 18” and not “18 years and under”.

Alan Sutherland went on to say that the RLSS provide CRB checks at no cost, and Lauren Dyson also said that the easiest way to do this is through the Child Protection Officer within your RLSS Branch. Dominic Robertson also mentioned that it is possible to do this through River House as well.

10.8. Issue with Item 5.2 (George Hopkinson/Swansea)

George Hopkinson spoke on behalf of Swansea and apologised for being late and for then returning to an item on the agenda that had already been discussed (Item 5.2). George Hopkinson went on to say that at the beginning of the BULSCA Competition Manual, it states: *“The rules are designed to comply with the latest revision of the ILSF World rules as far as practicable”* and that removing Swimming Hats from the Speed events deviates away from the ILSF World Rules. George Hopkinson also said that it makes it easier for judges that have to second a disqualification, to say “that yellow hat” rather than “that club in lane...”. George added that if competitors found latex or silicon swimming hats uncomfortable, there are alternatives, and gave an example of a competitor at the Commonwealth Championships that wore a ‘cloth’ hat.

Dominic Robertson explained that clubs had already voted in favour of allowing competitors to choose to wear swimming hats in the speeds events and said that BULSCA will discuss it from the point of view of ILSF World Rules, rather than an “I find it uncomfortable” point of view.

10.9. BULSCA Individual Membership (Nick Farmer and Lauren Dyson/BULSCA)

Lauren Dyson and Nick Farmer raised the possibility of individual membership to BULSCA. Lauren Dyson gave two ways in which she thought that individual membership could work:

- 1) Old Boys that were no longer affiliated (or associated with) a current BULSCA club, could affiliate straight to BULSCA and then come and help out and compete;
- 2) Current students wishing to compete, but were at a university where there was no ‘competing’ lifesaving club present.

Nick Farmer re-iterated what Lauren Dyson had already said and added that he had been speaking to a few lifesavers at universities that wished to get involved. He had the idea to open up the remit up so that individuals (that were at a University with no lifesaving club) could liaise, train and participate with their local BULSCA affiliated club and compete for them in some way. Nick Farmer and Lauren Dyson agreed that there would need to be controls and regulations in place so that you simply could not enlist everyone from anywhere. Lauren Dyson has been working on such guidelines.

Steve Tedds mentioned the BUCS eligibility point that says:

“REG 15.1.6 Students may only compete for the institution(s) with whom they are internally registered” BUCS General Regulations, Regulation 15.

Oliver Coleman suggested that clubs perhaps should follow the line of Swansea University who amalgamated with Swansea Metropolitan University, to incorporate individuals at local universities that do not have a BULSCA affiliated lifesaving club.

Christian Wood suggested that there be a pool of people: old boys, individuals, etc, that could compete together. Christian Wood went on to say that he didn't believe that teams made up of students from different institutions should count towards the league.

Megan Athersmith said that at Loughborough they are allowed five affiliate members, which they already use two from the University of Leicester; one of which is a Loughborough old boy who has moved to their PGCE their and the other who is a ex-swimmer that just wants to compete.

Dominic Robertson said that as we are aiming towards BUCS then we should follow their regulations.

Oliver Coleman said that within the BUCS regulations it says that students may only compete for one institution in each year and should students be allowed to compete for one institution in the league and another one (i.e. the one in which they are internally registered) at the Championships.

Tom Strachan mentioned that not all clubs can have affiliate members.

Action – Lauren Dyson/Nick Farmer

Create definitive guidelines for individual members of BULSCA, including regulations and control measures. Send them out to clubs to read through and make comments.

10.10. Clarification of Rule 5.8.4.1.3 (Tom Strachan/Bath)

Tom Strachan asked for clarification a rule within the 4 x 50 m Medley Relay, when competitor No.3 finishes and passes to competitor No.4. George Hopkinson clarified this by saying No.3 must touch the wall before No.4 touches the harness. Dominic Robertson read out rule 5.8.4.1.3 under penalties and disqualifications for that event which says:

“5.8.4.1.3 The fourth competitor taking the harness before the third competitor touches the turning edge.”

Steve Tedds also pointed out that in the RLSS Lifesaving Sport manual shows the take over quite clearly.

10.11. Use of Yellow Rescue Tubes (Martin May/London)

Martin May said he thought that the Yellow Rescue Tubes should not be used in SERCs due to their stainless steel clip.

Dominic Robertson partially read out rules 6.5.11 and 6.5.12 where it states that the o-rings and clips on rescue tubes can be brass or stainless steel.

Stu Ward said that these equipment specifications are related to the Speed events. Steve Tedds said that if clubs wished, they could add rules to say that rescue tubes with brass or stainless steel o-rings and clips cannot be used in the SERCs.

10.12. Diving from Blocks with Rescue Tubes (Nick Farmer/BULSCA)

Nick Farmer reminded clubs that they should not be diving from blocks with rescue tubes. However, they are allowed to dive from the side of the pool with rescue tubes.

Nick Farmer added that the RLSS are developing a competitive dive award which should be in place for RLSS Speeds 2010, and some compromise will be made for 2009.

10.13. Lack of BULSCA CRB Policy (Martin May/London)

Martin May re-raised child protection policies and that BULSCA didn't have one. Dominic Robertson said that the RLSS do and that Alan Sutherland said that he was currently writing some guidance to go towards it, thinking through the practicalities of implementing what the RLSS says with regard to BULSCA competitions.

10.14. Late Entry to Competitions (Martin May/London)

Martin May mentioned late fees and for BULSCA to come up with guidelines for late clubs that enter late to competitions. Dominic Robertson said that it is up to hosting Universities to set the penalties, but the exact amount must be notified to clubs before the entry deadline. Dominic Robertson asked for clubs to be specific, be organised, and to not leave anything to chance.

10.15. BULSCA Judges (Christian Wood/Southampton)

Christian Wood asked whether BULSCA had any plans to deal with BULSCA Judges that were making incorrect decisions as they were not qualified as 'proper' judges and were not familiar with the most recent set of BULSCA Rules. Steve Tedds added that when you attend the BULSCA Judges course, the only aspect which is covered is one person initiative tests, not 4

person SERCs or any speed events, so the host club should be producing some sort of guidance to judges for the rules.

Dominic Robertson said again that Simon Creasey was undertaking work for Dominic Robertson which has not been disclosed to anyone as Dominic Robertson had been waiting for him to produce it. The information details 'how to score', and will be available to everyone via the BULSCA website. It is hoped that it will provide an insight to what people should be doing when they are judging. Dominic Robertson said that until the RLSS produce a Judges course that is accessible to everyone that he was unsure as to what BULSCA could do.

Clubs asked Christian Wood for an example of the rules that were not being enforced by Judges. He explained that in one instance a Judge was allowing a team to move along the back line when they aren't allowed. Southampton followed the actual rule and missed a rope, where other teams were not being penalised for not adhering to the rule.

George Hopkinson asked whether the fee for appealing a judge's decision was going to be reduced to make it easier to appeal if judges are believed to be making 'wrong' decisions.

Steve Tedds answered that a club is successful with their appeal then the appeal fee is returned and so if a Judge were to make an incorrect decision, a club could appeal it, they would probably 'win' the appeal, and then it wouldn't cost anything.

Dominic Robertson said that the BULSCA Committee will discuss the issue and return with suggestions.

Dominic Robertson also said that clubs might like to stop trying to change the rules at each meeting; this might make judging easier.

Tom Strachan asked whether amendments to the rules could be sent out whenever they are changed. Steve Tedds said that at the beginning of the manual (which is updated after every rule change), there is a list of amendments that have changed since the last version, and it still includes every amendment that has ever been made.

11. Next meeting

This was not dealt with, however, the next meeting which is currently planned is the AGM which will be held at Loughborough on the weekend of their competition, which is on Saturday 2nd May 2009.

The meeting closed at 2:36 pm.