



British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

Minutes

Midseason Meeting, London 11/12/10

In attendance:

Miles Johansen (BUSLCA Chair)
Rhys Clements (BUSLCA Secretary)
Suanne Wong (BUSLCA Treasurer)
Teddy Woodhouse (Club Development Officer)
Steph Wilson (Sport Development Officer)
Dan Smith (Champs Coordinator)
St Andrews – Ella Hunt
 David Brown
Birmingham – Mark Baslington
Southampton
Warwick – Alexander Blandford
Bath -
London
Cambridge
Bristol

Miles called the meeting to order at 10:40

1. Apologies for Absence:

Nottingham, Plymouth, Swansea, Loughborough, Oxford, Exeter, Oli Coleman (Webmaster)

2. Approval of minutes;

Miles went through the minutes and found the following:

- 2.1 To be changed Miles is referred to as Giles during voting for Chair
- 2.2 Miles did not say that he was the clubs competition secretary, but that he was going to be
- 2.3 Rhys did not get voted for as Treasurer

Vote 2.1: Miles proposed accepting the rest of the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and making the necessary corrections as described.

For: 7
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted



3. Matter arising from minutes:

- Amendments to comp manual not made, Secretary (Rhys) needs to complete amendments
- Investigation into Northern league, not done
- Single transferable voting system, deemed not necessary by Chair (Miles) until number of clubs increased.
- Oli spreadsheet "own" cell completed

4. Officer Reports

- Chair (Miles) – Updated himself on rules, getting to know clubs.
- Secretary (Rhys) – Confessed that he had not done much.
- Treasurer (Suanne) – Updated everyone on financial status of BULSCA.
- Club (Teddy) – Catching up on what he's meant to be doing.
- Sports (Steph) – Judges Course and minor constitution changes.
- Web (Oli) – Was not present due to ill health. It was believed everything was in order with his role.
- Champs (Dan) – Catching up with what's going on, visited Champs pool, sorted out entry pack.

5. Competition hosting rule rewording

Miles presented Appendix 1 which proposed the rewording of rule 1.0.3.11 since he believed it to be ambiguous. Miles stated that this must not be such a rules change, rather just tidying it up.

Vote 5.1: Miles proposed accepting the changes outlined in Appendix 1

For: 7
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted

6. Change to Results Submission

Oli had sent to the meeting Appendix 2 outlining a change to rule 3.2.3 to bring rule book in line with current practice and adding rule 3.2.3.3, giving specifications to what would be considered a complete set of results.

Vote 6.1: Oli proposed accepting the changes outlined in Appendix 2

For: 7
Against: 0



Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted

7. Update and Clarification of Constitution and Rules Manual

Miles presented Appendix 3 outlining the need to update errors within the constitution and rules manual. Also constitution needs to be updated to keep in line with the change from BUSA to BUCS

Vote 7.1: Miles proposed accepting the changes outlined in Appendix 3

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted

Note: Southampton representative arrived

8. Proposal to change idea of fining club

Teddy presented Appendix 4 outlining the possibility of dropping the fining system since it seems ineffective as a means of ensuring that rules are followed. There is a presumption that committee hand-over at club level is fully comprehensive. Also proposal to give assistance to smaller/newer clubs, as fines could have a greater impact on these compared to larger clubs. New system needed to encourage clubs to follow rules and ensure that clubs are notified of fines.

Suanne presented Appendix 5 outlining that fining system needs to be kept since there needs to be repercussion. Suanne argued that fines are not significant and shouldn't deter clubs. Also pointed out that competition manual was online and freely available. Suanne did agree that implementing a system of notification was a good idea.

David (St Andrews) pointed out that some clubs are already making a loss on competition and those fines only compound this. Also that some clubs are able to absorb these losses whilst others aren't

Dan (Champs Coordinator) added that a document has been produced concerning how to run a comp, written by Lauren Dyson.

Steph (Sport Development Officer) used the example of London fines encouraging updates on officials. She also suggested that a case by case system could be implemented

Mark (Birmingham) pointed out that a case by case could get out of hand

Vote 8.1:

For: 0

Against: 8

Abstaining: 0



The proposal was rejected

Rhys (Secretary) suggested that comp manual is inaccessible and difficult to work through, i.e. it is hard to ensure that all rules are followed and easy to miss exactly what you may be fined for.

David (St Andrews) stated that documents relating to competitions are not widely known about. He also suggested sending a pack of information once comp schedule has been decided.

Suanne (Treasurer) suggested that producing a condensed version of comp manual would be useful

Dan (Champs Coordinator) stated that the 'Dyson' document does this

Miles then suggested a possible change to constitution that encourages BULSCA to assist clubs when running a competition

Miles proposed amendment to BULSCA constitution that BULSCA assistance should come from Club Development, rather than Sports, i.e. Re-word "Offer assistance to clubs in the organization and facilitation of BULSCA competitions, specifically pertaining to BULSCA competition regulations;"

Vote 8.2: Miles proposed accepting constitution change that had just be suggested

For: 8
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted

Action: Teddy to adjust 'Dyson' document to include list of possible fines

9. Need for money to book BULSCA Championships pool

Miles stated the need to book 50m Champs Pool for 2012 and that it was necessary to have money upfront. He asked the clubs whether they would be able to put forward any money

Plymouth, Swansea, Bristol all stated they couldn't put money upfront and Cambridge stated that it would be an unfair system since some smaller clubs would not be able to bring many members to the competition

Ella (St Andrews) proposed the idea of approaching RLSS for money (loan)

Mark (Birmingham) stated that one agreement with RLSS better than 8-12 agreements with individual clubs and pointed out that with committee changes at both BULSCA and club level there could be much confusion and ultimately lead to money not being repaid.

Vote 9.1: Miles proposed asking the RLSS for a monetary loan



For: 8
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0

The proposal was accepted

Action: Suanne with assistance from Ella Hunt to approach RLSS

10. Any other business

10.1 Long-term plan for running BULSCA Champs

Miles proposed setting a long term plan for running BULSCA champs. Miles stated the need for BULSCA to have a clear budget each year and possibly making profit each year. Miles also pointed out the potential of alternating between long-course and short-course pools.

Dan (Champs Coordinator) stated that a long term plan was necessary since pools become fully booked quickly

No action: open discussion

10.2 Proposal for the need of a BULSCA Vice Chairperson

David (St Andrews) stated that BULSCA does not have a specific Vice Chairperson, possibility that there needs to be a specific position

Action: Miles to draft a proposal concerning discussions over Vice Chairperson, by AGM

10.3 Discussion on the need of a London Meeting

Miles questioned whether there was necessarily a need for a London Meeting?

Rhys (Secretary) pointed out that it was a useful meeting to resolve any issues mid-season and helpful in outlining the upcoming events

Action: Miles to look into whether attendance to meetings should be compulsory