

29/01/2019 BULSCA & RLSS MEETING

Meeting Information

Objective:

Date:	29/01/2019	Location:	Skype
Time:	19:00	Chair:	N/A
Called By:	Jared Wray & Lee Heard	Taking Minutes:	Michael Kirkham

Attendees: Jared Wray, Michael Kirkham, Lee Heard

MEETING PURPOSE

Meeting to discuss a formal arrangement between BULSCA and the RLSS, building on previous discussion.

OTHER NOTES OR INFORMATION

The arrangement is desired to ensure a fulfilling relationship for both BULSCA and the RLSS as the RLSS continues to provide insurance for BULSCA events, especially the Student championships.

Summary of discussion

Lee: What do you think of suggestions from email?

Jared: We discussed as a committee, but it was difficult to know what the implications of all the hypotheticals might be. Both options were relatively well received.

As BULSCA we can make agreements, but we don't have control over our member clubs currently to enforce things outside of competitions and our code of conduct and constitution.

Otherwise we can make suggestions, but can't dictate.

Lee: If you come to us with suggestions then, as we don't know what is a realistic goal.

Jared: Yes, but it would be good if you can give examples as you instigated this and we will then have a feel for what you want.

Lee: An option for BULSCA to one day take on the insurance premium themselves to maintain independence. Is that achievable?

Jared: Not currently, due to trying to ensure the championships are affordable for clubs. The insurance cost would need to be passed on to clubs as our finances currently stand. Not feasible, and not sustainable for BULSCA to fund currently. Might make the championships inaccessible to some.

Lee: Ideally, you guys will have completely control over what you do, but I see you're reliant on us for this. Will discuss with insurance team possible alterations to allow you to do this in the future.

Jared: As the committee changes yearly, it can be difficult sometimes if new members don't have the experience of organising/budgeting.

Lee: In terms of Service Level Agreement (SLA), will attempt to draft something for the GM on the 9th. Spoke with Andrea about areas BULSCA can offer things.

Has always been a problem with uni aged members, going from home clubs and then moving away. Some encouragement to work with local branches.

Jared: Small attempt to do this last year, could be good to develop this. Bring competition skills to local/home clubs.

Lee: Will put some headings in the draft to show ideas. James Cossons (Youth Coordinator) will be filled in and be in touch, he's eager to work with BULSCA.

Are also looking to do some fundraising. But possibly through BULSCA connections and clubs, can access RAG clubs at universities to help with charity fundraising.

Jared: We do have contacts in Unions, but it is competitive. Clubs may be able to make introductions.

Lee: would be nice to formalise it, put material out to RAG clubs. Not on an individual level, but the RLSS can work with connections in uni clubs.

Jared: Can try to help with that.

Lee: Will look at drafting SLA and review in 12 months. See how it is going and how we feel about it at that point.

Jared: Happy with regular review, however cautious of timing of review time (just before championships).

Lee: We can look at reviewing it at a time in, say, November, then can go to the EGM in December to discuss it with clubs. Won't be left in the lurch for champs insurance.

Jared: November sounds good. In advance and can work with clubs to work with campaigns, like Don't Drink & Drown.

Lee: Don't Drink & Drown (DD&D) seems like a good area for expansion. Clubs do it already, but room to expand. Help the RLSS get involved.

Jared: Sounds like a good area. Usually might be individuals, but if we can shift it to club's committees taking part, that would be good. How will gauge success?

Lee: We have our ways of knowing (Lee said something more sensible). We can analyse delivery and assess impact.

Lee: Anything else you feel you can offer? S&S you use for competitions like RLSS?

Jared: Yes, for championships.

Lee: So obviously that can be recognised in the SLA.

Lee: Can/do you mandate clubs to be members of other bodies?

Jared: Many clubs will be members to deliver awards, but we don't and couldn't currently mandate it. Putting an extra cost on clubs.

Lee: Can perhaps put forward reasons to be involved, communicate benefits of membership.

Jared: Sending a representative to talk about engagement at GMs would be good, and possibly people could speak to clubs in competition isolation. Can spread the word, explain options, network.

Jared: Other things that we can offer in small ways. Planning and thinking about this. We can send things out. Is there anything the RLSS is particularly keen for?

Lee: Membership, youth development. People coming in and out of university clubs.

Jared: Local branch involvement is good. Involving university clubs with local clubs/branches should be possible and will expose to RLSS. Hopefully exposure will encourage people to carry on after uni.

Lee: So points of interest are:

RAG contacts

BULSCA clubs and members information from RLSS

RLSS Awards

Will come with a draft by end of the week and get feedback from BULSCA. Don't want to dictate, want to work together and discuss.

Jared: The earlier the better. We would like to discuss it with clubs, and we can bring that back to you and discuss it.