

BUSA Committee 2024-25

The BUSA Committee Meeting 27th January 2025

via Google Meet, 20:00 - 21:00

Karen Rawson KR Jake Miller JM Dan Flood DF Henry Metcalf HM Sam Richardson SR
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Committee Meeting Minutes

	Item	
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Notified; Amy Wrightson AW Angus Collingridge AC Neil Collingridge NC Jess Beecher JB Becky Caiger BC Ben Tylecote BT</p>	KR
2.	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SailTies intro by Chris Jacobs. He gave a brief outline of the app about sharing your sailing experiences with other people, recording mileage etc. He shared his screen to show the committee. Clubs can get involved with possibilities of prizes which can be discussed. Also a premium subscription available with weather, live tracking which will be free to all students. Email to be sent out to Karen to pass on to members. <p>To look at succession planning for next year and to look for replacements</p>	JM
3.	<p>Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	AS
4.	<p>Finances Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance paid and fleets money to be paid to Exeter • Invoices for charter fees have been sent out for team racing • GA discussed whether development funding will still be available, and all budgets appear to be on track. 	DF
5.	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Round One Exeter and Sheffield have claimed the money and MS has chased the other universities who were successful • Round Two-feedback was that boat maintenance was not part of funding and they are asking how BUSA can support clubs with this. As this is a fixed cost, it was decided not to include in funding. MS to look at creating a document to potentially support with a 5-year plan with SR giving support. • Round Two will open 3rd February and document will be sent to KR to email to clubs. Teams not awarded in round one will be prioritised with also how we look at bids • Green/Blue challenge will close this weekend with 29 entries. Prizes will be awarded after closing. 	MS
6.	<p>Discipline Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Racing-RA Proposal which will be voted on at the AGM and then passed to 	TM RA

	<p>BUCS. It must get to BUCS by mid-April to be discussed ready for 25-26. The proposals are</p> <p>1)The Open team prize should be awarded based on the top 3 boats from each University regardless of gender combination.</p> <p>The BUCS rules would need to be changed to allow this.</p> <p>The Female team prize should be awarded based on the top female helmed boats from each University.</p> <p>This is the change that the sailors would like to allow all boats to count towards the Open prize.</p> <p>2) The BUCS rules and NOR must align.</p> <p>The NOR should state that in the case of conflict the BUCS regulations override.</p> <p>The NOR should include the wording from the BUCS sailing regulations to avoid such conflicts.</p> <p>The NOR should reference the stated BUCS regulations.</p> <p>The NOR should include all BUCS medal and points requirements.</p> <p>The NOR should also specify that BUCS points and medals will be given for the team prize.</p> <p>3) The Female Team prize team size should be reduced to two.</p> <p>4) It should be a requirement that handicap fleets (including ILCAs) will be combined, if necessary for fleets to count for BUCS points.</p> <p>Review whether the initial event should be reduced to just 2 fleets : Firefly & Handicap</p> <p>after the Closing Deadline the minimum limit hasn't been met, and fleets are to be combined or cancelled sailors should be informed and given the opportunity to transfer their entry to a qualifying fleet.</p> <p>Whilst this will increase the range of speeds and cause bigger distance variation on the water, this can be overcome through the use of Average Lap times.</p> <p>5) For the team prize, the position score should be divided by the number of boats in the fleet before counting towards the team prize. Sailing uses low points scoring so larger fleet results then count for more.</p> <p>6) Award additional BUSA only prizes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest increase in numbers for one university • Best improvement in Open Team position • First Uni-owned Rondar firefly <p>These are to be sent to TM to review as well. The committee will also discuss these further in a separate meeting.</p>	<p>FM TC TT</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Racing-all on track for this weekend with everything in place. There were issues with entering as individuals which is being sorted but all teams are entered. TM wants to review this entry process with IA and the google form for 2025/26 • Keelboating-12 confirmed entries with 3 still waiting. ISC are still happy to host in Cowes. Royal Southern however have increased their room rates for debriefs. Mason King will be available to coach again this year and will be paid for by RYA and jury now sorted. • Match Racing-7 boats are now entered and TT to look at media to encourage more entries. Little ship to be contacted for Saturday night dinner. TC discussed weight limit as this is quite low at 272kg which is limit for Elliots. • BUCS Update-safeguarding update to be discussed with JM and AS 	
7.	Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC asked for 2 days' notice for posting on media 	CC
8.	Area Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland-no update • Northern-no update • Eastern-no update • Midlands-issues with forms for qualifiers but all else good • Western-WK updates to go on group chat, • Southern-issues with BUCS play 	BC AC AW HM CC SR
9.	Secretary Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We proposed 6pm on Thursday 24th April 2025 for the AGM 	KR
10.	Next Meeting Dates-10th March 2025	KR