

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SAILING ASSOCIATION HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL 1998 AT BADOCK HALL, BRISTOL UNIVERSITY.

BUSA Officers present:

Andy Green	Vice President
Barny Smith	Honorary Treasurer
Steph Calvin	Honorary Secretary
Geoff Camm	
Simon Hamilton	BUSA 98
Ian Williams	SUCS League Co-ordinator
Selina Dicker	Ladies Captain
Nigel Wakefield	Mens Captain

Member of Sailing Clubs Represented:

Cambridge:	Steven Dunn, Richard Guy, Archie Massey, Rob Sherrington.
Oxford:	Tim Cooke, Stu Robinson, Claire Warren, Janettee Nettleship, Charlie Osmond, Clive Goodwin, Howard Davies, Christian Hamilton, Nicole Johnson, Harry Morrison, Mark Capps, Mark Alexander, Stuart Craig Henry Peale
Leeds:	Steve Cimley, Tim Harrison,.
Salford:	Kathryn Hyde, Claire Evans, Karen Thompson, Emma Shepard, Ben Ward.
Southampton	Douglas Pattison, Marcus Green.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Greg Ansell, President, Martin Smethers, National Judge, Dotty Cormack, Chairman, Michael John Gifford, and Publicity Officer.

2. Minutes from Previous AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on the 1st April 1997 at Glasgow University Students Union, having been previously circulated, were taken as read (proposed Barny Smith, seconded Charlie Oswald).

3. Matters Arising

Oxford University expressed their interest in compiling a bid for the 1999 BUSA Championships.

4. Officers Reports

Chairman's Report

This year has seen major changes for BUSA with the new Committee and event structure. The changes to the constitution made at last years AGM has made it easier

for the league co-ordinators and many thanks must go to Ian Williams of the SUCS League, Emma Llewellyn of SUSA, Mike Rolfe of ANUSC, Helen Tremlett of Wales and Emma Sandeman for all the organisation of this years league.

Its great to see BUSA Teams taking part in so many events this year, and I look forward to hearing Nigel and Selina's reports at a later date.

As ever the newsletter is fabulous and thanks must be given to Michael John for getting a great newsletter together against all the odds.

The BUSA Match Racing event went ahead and proved to be a great success with the new event structure within the BT/RYA National Match Racing Championships allowing the event to be a full qualifier. Christian Hamilton stormed through the Championship progressing with a straight wins score to take the Championship title. Thanks must be given to all involved especially BT for the sponsorship, Ewan McEwan, Neil Cotton, Chris Simon and Emma Sandeman.

The Student Yachting Nationals is on its way to becoming a great event. The RORC have become involved in the event, with it being run in Sigma 38 from the RAF Yacht Club in Hamble.

Well done to all at BUSA 98, which I have heard, is turning into a great event. Her Royal Highness Princes Anne's visit had provided BUSA with great coverage and recognition and it can only get better from here. Thanks to everyone involved especially Simon Hamilton, Trudie Danbury, Caroline Edwards and the rest of the team for all their hardwork to make this years BUSA Championship such a great success.

Finally thanks to everyone involved on the BUSA Committee for all their hard work over the year.

Andy Green took this opportunity to thank Dotty for all her hard work over the last two years as BUSA Chairman.

Treasurers Report

BUSA is currently in a healthy financial situation. On the 13th February 1998 the current account contained stlg2693.78 and the deposit (moneymaster) account stlg2600.64. stlg2295 of member subscriptions has not yet been credited to the current account. On April 15th 1997 the current account contained stlg4257.26 and the moneymaster account stlg2526.66. If the subscriptions are credited to the current account BUSA shows an asset gain of stlg805.50 over the past 10 months. Expenditure incurred can be broken down as follows; stlg1354 on entry fees, and stlg510.66 on commitee expenses and affiliation fees. Income has been almost solely from subscriptions although several Universities have delayed paying BUSA until the last minute. It is recommended that future BUSA Committees impose sanctions on those who do not pay their subscriptions.

Barnaby Smith

Women's Captains Report

The Girls started with the Wilson Trophy, the team consisted of Selina Dicker, Lucy Davey and Sarah Allen. Unfortunately we did not do very well.

The team then went forward to represent BUSA against the Americans, the team consisted of Selina Dicker, Lucy Davey and Sally Styles. Although the Americans proved almost impossible to beat, the team learnt a great deal from the Americans and made use of being able to train with them.

The next event was the Ladies Nationals (Team Racing Championships), the team consisted of Selina Dicker, Jayne Bubb and Claire Cummings. The team sailed really well, unfortunately not so well on the second day and finished 5th above all the other University sailors.

Lastly I just wanted to point out that I thought the change in the Southern Ladies League (putting them all together) seems to have worked really well, and I think all the Southern girls agree with this.

Selina Dicker.

Men's Captain Report

This year has provided a mixture of notable successes and unfortunately less successful racing.

BUSA started the year at the Wilson Trophy by Ian Gotts, Matt Begley, Richard Edwards, Caroline Edwards, Jo Llewellyn and Andy Phillips. Their result was a little mediocre, largely due to the low number of races sailed.

Last summer the American Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association sent a team of seven students and one coach to the UK for the bi-annual tour. This team of 'all-stars' had a huge depth of talent in all disciplines of sailing. There were four official BUSA/ICYRA matches. The Americans took the match racing and team racing in both Larks and Laser Ones. However BUSA did win one of the matches, the three-boat team racing in keelboats, 4 wins to 3 losses. Congratulations should be extended to Ian Williams, Richard Sydenham and Joe Llewellyn who helmed, and Nigel Wakefield, Leo Dixon, Andy Jones, Paul Kameen, Tom Lowe and Sam Barron-Fox who crewed.

The American tour raised questions about the feasibility of a five-week tour. During the summer, despite extensive work by Chris Kameen it was almost impossible to find teams and boats that were available to race the Americans and more importantly give them a good race. Only Cambridge, London and Southampton were around in sufficient numbers to put them up and sail against them. We were fortunate enough to have been given support from various class associations and sailing clubs. I did discuss the prospect of visiting at a different time of year but we were advised this would be impossible with respect to their academic commitments. At a BUSA committee meeting it was decided to reduce the tour to four weeks next year, thus

reducing our commitment in 2001. The Americans left with five weeks of fond memories, having visited England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The RAF hosted the annual BUSA vs Combined Armed Services team racing match from Whale Island in September. The team of Nigel Wakefield, Ed Gardner, Caroline Edwards, Richard Edwards, Ian Gotts and Matt Begley, won convincingly with a 4-0 victory, despite our unfamiliarity with Bosons.

Three teams represented the UK at the European Student Team Racing Camps in Holland last September. The BUSA team consisting of Sam Barron-Fox, Sally Cuthbert, Laura Smith, Caroline Edwards, Ian Williams and Hugh Styles won. Also well done to Portsmouth who finished second and Southampton who finished fourth.

The Carmella Cup is an annual two boat team racing event in the BT 1st Class Eights. Jo Llewellyn and Ian Williams helmed, crewed by various including Clive Cokane, Jim Turner and Adam May. They led overnight but unfortunately finished second overall, runners-up to reigning team racing world champions Spinnaker.

This year has also seen increased numbers of students and student teams at prestigious events such as the Match Racing and UKTRA finals. Five teams, Bristol, Bristol Ladies, Southampton, Cambridge and Portsmouth qualified for the UKTRA finals, this is an increase from three teams last year. Well done to Southampton Uni who sailed well against strong opposition to finish fifth overall. At the BT Match Racing Finals, three of the top four places fell to students. Congratulations to Neil MacGregor 4th, Richard Sydenham 2nd, and Ian Williams 1998 Champion.

Last year's Student Match Racing finished particularly uninspiringly with a three way tie in a league, eventually resolved by a complicated countback. This event has now been encompassed within the BT qualifiers and will no longer be run by Sailcoach. I'm sure this meets with the approval of all who attended last year's event.

Many class associations are keen to encourage student interest at present. The Lark Class are offering free entry to the Lark Nationals. All you need is a boat, a tent and some beer money. More details on the Lark website at www.soton.ac.uk/%7enigel .

To conclude, this year has fulfilled many victories and raised the profile of student sailing; 17 students from nine establishments representing BUSA at the highest level.

Nigel Wakefield

5. Matter Arising

There were questions raised about the BUSA Tour, and the amount of money that is costed each member to go to America. Andy Green explained from his own experiences that the amount of money that needs to be raised can be covered by sponsorship and hard work, and that the benefits on going on the tour and seeing the organisational side of American Sailing makes it all worthwhile.

6. Constitutional Amendments

Marcus Green

Proposed: Ian Williams

Seconded: Andy Green

Yachting Captain

This was deferred, as it was a new position.

8. Emergency Business

It was detailed why there has been an increase in the entry fee to the BUSA Student Yachting Nationals; this was due to food and accommodation being included in the fixed entry fee. It was also explained that this years event was being organised in conjunction with the RORC who were providing 10 Sigma 38's and also all the race management for the event.

There being no further business the AGM was closed at 9.50pm.