

BUSA AGM Minutes: 2nd April 2007 19.00

Royal Southern Yacht Club

1. In Attendance: 21 members university (see attendance sheet) and Committee members including Jim Saltonstall (JS), Steve Gibson (SG), Daka Fadipe (DF), Ed Males (EMa), Skylar Paulich (SP), Ellen Milner (EM), Emma Redshaw (ER), Guy Brearey (GB), Caroline Beveridge (CB), Ben Towell (BT), David Atkinson (DA) and Jessica Mapplebeck (JM).

2. Apologies for Absence and Minutes from the last meeting: Ally Haylett, Martin Smethers, James Sparrow.

AGM minutes from 2006 at Cambridge - unfortunately the committee have found that the second part of the minutes were not available to be submitted for this AGM, however SG confirms that they will be posted on the BUSA website and circulated within 14 days of this meeting.

Amendment: Point 8 should read: "No objections were raised to this proposed process, therefore the motion is passed by the member clubs." Action JM to amend and circulate.

The minutes were voted on and passed by a majority vote as a true representative of the meeting.

3. Next Years Committee:

DF took over as Chair of the meeting for the Elections. DF reminded the members that being a committee member requires you to be fair and just on all matters and that roles are meant to be taken up for creating a better BUSA rather than to influence matters regarding your own university.

Chairman:

Proposed: Ben Towell (Newcastle)

Proposed by: Steve Gibson and Daka Fadipe

Proposed: David Royse (Oxford)

Proposed by: Helen Rollinson (Bristol) and Nikki Russell (Oxford)

DF requested that BT and DR give the members attending some information about themselves, which was followed by a short question and answer session.

Vice Presidents:

VP1: Daka Fadipe (ongoing)

VP2:

DF informed the AGM that Helen Rollinson had withdrawn her application for VP.

Proposed: Caroline Beveridge (Aberdeen)

Proposed by: Ben Towell and Gareth Martel (Aberdeen)

Proposed: Steve Gibson

Proposed by: Sam Tozer and Jez Fowke (Exeter)

Proposed: Jon Pinner (Cambridge)

Proposed by: Bethan Carden (Cambridge) and Ed Males (Southampton)

DF requested that CB, SG and JP give the members attending some information about themselves, which was followed by a short question and answer session.

All ballot slips were passed to the secretary for counting and will be announced at the end of the AGM.

The following positions received only one nomination for each role, therefore DF proposed that they all should be accepted onto the committee.

Team Racing Co-Coordinator:

Proposed: Ally Haylett (Bristol)

Proposed by: Bethan Carden (Cambridge) and Ellen Milner (Oxford)

Men's Captain:

Proposed: Tom Heywood (Cambridge)

Proposed by: Skylar Paulich (Oxford) and Jon Pinner (Cambridge)

Ladies Captain:

Proposed: Jo Brigg (Southampton)

Proposed by: Ed Males (Southampton) and Nicky Macgregor (Bournemouth)

Vote: 19 For, 2 Abstaining. AH, TH and JB were elected onto the committee for 2007-08.

Keelboat Officer:

Proposed: Gareth Martel (Aberdeen)

Proposed by: Caroline Beveridge (Aberdeen) and Ben Towell (Newcastle)

Proposed: Charlotte Lawrence (Edinburgh)

Proposed by: Ellen Milner (Oxford) and Guy Brearey (Southampton)

DF requested that GM and CL give the members attending some information about themselves, which was followed by a short question and answer session. After GM addressed the AGM CL withdrew her acceptance for nomination.

Vote: All agreed, no abstaining. GM was elected onto the committee for 2007-08.

Area Reps:

SUSA: Will be confirmed to the Committee after their AGM.

ANUSC: ANUSC Elected Claire Thorpe (Manchester) at their AGM earlier this month.

SUCS: Proposed: Nikki Russell (Oxford)

Proposed by: Ellen Milner and Helen Rollinson (Bristol)

WUSC: Proposed: Harriett Trumble (Exeter)

Proposed by: Jez Fowke (Exeter) and Craig Paul (St Andrews)

EM questioned why the SUSA and ANUSC reps were elected by the SUSA and ANUSC areas, when the other reps are nominated and voted upon at the AGM. SG responded that SUSA and ANUSC have their own committees and AGM's, with a process for nominating and electing someone from their area to represent them on the BUSA committee. Until SUCS and WUSC have their own committee and structure their representative will continue to be nominated and elected through the AGM.

Vote: All agreed, no abstaining. CT, NR and HT were elected onto the committee for 2007-08.

Honorary Member:

Proposed: Peter Johnson (RYA JUG Chairman)

Proposed by: Steve Gibson and Daka Fadipe

As PJ was not at the AGM, therefore DF informed the AGM that PJ is the new Chairman of the RYA Judges and Umpires Group, he's been involved with the BUSA Team Racing Championships for a number of years and is based near West Kirby. PJ is also a National Judge and Umpire.

Vote: All agreed, no abstaining. PJ was elected onto the committee for 2007-08.

There were no nominations received for the position of Treasurer or PR Officer, therefore the committee will follow this up at their first meeting.

4. New Constitution

Since the current constitution is very out of date, SG set up a working group consisting of Senior officers and an independent solicitor, to re-write the constitution.

The significant changes include:

- Full job descriptions for all committee roles (see Appendix D)
- Updated Financial help for teams (see Appendix C5)
- New code of conduct and disciplinary procedures

The committee were requested to give their reasoning for including this. SG responded - Over the last year it has become obvious that we do need some way to be able to deal with this, as a rule 69 hearing is not always necessary and can sometimes be seen to be too harsh. This also follows in line with what BUSA Sport require from us.

SG proposed the constitution to be amended to allow e-mail/postal voting for elections. Vote: 18 For, 2 Against, 1 Abstaining. Motion passed.

SG proposed the new constitution and amendment, seconded by DF. Vote: 21 For, 7 Against, 1 Abstaining. Motion passed.

SG thanked the working group for all their help in re-writing this, and hope that the new constitution will reflect how BUSA is run.

5. Brief Summary of Accounts

The Budget for 2006-07 is currently running at a deficit of £170. This is due to the increased number of events BUSA teams have been sent to and the costs of the Tour. The committee do not feel that an increase in subs is needed and plan to keep the subs for 2007-08 at £140. The budget currently spends approximately £3500 per year on sending a BUSA team to events.

6. Fleet Racing Summary

Great event, supported by BUSA Sports at WPNSA. Southampton won the Team prize. BUSA Sport have already booked WPNSA for the first weekend of November. We look forward to seeing you there.

There was a request for the Championships to be moved around the country. Due to the lack of time SG requested that any further comments and suggestions be e-mail to JM.

7. Team Racing Reports

a. Men's

Attended the Carmela, winner of the Team racing will be going to the Wilson and the Tour is being planned for September.

b. Ladies

Attended Ireland event in October and Magnum. The team were selected by CV for the Wilson and the Tour in September and resend to committee.

30 girls have applied to be in the squad this year which is very encouraging.

c. Future of the Team Racing Format

Next year there will be 2 NOR, one for the Mixed teams and one for the Ladies. Team were reminded that they all need to put forms in, even if they do not have all names on the form.

8. Yachting Report/Match Racing Report

Match Racing Qualifiers and Championships went well. 2nd Qualifier very well attended.

There was a request for the events to be held over weekends rather than weekend dates. The committee will try and resolve this with the RYA however the boats are very heavily used throughout the year. DA (RYA Rep) responded requesting that a date clear of other BUSA and university events needs to be found, so that the attendance is not effected.

A couple of members queried the cost of the entry fees for each event and suggested using the 707s at Edinburgh, or finding other fleets around the UK to hire.

Due to the lack of time all further queries about the match racing and yachting need to be sent to JM.

9. Website Report

USE IT! Make sure you check it every so often as it's our main way of communicating with everyone. Also please add your e-mail address to the mailing list.

10. Co-Operation from Universities

As always we need your help to make BUSA successful. Please help as much as you can, especially when it comes to lending boats for Team racing events.

11. Any other Business

There was a request for the AGM to be made longer, so that everything can be discussed in full. The committee will review this.

Election results:

Chairman - Ben Towell

Vice President - Caroline Beveridge

Meeting Closed 2030.