



BUSA General Committee Meeting Minutes Summary, 14th May 2019

House of Sport, London

In attendance: Karen Thomas (KT), Abby West (AW), Matt Goodbourn (MG), Iona Smith (IS), Peter Saxton (PS), Emma Harley (EH), Cleo Lyn (CL), Catherine Hunt (CH), Jack Fenwick (JF), Hannah Peters (HP)

Dial in: Jess Beecher (JB), Nicole Ames (NA), Rachel Grayson (RG), Grace Bradley-Shankar (GH), Ailsa Muskett (AM), Will Birchall (WB), Kieran Graham (KG), Joe Penhaul Smith (JP), Tony Mapplebeck (TM).

1. Apologies:

Joe Burns (JB), Emily Robertson (ER), George Haines (GH), Emily Hill (EH), Harry Bowerman (HB).

2. Minutes from last meeting

Agreed.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. KT clarified changes in the national committee structure. HP to join as new administrator, VC and Discipline Officer roles added, VP roles more clearly defined.
- b. JB and TM thanked for many years hard work with BUSA.

4. Finances Report

- a. Financial accounts presented, showing a £2.7K profit last year.
 - BUSA to become more self-sufficient.
 - Revenue has grown in the last few years, profit/loss is mixed, however reports show there is usually reasons for the loss (intro to new initiatives, training, etc)
 - RYA will provide controlled financial support which will reduce over a 3-year period.
- b. Ideas to increase profit;
 - A small increase in fees to students will allow BUSA to support itself.
 - Need to ensure we are increasing support as fees increase
 - BUSA tour; Is it a good use of BUSA money?(MG) Proposes further cost saving ideas on his presented slides (distributed to committee).

5. 2018-19 Events Updates

- Team Racing Update (NA)
 - 2019 Championship ran smoothly, no issues or incidents.

a. *Area change proposed*

- South Central (SC) have been oversubscribed.
- Proposal to add a Thames valley region (new region) to split up SC region.
- Gives the opportunity to have 5 more universities entered.

Committee thoughts: (MG) Is an extra region justifiable from a financial cost? (venue charges running another qualifier). (PS) Cost implications should be looked into – is there an optimum size for a qualifier? (AW) Are there enough teams to make up a new area. *Requests a detailed proposal with alternate options (moving universities into different regions etc).* (JF) Could we look into venues which can run a 4-flight event (24 team, 2-day event). Alternatively, qualifiers could take 22 teams rather than 20. (JB) Are we going to allow 4th teams this year? (NA) Unless we have area change, can't allow 4th teams.

b. *Proposed format change – NA.*

- One university could win all 3 championships; how will BUCS points be split between the three finals.
- JP Webb email reviewed.
- The proposed format prevents the appeal of competing against the very top teams in finals. - Current format only allows the best teams to compete at the final, preventing lower ranking teams reaching a championship final.

Committee thoughts: (CL/JB) For trophy and shield points a separate paper (composition group) will need to be submitted by July to BUCS – this would then be effective next season. (KT) Proposes this change is implemented next year, rather than for 19/20. (AW) agrees. (CL) Paper must be submitted for this change by May 2020 (with a back-up of July 2020), allowing new format enrolment by 2021. (IS) Aim for consultation to be completed by December 19. (KT) Further discussion in online meeting 21/05.

● Match Racing (JF)

- Size has fluctuated over the last 3 years from 14 – 16 teams.
- Achieved 19 flights in one day this year over a 2-day event
- There is a venue clash on current dates; JF to talk to GH about this.

● Yachting (JB)

- 23 teams, racing every day. Good mix of weather. Positive feedback.
- (CH) Aims to increase sailing to less established clubs.
- Looking at cheaper options, including crew matching, RORC under 35's and Magenta project; offering more sailing opportunities outside current events (without cost to BUSA). Plans to encourage mixed university teams to enter yachting nationals.

● Fleet Racing (RG)

- In contact with NM about how Plymouth are organising Championships.
- (PS) Suggests entering universities (with more than 6 entries) should bring a volunteer.
- Ideas to increase participation (RG) Proposes 2 fleet events; one in north and one in south.

Committee Thoughts: (PS) Open up fleets to more universities. (JB) Resurrecting BUSA inlands could be an idea.



6. BUSA Development - AW

a. *Participation*

- Survey currently running – repost on Facebook to remind chairs to complete this.
- Proposed 'Regional development groups' comprising of area chairs and relevant officers to allow clubs a centralised contact.
- Proposed regional alumni groups set up (Facebook) for people who want to maintain involved in events - work with area chairs on this.
- Target and collaborate with school associations (perhaps donate a trophy), plan to get school aged children into BUSA circuit for when they move to university/ recognise BUSA earlier on.

b. *Coach and volunteer development*

Andrew Simpson Foundation agreement (AW) – Last year AW approached commercial training providers to provide training for all levels. Most the training venues are in the southern region, AW will look into Northern training centres. BUSA have now signed our end of the agreement, we are waiting for Andrew Simpson Foundation to get back to us and finalise the training partnership, this should be in place shortly, offering BUSA members discounted courses; individual; 10% off, group booking; 20% off. BUSA to promote Bart's Bash in exchange.

c. *Social sailor involvement/ events.*

- Run a pilot 'inspire' session in the Mid-lands to encourage more coaching and potential pathways. Tried in Mid-lands to start, which can be expanded if successful.

7. BUSA Teams – JB (via KT)

- Waiting to finalise the team
- To prevent issues from last years tour regarding damage costs we are discussing individual and venue specific contracts to alleviate this risk.

8. Media and Website – TM

- Harry Bowman has resigned from the role of Media Officer. Josh Speakman was not voted in during the AGM but the only other candidate who applied.

ACTION: Committee vote and elects Josh into this role. (13 votes to elect Josh, 1 vote to re-open)

- (AW) is currently managing media, this will be handed over to Josh. (AW) team effort with media – all officer roles should contribute.

10. Proposed next Meeting – 27th July