

BUSA AGM Minutes

Grafham Water Sailing Club

4th April 2006 19.00

In attendance: SG, NM, EM, JP, KA, TH, JM, NC, BC, MS, CB, EK, BT, CS.

1. Apologies for Absence

JS & JR.

SG requested that all nominations for the committee should be written and passed to the committee during this meeting.

2. Brief Summary of Accounts

41 Universities have become members in 2005/06, with a couple still with outstanding fees due, which the committee are chasing. There has been a smaller profit this year compared with than last year due to tour expenses, website updates etc. Full accounts available on request from NM.

3. Fleet Racing Summary

This event went ahead on the 5th/6th November 2005 at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. Due to the 'extreme weather conditions' only 1 race was raced, and no BUSA sport points were awarded. From Race 1, it was decided that Exeter won the Team prize. Full results on the website. Date for the 2006 Fleet Racing Championships is the 4th/5th November at the same venue.

4. Team Racing Reports

a. Mens

JP's Development Squad started this year with 2 training events, taking place in 18 boats at Farmoor. JP informed the AGM the next year the RYA are planning to create a Development squad and run this through the area reps and that captains will need to nominate someone to attend a coaches course, who can then coach in the area. Goal to create higher level of team racing within UK. Any Q's to AG or JP or Tom Hebbert.

b. Ladies

KA reported that she had nothing to add to JP's report.

5. Yachting Report

Yachting happening next week. Keep an eye on the website for news and results.

6. Match Racing Report

9 teams attended the finals last weekend with Exeter being crowned champions.

Busa selections for the FISU World University Match Racing Championships will be held on the 22nd/23rd April. There are spaces still available for this event.

An issue raised from the floor was the dates for the Match Racing qualifiers were out of term time and midweek. Why? JM responded that the event is scheduled to fit in with the various other RYA Programmes and uses of the J80s. It also has to fit into when umpires, ribs and venues are available.

6. Website Report

There was a major update of the site last September. We think that it has performed better this year with more accessibility and more information going up. Please use the report forms on the website to post your reports.

7. Future of the Team Racing Format

The team racing qualifiers have run well this year with the allocation of final and playoff places decided by the number of entries back in November, and reviewed after the qualifiers. Late entries and teams withdrawing did effect allocations etc.

It was requested that the Final and Playoff places be reallocation (especially in the North).

The committee responded: We are trying to do this but its up to results and the number of entries we receive. The calendar is still really full and we are trying not to clash events, but we also have to think about find umpires, venues, universities to host events, boats ribs etc.

Other issues raised were that the Playoffs were too late and were put on at the same time as SUSYA Yachting. Committee response: Not an ideal situation, but we tried to set the date to fit with everyone's calendar. We will endeavour to not clash major events in next years calendar.

It was suggested that BUSA set their qualifier and playoff dates over a year in advance, and not to worry about putting events on at the same time as University events as BUSA events take president.

Ladies qualifier – teams entered late, hence qualifiers were rushed and late in the year. Northern qualifier feedback was that it was too far north for the Midland teams.

The Committee reminded its members that helpers/volunteers are desperately needed at all BUSA events. If you are available to come and help us, please let us know.

BT is currently writing a proposal for the re-arrangement of the ANUSC League and will continue to develop this with Daka Fadipe and will present to the committee and BUSA Sport later in the year. In brief BT is proposing that BUSA Sports points are to be spread out further to the grass roots level. Ben and Daka are working on this and will have a full report later in the year.

8. Online AGM Voting

Everyone should have received an e-mail about online voting. We're trying to open up the voting process to allow everyone to vote and not just those at the Team Racing Championships. No objections were raised to this proposed process.

9. Co-Operation from Universities

We work hard to get events to work, and need teams to help out etc.

KA – this event is more expensive due to the amount of petrol money required to pick up and return boats for events. If team would like the entry fees to go down, they will need to bring their boats. Umpire costs have increased this year, which raised an unforeseen additional expenditure.

A request made to see the accounts from this event. These will be made available, upon request, in late May after the BUSA/Cambridge contract expires.

10. Next Years Committee

The Chairman ran through the positions and conducted voting for each position. Each person proposed was given the chance to speak at the AGM and introduce themselves, before voting commenced by a show of hands from 2 nominated representatives from each university.

Chairman: SG (ongoing until March 2007).

Vice Presidents:

VP1: JR has resigned from her post and wishes the committee and BUSA success in the future.

Proposed: Daka Fadipe

Proposed by BT and SG. All Agreed, no objections.

VP2: EM (ongoing until March 2007)

Treasurer:

Proposed: Megan Burrough (Cambridge)

Proposed by

Proposed: Ally T (Glasgow)

Proposed by

Ally T from Glasgow won the vote 23 votes to 20.

Team Racing Co-Coordinator:

Proposed: Amy Gunning (Cambridge) – 16 votes

Proposed by

Proposed: James Wolf (York) – 22 votes

Proposed by

James Wolf from York won the vote 22 votes to 16.

Men's Captain:

Proposed: Skylar Paulitch (Oxford) – 20 votes

Proposed by

Proposed: Tom Heywood (Cambridge) - 17 votes

Proposed by

Skylar Paulich from Oxford won the vote 20 votes to 17.

Keelboat Officer:

Proposed: Guy Brearey (Southampton).

Proposed by

No one else was proposed. All Agreed, no objections.

PR Officer:

Proposed: Emma (Durham)

Proposed by

Proposed: Chris Carden (Bristol)

Proposed by

TBC at the continuance of the AGM on Wednesday 5th April.

Ladies Captain:

Proposed: Ellen Milner (Oxford or Notts Trent TBC)

Proposed by

Proposed: Charlotte Lawrence (Edinburgh)

Proposed by

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Area Reps:

SUSA/ANUSC at own AGM's.

SUCS:

Proposed: Nikki Russell (Oxford)

Proposed by

WUSC:

Proposed: Ali Haylett (Bristol)

Proposed by

Meeting was adjourned and will continue on the
05/04/06 after racing.

11. Any other Business