



Minutes of the British University Sailing Association AGM held at Bartley Sailing Club on 9th April 2002

Present

James Holmes
Sasha Karakusevic
Jane Sutor
Emma Beazley
John Blackburn
Rob Watson
Neil Baker
Mark Lees
Mark Dicker
Fiona Hall

Apologies

Simon Hamilton
Joe Llewlynn

In Attendance

Suzie Creak

Attendants from University Sailing Teams (see attached sheet)

1. Minutes of the last AGM

These were passed, the decision proposed by Neil Baker and seconded by Jonathan Blackburn.

2. Chairman's Report

James started by thanking all the committee for their hard work over the last year. Special thanks went out too Mark lees for his work with the BUSA qualifiers (moving a whole qualifier to a new reservoir on the first day of racing!) and Sasha for steering BUSA over the past couple of years, taking forward initiatives such as the BUSA website and the BUSA Sports recognition. James ideal for the next few years of BUSA sailing is to try and bridge the gap of communication between the committee and university sailing clubs and try and get more teams involved, to improve the structure of university team racing.

3. President Report

Sasha congratulated Birmingham on an excellent run event saying that this had been one of the best 1st days of a BUSA championship that he had been to. He felt that BUSA had overcome many hurdles over the last couple of years namely BUSA Sports recognition, and strengthened links with the RYA. Sasha went on to praise the support given to BUSA by Martin Smethers over the past years, and thanks to Nigel Vick who is chief umpire for the event and his team. He felt that all this years championships had gone well and gave special thanks to the chairman.

4. Ladies Captain's Report – Emma Beazley

A women's team went to the Ladies Nationals – didn't quite get to the semi finals. Hoping to send a team to the Match Racing.

5. Men's Captain's Report – Rob Watson

Team Skippered by Ben Field and Mark C-J went to the Carmella Cup and came ?? A Qualifying weekend was held and the team are going to compete at the Wilson Trophy.

6. Treasurer Report – Fiona Hall

See attached finance report. A Budget was set and this has pretty much been stuck to. The Accounts were passed.

Proposed – Jonathan Blackburn

Seconded – Rob Watson

7. Yachting Report – Mark Dicker

The Yachting Nationals were held in Plymouth this year although still run by Portsmouth University. This was a big success, Plymouth were the winners! There has been talk of maybe holding it down there again this year, although BUSA is hoping to get bids in from a selection of universities.

8. Welsh Report – Neil Baker

Sailing in Wales was not very good this year as only really Cardiff has got involved, an idea put forward of maybe South Wales teams joining the Southern League and North Wales teams joining the Northern League. This was to be discussed later.

9. Southern Report – Jonathan Blackburn

Numbers of teams seem to be down from last year. Lots of problems holding the qualifiers due mostly to the bad weather. Teams need to also become better at handing in paper work etc.. as a lot of chasing up had to be done by the area rep to get entries in.

10. Elections

A. President

Jim Saltonstall

Proposed – James Holmes

Seconded – Rob Watson

Passed with unanimous vote

B. Men's Captain

Mark Lees

Proposed – Jonathan Blackburn

Seconded – Neil Baker

Alex Cherry

Proposed – Paul Campbell-James

Seconded – Katie Archer

Mark Lees voted in with majority

C. Team Racing Co-ordinator

Jonathan Blackburn

Proposed – Mark Lees

Seconded – Rob Watson

Passed by majority vote

D. Treasurer

Fiona Hall

Proposed – Rob Watson

Seconded – Jane Sutor

Passed by Majority vote

E. Ladies Captain

Helen Brown

Proposed – Kay ?

Seconded – Rob Watson

F. Area Representatives

Scotland – **Chris Stewart**

ANUSC – **Richard Whitford**

Southern Rep – **Ali Hall**
Welsh Rep – **Simon Grundy**

G. Positions still to fill

Vice President – Joe Llewelyn has stepped down
Senior Treasurer
Publicity Officer
Yachting Convenor

11. Constitutional Change

See attached what had been put in writing – basically is just putting down in words what has always gone on, on the financial side expanded on the wording already in the constitution.

This change was passed by majority vote
Proposed – Neil Baker
Seconded – Rob Watson

12. Commodores and Captains Conference

As the turn out of teams in the university team racing circuit seems to be going down over the years a idea was put forward to introduce a two tier system where some events were graded as the “Grand Prix” circuit and were attended by the better teams and other to go to level 1 or level 2 events. This hoping to encourage not so good teams to start competing as not just going to events being beaten by the same teams over again. This is an idea that needs more discussion at some kind of conference – it was felt that this could be set up at the Student Fleet racing nationals and each commodore/captain to attend to discuss this further and get something implemented ASAP.

13. Items for Discussion

a. Training Days – these were a really good idea but unfortunately funding was cut by BUSA Sports making it impossible for them to carry on. Next year similar events are to be run, this being an initiative also hoping to encourage more sailing teams to become involved.

b. BUSA Sports – A view was aired that Athletic Unions did not seem fully aware that all the Team Racing, Match Racing, Fleet Racing and Yacht Racing are not all BUSA point's events. A letter is to be sent round by the chairman to all AU's before the beginning of the next academic year.

c. Amalgamating the Southern Leagues – Jonathan Blackburn put forward a view that the Southern part of the country should be divided into 2 not 4 leagues to increase competition. This is something that needs more discussion at the next meeting and between all area reps – people to also try and talk to the chairman with their view after the meeting and over the next couple of days.

No Other Business – Meeting finished at 19.00