

RE: 1 - Review of Subscription of Member Clubs

The purpose of this proposal is to review and revise the BUSA subscription fee paid to the Association by Member Clubs. Currently Member Clubs pay the same fee regardless of size or participation save for a discount if their Club has a representative on the BUSA committee. The Subscription is required to be paid in accordance with the constitution. Following discussion at the BUSA committee meeting in September 2016, it was decided to review this structure. BUSA member clubs differ widely in the number of events they attend, and in the resources and support they each require. The following proposal aims to address those differences and aims to provide a fairer solution for all BUSA Member Clubs.

Current Situation

The Subscription is defined in the BUSA constitution:

“the Subscription” means the annual fee levied on Member Clubs and Personal Members which is adopted by the Annual General Meeting upon a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer.

In the 2016 – 2017 academic year, the Subscription was set at £150 for all Member Clubs. For those Member Clubs with a member sitting on the BUSA committee, the Subscription was set at £100.

5. FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 5.1. *The Member Clubs and Personal Members shall each pay to the Association the Subscription each year no later than the first day of November.*
- 5.2. *Until a Member Club or Personal Members has paid the Subscription Fee and all other arrears due to the Association, they shall not be in good standing with the Association and may not exercise the rights of membership.*
- 5.3. *The General Committee shall write to any Member Club or Personal Member who has not paid the Subscription by the thirty- first day of December in each year and demand payment within one month.*
- 5.4. *Any Member Club or Personal Member who fails to pay the Subscription within one month of demand shall be expelled automatically from the Association and its activities, without appeal.*
- 5.5. *A Member Club or Personal Member who has been expelled for non-payment may apply for re-admission to the General Committee which may re-admit the Member Club in its sole discretion. The General Committee may also request additional payment if the Club or Member has previously been expelled under this Article.*
- 5.6. *Member clubs who have a person from their club sitting on the committee that year will be entitled to a discounted membership fee of £100 (no more than 1 discount per university).*

Proposed Changes

1. Amend constitution point DEFINITIONS: “the Subscription” as follows:

“the Subscription” means the annual fee levied on Member Clubs **as determined by their category of membership** and Personal Members which is adopted by the Annual General Meeting upon a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer.

2. Delete constitution point 5.6 and replace with:

5.6 Each Member Club shall be designated as either a BUSA Competitive Member Club, a BUSA Developmental Member Club or a BUSA Participation Member Club. Each Member Club shall inform BUSA of their desired category of membership for the following academic year, by the 15th September. Any Member Club not informing BUSA by this time shall be designated as a BUSA Competitive Member Club. Any Member Club wishing to change their designation after this time may do so at the discretion of the General Committee and shall pay the remaining subscription of the new designation. The General Committee shall review the membership categories each year in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Addendum – Description of Categories

BUSA Member Clubs shall belong to one of three proposed categories: BUSA Competitive Member Clubs, BUSA Developmental Member Clubs and BUSA Participation Member Clubs.

BUSA Competitive Member Club

- All benefits of BUSA Developmental Member Club.
- Members may represent BUSA on teams (e.g. tour events).
- May enter BUCS team, match, fleet and yacht racing events to the maximum number of entries permitted by the event notice of race (subject to entry deadlines).
- May bid to host BUCS events (Team racing finals, playoffs etc.).

BUSA Developmental Member Club

- All benefits of BUSA Participation Member Club.
- Members may compete in BUSA yachting, with no more than two members per team.
- RYA Affiliation included in Subscription.
- Full voting rights at AGM.
- Members eligible for committee positions.
- Club details published on the BUSA website.
- Member club can request BUSA funding for support with training.
- Support from BUSA in finding race officials for events.

BUSA Participation Member Club

- Members may enter BUCS team & match racing events with no more than one team per event.
- Members may compete in BUSA fleet racing events, entering no more than two boats.

The Subscription Fee will be determined each year by the BUSA General Committee