



BUSA General Committee Meeting Minutes Summary, 20th February 2019

BUCS Offices, London

In attendance:

Neil Marshall (NM) - Chair	Nicole Ames (NA) – South Central Area Rep
George Haynes (GH) – Northern Area Rep	Tony Mapplebeck (TM) – Website Editor
Iona Smith (IS) – Vice President	Jess Beecher (JB) - Secretary
Abby West (AW) – Development Officer	Emily Robertson (ER) – Vice President
Karen Thomas (KT) – Midlands Area Rep	Chris Lindsay (CL) – Hon. Treasurer
Jack Fenwick (JF) – NGB Representative	Harry Bowerman (HB) – Keelboat Officer
Cleo Lynn (C) – BUCS Representative	

Dial in:

Peter Saxton (PS) – President
Thomas Jayasekara (TJ) – Scottish Area Rep

1. Apologies:

Joe Burns (JB), Hebe Hemming (HH), Jasper Severn (JS).

2. Minutes from last meeting

Agreed.

3. 2018-19 Events Updates

a. Team Racing Qualifiers

- South Central – Event ran fine. [Concerns expressed](#) regarding behaviour of one of the teams, but [following their apology](#) it was agreed not to take disciplinary action further. Problems over boat rental costs. Had asked for volunteers from all teams but only 6 turned up. NM to write to SC teams.
- Midlands – All ran fine, boat rental all fine at £30/boat/day.
- Northern – All ran fine.
- Scotland – Ran relatively smoothly considering having to move venue last minute due to frozen loch before SSS2. Conditions weren't ideal due to tide, but did manage quite a bit of racing for both events. Overall managed 4 leagues, more than the last couple of years.
- Western – Went very well despite reschedule, got full round in.

Discussion around requesting teams to bring helpers to events. There was no punishment enforced for the people who didn't bring helpers at SC Qualifier, despite it being in the NoR. Queried whether all NoR's should include a statement around bringing volunteers if requested. In BUCScore you can add a volunteer name.

ACTION: CL to amend NoR so that failure to bring a volunteer is a discretionary penalty.

b. Team Racing Playoffs

- Plenty of helpers, preparation looking good.

c. Team Racing Finals

- Volunteers – We should do a request/polite ask to see if anyone would like to come and help at finals, then after playoffs invoke NoR.
- RIBs – Spinnaker's boats aren't suitable for two umpires to umpire safely or effectively, looking for others.



- d. Yachting
 - John Nabey & Peter Bateson PRO. Coaches sorted, jury team sorted. Still looking for Mark layers.
 - HB – Sorting socials with Portsmouth – black tie event on Monday, Tuesday AGM, putting other two events outside Gunwharf. Suggested that black tie be a charity event to try to change ethos surrounding these events.
- e. Match Racing
 - Still more spaces open for match racing, JB will keep pushing.
 - Need to look after Portland House.
- f. Fleet Racing 2019
 - NM to attend meeting in Plymouth re fleet racing in lieu of a Fleet Racing rep.

4. BUSA Development - AW

- a. Website
 - Changes been made - home page now links to the Facebook page, there is a Development news feed on the Development homepage.
 - Discussion on having a 'BUSA Development Page' on Facebook. TM keen to focus on promoting what each of the universities are up to, having a feed into website development page. Decided that we don't want to get personality of BUSA confused, perhaps we can create a 'BUSA Development' group which can be owned by the page. Focus on content for now and leave as is.
ACTION: AW to collate development content/news.
- b. UHI Highland Fling will be Scottish funded Development event in April.
- c. Team Race RCL2 – Planning another one for October and maybe April/May time. David Mellor happy to continue RYA discount. Keen to spread to everyone who is relevant, not just students.
- d. Training Development – talking to RYA training department about how we can make instructor courses more accessible for students.
- e. First Mailchimp termly update has just gone out, good feedback.
- f. Discussion and decision to go ahead with publishing meeting minutes summaries.
- g. Course discounts – ongoing and chasing, not getting much response from centres. Change tack towards what Scotland do, provide most of it and use centres and venues. To follow up and explore. PS raises that some cost is travel and accommodation, so looking into hosting options.
- h. Social Sailor Engagement – Like Loughborough Luff Up event (2018 25/30 people), keen to see a repeat of this with BUSA Development promotion. Loughborough don't think they can host this year due to strains of other events, so looking to plan ahead to running one next year. Looking for potential venue & host.

5. BUSA Involvements in Regional RYA Committees – AW

- a. Much discussion stemming from BUSA restructure with other people, areas of sailing and opportunities arising. 18-25 is quite a key focus area in RYA right now, so have been approached by a few people about being more involved at a regional level.
- b. GH been in touch with RYA Northern Committee chairs.
- c. RYA regions don't line up with BUSA regions – difficult to enforce.



d. We can talk to RYA RDOs but BUSA cannot access resources such as the census as they are affiliated but are not a club so don't have access to the 'club zone' and club resources.

e. English Regional Forum is being developed to replace RYA council. AW has spoken with Geoff Meggitt (Chair) who is interested in having more contact with BUSA and have BUSA represented on newly formed ERF. Very conceptual at the moment, first meeting might be Autumn. Agreement that we should be involved, Chair should sit on committee or go to meetings (or someone else as elected by Chair)

6. BUSA Teams – JB (via ER)

- a. TM agrees that we need to push our publicity, straight to unis etc.
- b. Selection notice to include commitment that sailors will pay damage.
- c. Discuss whether we need to withdraw Wilson application and put money elsewhere.

7. Media and Website – TM

- a. TM pushing that we need to be looking for a new Media Officer now in advance of April Championships.
- b. Event reports are important, but some work required in chasing and turning any info/photos given into a report.

8. BUSA SGM Feedback

- a. Some concerns about RYA stepping back and how that is going to be covered, NM answered with new roles and secretary.
- b. AW – a lot of the things mentioned mirrored the survey, which is positive in terms of proof of what we are doing. Worth doing more publicity on what we are doing
ACTION: AW to collate a summary of issues raised vs solutions implemented.
- c. Some concerns about the geographical regions and how this effects size/standard of TR Qualifiers.
ACTION: New Committee to consider reviewing in 2019-20.

9. Any Other Business

- a. BUSA Permanent Secretary
Concerns from CL and NM about monetary risks of RYA proposal. Serious concerns from treasurer of sustainable long term solution. Reluctance to increase subscriptions combined with rising RIB and committee costs. The potential shortfall needs to be addressed.
 - JF - Budget approved by RYA board and cannot be changed.
- b. We have until the end of March to hire someone.
DECISION: We agree to accept it for this year but will communicate that we are still concerned about further years and the feasibility. We will do what we can to work out a strategy and generate income but ask for a review after year 2 (in time for funding applications for year 3, November 2019, 6 months time).
ACTION: PS, CL, IS + volunteers create working party to create financial strategy by end of March.
NM, ER, AW, KT + volunteers to finalise job description and recruitment plan (interviewing, contract etc) by end of February.

10. Next Meeting – Day of AGM, 16th April