

BUSA AGM 02/04/2018 4:45 PM Strathclyde Country Park

Members in attendance: Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Dundee, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds, Loughborough, Manchester, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton, Southampton Solent, St Andrews, Strathclyde.

BUSA Committee in attendance: Neil Marshall (NM), Chris Lindsay (CL), Keith Sammons(KS), Jack Fenick (JF), Emily Robertson (ER), Mirjam Timmerman (MT), Nicole Ames (NA), Ben Swyer (BS), Jonas Osborn (JO), Jenny Smallwood (JS), Matt Whitfield (MW).

1. Apologies for Absence

Tony Mapplebeck, Peter Saxton, Alice de Vitry, Jess Beecher, Ben Lawrence

2. Welcome

NM Welcomes everyone to the 2018 BUSA AGM

3. 2018-19 Committee (Elections)

BUSA committee proposes the following members to be elected to the following positions:

Peter Saxton- BUSA President (2018 – 2020)

Chris Lindsay – Treasurer

Keith Sammons – Honorary member

Tony Mapplebeck – Web editor

No objections

Following roles have one application:

Keelboat captain – Harry Bowerman

Ladies captain – Hebe Hemming

Midlands Co-ordinator – Karen Thomas

South Central Co-ordinator – Nicole Ames

Western Co-ordinator – Jasper Severn

Scotland Representative - Thomas Jayasekara

Media – Alexander Brampton

No objections

There were no applications for the following roles: Men's Captain, Northern Co-ordinator, Vice President and Development officer. There were a number of members expressing interest in the roles and NM stated to contact him after for further details.

4. Brief Summary of the year

Executive summary and dates for coming year (NM)- Committee meetings took place in September 2017, December 2017 and February 2018 in Southampton. Fleet racing was held on the 4th/5th November 2017 at Draycote water. This was the second time it has been held here and will be held there again in 2018. Bidding for the 2019 event will open soon. Dates for the following year follow:

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| Fleets | 10 th /11 th November |
| Match racing | 6 th - 8 th April |
| Finals team | 10 th -12 th April |
| Yachting | 14 th -18 th April |
| Qualifiers (Excluding Scotland) | 1 st weekend in February |
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Area Reports

Southern Central (NA) - 20 teams at qualifiers, Good number of races completed and overall had very good racing. Minimal damage, apart from one rudder stock, would like some feedback if possible for competing teams.

Western (JO) - Good event managed 133 races so very good, some minor damage but nothing serious.

Midlands – no report

Northern (BS) –Had a good year, forced to use reserve weekend due to lack of wind, reserve weekend went well. 6 teams through to TR finals. Hopefully looking to get more teams to yachting in the coming year. BS thanks Nm for a good year.

Scotland (MT) - Very mixed year, not as many races (134) as we would have liked over the 3 weekends but still achieved a result. 4 Scottish teams at yachting and all did very well.

Yachting Review (JF) 24 teams at yachting champs, new format of racing with championship league and trophy league for the final day, the idea was to gain more BUCS points for the event. JF still to review new system.

JF clarifies he is a representative of the national body, the RYA and the RYA supports student sailing to quite a high value and they put a lot of money into the events that are run. From their point of view it has been a particularly disappointing year due to a number of incidents: A rule 69 hearing took place at BUSA yachting, with a persons actions leading to a boat being disqualified from a race in the final series and there is an RYA tribunal still going on at this moment from an event earlier on

in the year which could see serious repercussions. JF stresses students must act in a more grown up manor and any form of behaviour like this has to stop. BUSA is currently in communication with Gunwharf Keys for future years and whether or not we can return in the following years. The operations manager has sent JF strong emails regarding the bad conduct and it stated that if the incident it had not happened on the final night, the likelihood would have been the event being kicked out. JF stresses that without Gunwharf Keys, we likely don't have a yachting championships and this behaviour cannot continue. JF states student sailing participations is increasing year on year and has been growing and the RYA want to see that but growth has to be done responsible. Behaviour must be implacable at this event (TR Finals) JF closes emphasising the seriousness of these actions for people to please treat it as such

Ladies Captain (JS) – Had a ladies team at ladies nationals. Had a great weekend. Had a very mixed team of girls who maybe couldn't make up a team of their own. Team came 3rd overall. Good to see all southern teams that attained the event as well.

Men's captain (MW) - Still looking for people for BUSA team for British keelboat league (BKL). Applications still open so looking for more people. Dates are, Aug 18th/19th, June 22nd/23rd, June 2nd/3rd. BUSA are sending a team to the Wilson, applications closed, team will be announced soon.

Finance and Accounts (CL) - Accounts have been published on BUSA website. Made net loss of £4530 over academic year, which ended 31st August 2017. This was mainly due to the new website and BUSA tour which had lots of damages that could not be attributed to individual sailors or institutions. This year the accounts are in much better shape and hopefully by the end of this year we will have made up for the loss from the previous year.

Website/PR (NM) - NM asks for feedback on website if anyone has any.

Development Plan & Strategy (NM, on behalf of Alice de Vitry) – Although a difficult role in terms of knowing what clubs are doing for development, how busa can help and getting them to respond, i've sent out a few emails to all busa registered unis (to the committee people most likely dealing with development) to let them know how I could help. Asking the area reps to create their area training event in the 1st term showed that ideally they would need to be planned out now as the main issue was finding available coaches and umpires a few months beforehand. I've shared emails with the RYA club zone access logins and detailed what they could find online. When the area reps were busy I've been helping to answer questions that some clubs had (if there were any coaches available for their event) + granted funding for one of the training events. I'm planning on filling out some of those empty development busa pages, by asking for feedback from those who have hosted events before.

5. **Any Other Business** - Nothing notified as per deadline.

BUSA committee thanks everyone and NM adjourns the meeting at 17:08.