

The BUSA Committee meeting on 18th September 2023
via Google Meet, 19:00 - 20:10

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Committee Meeting Minutes

	Item	Lead
1.	Apologies for Absence Notified; Robin Alexander RA, Chris Lamb CL, Michaela Attfield MA, Matty Evans ME Richard Moxey RM, Thomas Woodall TW	KR
2.	Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome JM introduced Alex Baxter from Firefly Association who was here to discuss future developments within the association and universities. The first point is to run coaching and racing open meetings in 2024 and are looking at clubs who would be interested in this. Area chairs were asked to look into this. The second point was that the Fleet Racing Champion would get a free entry into the Firefly Nationals with the potential of more sponsorship and additional help for students to get them to the Nationals. - Review of BUSA Year Timeline as the academic year is starting soon and things will start to get busier especially with regards to the championships especially fleets. - Points from AGM and plan going forwards- to plan the review the proposal from Warwick submitted at the AGM and a discussion regarding increasing women helms submitted from Oxford. 	JM
3.	Vice Chair- Partnership programs are in the process of being finalised and a google form will be sent out shortly to the committee for their order for committee jackets.	GA
4.	Treasurer Update- the budget for the next year and the 5 year budget is currently being reviewed, with the starting point being all the fixed costs. A request was put to the discipline officers for a rough idea of costs and income for events and area chairs to gauge qualifier numbers. A discussion is also being sorted with Matty regarding payments for the development fund.	AB
5.	Development Update- development survey is closed though only 65% of universities have completed. Any surveys sent in though in the next week will be allowed.	ME
6.	Discipline Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fleet Racing – Entries opened last week and all going well. The race committee and volunteers are all nearly sorted. 8 ribs have been sourced so numbers limited to 80 boats but there is a possibility of 2 on standby. RYA Scotland will be supporting the event with ribs/social media and eco prizes. - Boats available to charter and looking at the criteria for this. The potential of using a request form for the universities, not sailors to encourage 3 teams to enter. The priority would potentially be those travelling the furthest. - Team Racing – Most events are sorted with Durham potentially bidding for the North, although a bid from them is still to be submitted. For finals, the deadline was set for bidding but as yet no contact from the 3 universities. An email will be sent out to all clubs within the next week to encourage clubs to bid. 	CB OE DW AE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keelboating- meeting arranged for Tuesday 19th September with Race Officer and team. Bill Wyatt is confirmed as Protest committee lead. - Match Racing- The dates and logistics are now sorted and the next stage will be to arrange volunteers and a technical delegate. Once a TD is arranged the NOR is to be reviewed ready for publishing 	
7.	<p>Media Update- Meet the committee posts are now up on social media. Universities are now being tagged into our media posts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on logo and the possibilities of tweaking the BUSA logo. JM asked for draft ideas to be sent over and GA is sending all different edits of the logo over to SL 	SL
8.	<p>Area Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scotland-All back to university and budgets being prepared for SSS team racing. Most umpires and race officials are sorted. Development meeting in the next week arranged so this will be beneficially moving forward. - Eastern-No major updates from the Eastern area. As a general note to anyone trying to contact Brunel, their email address is no longer correct, and you will need to contact the committee's personal student emails. - Midlands-organising Midland's mixer hosted by Warwick but dependant on funds from development fund. Event for freshers going through rules and coaching on Fireflys. - Western-nothing to report. - Southern Networking starting to work within the area. Three universities still to submit committee details and Kingston wish to be removed from Website. - Northern- I've been able to get in contact with every uni except Newcastle and will be setting up a WhatsApp group for the commodores. Durham are the only team that are willing to host at the moment due to other unis having difficulties regarding number of committee members and or a lot of their committee being in final year and not wanting to commit to the time needed to run and plan the event also there are three northern uni's who don't have the facilities to host qualies I sent a follow up message to Durham last week but waiting to hear back, however they did say that they wouldn't have a final decision until once the semester has started 	SF MA MG AS RA
9.	<p>RYA- there are only 3 entries in the RYA match racing coming up so can area chairs in Scotland and North please communicate this to members</p>	JB
10	<p>BUCS-Information sent in via email. To update you on some discussions that we had at the previous committee meeting, particularly around the potential implications of selling and/or merchandising clothing, the answer is unfortunately that you are unable to have anything other than New Balance if you are selling or adding BUSA logos etc to clothing and/or equipment.</p> <p>The suggestion from our head of commercial was that for this season, we advertise the link to the BUCS New Balance shop, whereby you are able to personalise clothing, i.e. you can add words on the back, or initials on the other side of the chest, or on the arm, and pending how sales of this went, we could look at entering into a more bespoke agreement between BUSA, BUCS and New Balance in future years where you would have more licence to add the BUSA logo for example, further personalisation etc. The shop is currently being updated as we have the new brand, but once its live I'll drop it over to you to look into.</p>	CL

9.	Secretary Update -New committee details are being added and final universities who have not sent in their details are being chased	KR
10.	Next Meeting Dates 30 th October 2023 @19-00	KR