

**THE BUSA AGM 2008 TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT  
PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR YACHT CLUB, PORT SOLENT, COMMENCING AT  
18.30**

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**MINUTES**

1.	<p><b><i>BUSA Committee in attendance:</i></b> Jim Saltonstall, Ben Towell, Jess Mapplebeck, David Atkinson, Chris Willis, Geoff Lennon, Tom Heywood, Nicky Stewart, Caroline Beveridge, Adam Wallace</p> <p><b><i>Apologies for Absence (Committee):</i></b> Daka Fadipe, Jo Brigg, Peter Johnson, Ali Haylett, Claire Thorpe, Caroline Curwen.</p> <p>Full list of Member universities on attendance in Appendix A.</p>
2.	<p><b><i>Brief Summary of the Year:</i></b> JS welcome the members to the AGM and gave thanks to the committee for another successful year.</p> <p>JS also noted that the number of BUSA Championships should stick at five, so that it does not dilute the professionalism of events run by BUSA. BUSA aims to provide fair but competitive racing and to be a source of knowledge to assist all of its members. It's run by students for students.</p> <p>JS gave special thanks to the following retiring committee members: DF – retiring Vice president, after serving 3 years on the committee (SUSA Chair 2004-05 and VP 2006-08). DF has been heavily involved in the Team Racing playoffs and Championships for the last 2 years and the Inlands held earlier this year. His pro-active attitude will be missed. TH and JB – Men's and Ladies captains. JB has really encouraged lots of Ladies racing this year, and the committee hope this continues. Area reps – NS, CW, CT and CC who have all under the guidance of Ali Haylett successfully run their area qualifiers. JS welcomed GL (New Honorary Treasurer), who has volunteered his accountancy skills to BUSA.</p> <p>BUSA and the RYA: BUSA needs the continued guidance and support of the RYA, and without this it would not be feasible for our association to exist in its current status.</p> <p>BUSA and BUSA Sport: The SMG (BT, JM and DA) are working with BUSA Sport and will continue to do so while they undergo their re-structuring, and will report back in due course.</p> <p>BT thanked JS for attending the Yachting Championships and the AGM.</p> <p>BT referred members to read the BUSA Annual Review, published 2 weeks prior to the AGM and given to all teams attending the Yachting Championships. This has been created by the committee to give more information to the members, to reduce the amount of reporting at the AGM, giving more time for questions.</p> <p><b><i>Minutes of the last AGM:</i></b> Proposed by CB and seconded by NS. The minutes were passed as a true</p>

representation of the AGM 2007, by a unanimous vote.

***Additions to the Annual Review:***

***FISU World University Match Racing***

Teams have now been accepted by BUSA Sport. They are,

GBR 1 - Skipper: Matt Greenfield

Crew: Ed Atkins, Mark Stockbridge, Toby Yeasby

GBR2 - Skipper: Robbie Allam

Crew: Adam Richards, Steve Powell, Jez Fowke

They will be heading to Poland representing BUSA in early July and we wish them the best of luck.

***Student Yachting Championships***

More teams than ever before. The committee thanked Sunsail and Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club for running a great event.

Please note that dates for 2009 are 6-9<sup>th</sup> April.

***Team Racing Finals***

The team racing finals will take place next week, and we wish AH and those helping her, the best of luck and hope that the weather allows some great racing.

***Fleet Racing Championships***

Dates for 2008-09 are the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> November at WPNSA.

3.

***Constitutional Changes:***

After living with the constitution for a year we have taken further legal advice in our annual review of the document. These are the resulting changes which will improve the constitution further. See page 10 of the BUSA annual review document.

***a) Standing Orders***

A 6.7 – Changing to *"After any vote has been taken at the Meeting, the Chairman shall declare the number of postal/email votes received and their effect on the result"*

This change preserves the secrecy of the ballot.

B1 – Changing to *"Any nomination for election shall be made in writing to the Secretary to the Association not less than fifteen days prior to the General Meeting at which the election is to occur. It is not a requirement to attend the General Meeting, however attendance is preferred."*

This allows more time to get postal and e-voting prepared and used to its full potential.

Proposed By: Ben Towell (Chairman)

Seconded: Caroline Beveridge (Vice President)

Vote to pass the Standing orders as presented in the Annual review and at this meeting by a unanimous vote in favour of the changes.

***b) Amendments to constitution as outlined in annual review***

9.8 – removal of personal members – notion for clarification, personal members don't have a vote (9.13).

Addition of 7.11 - *"Where the position of any Senior Officer, Officer or Honorary Member is vacant, the General Committee may co-opt a suitable*

*and competent person to fill that office until the next Annual General Meeting when he or she shall retire. Any term of office served as a co-opted officer shall not count towards any total limit as specified in Articles 7.2 and 7.9"*

This allows the committee to co-opt committee members after the AGM, this was needed this year, and if a committee member drops out during the year.

Delete article 11.3 – Standing Orders and the constitution are not Rules in sailing.

Proposed By: Ben Towell (Chairman)

Seconded: Caroline Beveridge (Vice President)

Vote to pass the constitutional changes as presented in the Annual review and at this meeting by a unanimous vote in favour of the changes.

### **c) Roll of Honorary treasurer**

This year we have been very fortunate in that Geof Lennon has joined the committee as an experienced accountant and ex 420 class treasurer. It is proposed that the roll of Treasurer move to be in line of Honorary Member, only elected at AGMs when he / she decides to step down, or the committee decide it is time for a change. This allows for more continuity on the committee, and for the accounts to be looked after in the best possible way.

Question: Ian Dobson of Southampton University requested that the role be re-elected annual. BT responded stating the he will discuss this further with GL and the committee.

Proposed By: Ben Towell (Chairman)

Seconded: Caroline Beveridge (Vice President)

Vote to pass the constitutional change as presented in the Annual review and at this meeting by a majority vote in favour of the changes.

4.

### ***Team Racing Qualification Changes:***

Attention should be drawn to page 19 of the Annual review.

Outline of the plan:

To run SUSA, ANUSC North, ANUSC Midlands and the Western qualifiers in the same way as this year but to merge the Central and Southern qualifiers (see details of merger below). Dates for the qualifiers have been set as 7th / 8th February 2009. The deadline for team racing entries will be Monday December 1st 2008.

The finals date set at 15-17<sup>th</sup> April.

Question: Ian Dobson of Southampton University queried what the rationale behind the merge is?

BT responded that the Team Racing Working Group had fully discussed this and that the committee had voted for the merge. The merge makes the area qualifier easier to plan and creates an event size to match the other area qualifiers. BT requested that we try it for 2008-09 and take feedback after the event.

5.

### ***BUSA Members Co-Operation:***

Members we reminded that if requested they should help bring boats, tow and co-operate with the committee and volunteers running the events as

	<p>much as possible.</p> <p>BT also reminded members that their main point of contact should be their area rep, and failing that, JM. Please send us feedback from events straight after them. Members do not have to wait until the AGM to voice their concerns.</p>
6.	<p><b><i>The process of communication for BUSA:</i></b></p> <p>The BUSA website is updated regularly. Dates for the next few years are already published there.</p> <p>The committee have also created a yahoo group for members. There are currently about 50 members, but any student can join.  <a href="http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BUSAmembers/">http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BUSAmembers/</a></p>
7.	<p><b><i>Next Year's Committee:</i></b></p> <p>Nominations:</p> <p>Vice President: Ali Haylett. Proposed by Jo Brigg and James Goss. Ali has been sailing for Bristol for 3 years and involved with the running of the sailing club there. Last year she was the Western Area Representative and is currently the Team Racing Co-ordinator, so has lots of experience. She'd like to continue to be on the committee showing support to newer committee members.</p> <p>Men's Captain: Ed Green Proposed by Tom Heywood and Jo Brigg. He has participated in numerous BUSA events, captained Bristol to victory at the 2005 Team Racing Championships and also won in 2007. Ed has been involved in two BUSA-American tours so feels he would be ideally placed to organise the 2009 tour. He is also currently on the Athletic Union Executive Committee in Bristol.</p> <p>Ladies Captain: Claire Paramore. Proposed by Jo Brigg and Nikki Russell. Claire has sailed for both Oxford and London Universities over the past 5 years and has attended BUSA team racing finals and yachting nationals many times. She has sailed for BUSA ladies at many events over the years and was part of the BUSA America tour team in 2007. She is also currently secretary for University of London Sailing Club.</p> <p>ANUSC Rep: Ed Evans (York University). As voted at the ANUSC AGM.</p> <p>Votes were counted and reported after the AOB.</p> <p>SUSA Rep to be voted at the SUSA AGM in 2 weeks time.</p> <p>BT reported that there had been 1 e-vote.</p> <p>There are vacant positions on the committee for the Western and Southern Area reps, Keelboat officer and PR/Web officer. Please contact the committee if you are interested in joining, but be aware that it does require you to spend some time and commitment to attend meetings, but it can look good on your CV and give you the extra edge when applying for jobs.</p>

8.	<p><b><i>Any Other Business:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>BUSA Sport:</i></b>  BT reported that BUSA sport is changing and we will have to change with them. Currently we are the only sport that operates outside of BUSA sport and receives BUSA Sport Points. We have built a good rap-pore with BUSA Sport through the SMG and aim to continue this. Be aware this may mean that we will have to adapt and implement changes in the way our events are structured. BT, DA and JM will continue to work with BUSA sport and address our issues at the SMG meetings.</p> <p><b><i>Vote Results: (including the 1 e-vote)</i></b>  VP: Votes for: 39 Abstain: 5  Men's: Votes for 44 Abstain: 0  Ladies: Votes for 43 Abstain: 1</p> <p>MEETING CLOSED.</p>
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**Appendix A: Members in attendance: 21 universities, with 2 members from each.**

Aberdeen
Aberystwyth
Bath
Brighton/Sussex
Brunel
Cambridge
Durham
Edinburgh
Exeter
Loughborough
Newcastle
Nottingham
Oxford
Plymouth
Portsmouth
Solent
Southampton
St. Andrews
Strathclyde
Surrey
Warwick