17/4/19 BULSCA COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Information

Objective:

Date:	17/4/2019	Location:	Skype
Time:	20:00	Chair:	Jared Wray
Called By:	Jared Wray	Taking Minutes:	Michael Kirkham

Attendees: Jared Wray, Michael Kirkham, Ben Holloway, Sophie Priddis, Hannah Smallwood, Conor

Ingham, Tom Sharp, Joshua Hale

Apologies: Hannah Smallwood, Joshua Hale

Preparation for Meeting

Please Read: Previous minutesPlease Bring: Your charming smiles

ACTION AND AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Items	Outline	Presenter	Time Allotted (mins)
1. Discuss Proposals	Michael Kirkham - conflict of interest Discuss committee members' views and decide on recommendation	Michael Kirkham Jared Wray	
2. Competition Applications	Look over competition applications to ensure compliance	Jared Wray	
3. Lifesaving awards	Look through BULSCA award nominations and decide on winners	Jared Wray	

OTHER NOTES OR INFORMATION

None

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Action Points	Responsible	Due Date
Publish minutes with committee recommendations	Michael Kirkham	20/04/19
Contact clubs with feedback on competition applications	Michael Kirkham	19/04/19
Look over Finance for competitions	Ben Holloway	21/04/19
Review BULSCA award applications	All	21/04/19

Agenda Item	Summary of discussion	Action points
1. Proposal on Wet SERC	Michael: reads proposal Jared: Can already have this if the SERC requires it Conor: in most awards you are required to wear clothing at some point, and out and about (real application) not often in swimwear. Possibly shorts? Sophie. Could be at discretion of SERC writer? Jared: Should be standardised either way	Accept with Discussion
	Jared: Could be an extra barrier to new starters. Jared: Giving teams 8 aids at the start of the wet SERC, is not making SERCs easier? Tom: Same thought.	
	Michael: Potential abuse of unless proposal is more specific (material, leggings/trousers, etc) Tom: Yeah, might get ridiculously clarified.	
	Jared: shorts and t-shirt might be better, easier to enforce. Sophie: Might be fairer, tall people get an advantage with longer trousers	
	Jared: Consider practicality as well. Michael: Issue is every club member needs clothes to every wet SERC training session, and every competition, which means them in swim kit carry around.	
	Jared: Also possible that some pools might not like swimming in clothes in the pool Ben: Some do stop due to hygiene/lint in pool/dyes, etc.	
	Jared: main argument against seems to be practicality of training and bringing clothes. Conor: as training sessions are often private sessions, might not be a problem with pool policy.	
	Michael: RLSS haven't included dry SERC in clothes rule. They could be useful. Open to that amendment	
	Jared: What is Committee's recommendation? Accept: 4	

	No recommendation: 1 Reject: 0 With discussion: 5 WIthout discussion: 0	
2. Spreadsheet update Proposal from Michael Jacklin	Jared: Outlines Proposal Conor: If the spreadsheet is going to be changed, Michael Jacklin has to do it Michael: My only concern is that as this went to my spam, haven't had time to check the maths. Last year was a proposal to change scoring based on a possible issue that didn't happen. This is also a possible issue that didn't happen.	Accept with Discussion
	Tom: Seems reasonable, and isn't a huge change, just a check to make sure things are in order. Not a huge change.	
	Jared: Would like to actually see how it changes, sit down and work through it.	
	Conor: Do want to ensure teams getting everyone in are benefiting more.	
	Jared: Need to have someone who fully understands the system check this.	
	Tom/Conor: from champs the spreadsheet is obtuse, complicated and impenetrable.	
	Sophie: is it possible to run both spreadsheets concurrently to check viability? Jared: Not necessary, we can use dummy data to test running. Action to test it once modified version is created to make sure it performs as expected.	
	Conor: We should also get Oli's input that altering this won't cause other problems within the spreadsheet through calculations propagating through.	
	Accept: 4 No recommendation: 2 Reject: 0 With discussion: Yes	
3. Judges and Helpers Proposal	Jared: There are definitely issues with this. A similar proposal was brought forward and approved last year. (Although hasn't been enforced) In the discussion from last year it was voiced how difficult it is for smaller clubs to bring them. In the comp proposal form there is a section saying how many helps you can provide. Not all clubs have qualified judges, especially as current members. Many are alumni, which are purposefully rejected from this as not a reliable source of help. Strongly disagree with this, BULSCA alumni are extremely important to the running of competitions and make up the	Reject with discussion

majority of judges at most BULSCA competitions.

Jared, Tom, Sophie: Some parts of this are completely unfeasible, as per the discussion from last year's AGM.

Jared: this also reduces number of teams entering, which reduces income and increases costs to teams entering.

Tom: In favour of not counting alumni, clubs can't be held responsible for alumi's actions.

Jared, can though, as long as a club is bringing a person, say a judge from the branch

Michael: I don't think the previous similar proposal has been enforced this year at all. Might be better to bring that to the forefront. (Note to Michael: Quote the previous rule from the previous AGM)

Sophie: Bristol didn't enforce this last year as we sourced helpers from home.

Conor: Loughborough have brought up lack of judges and helpers for their competition, but have entered 8 teams. Plenty of people who could be helpers if necessary.

Michael: At the same time, (especially small) clubs hosting a competition have a good opportunity to involve people who aren't normally able to compete due to travel costs and general uncertainty.

Tom: We have largely been discussing the helpers side of things, but he also requests judges, which we haven't addressed. However, the proposal doesn't seem practical. **It's a nice idea**, but not feasible.

Accept: 0

Without recommendation: 1

Reject: 5

With discussion: 4
Without discussion: 2

Competition Proposals

Freshers

Michael: Bradley Hague has contacted me to apologise for a late competition application. The secretary has allowed extra time. It will be sent to us tomorrow.

Birmingham

In November, no competition can be held on the 23rd/24th as there's RLSS nationals.

Birmingham:

Have only submitted one date, request more. Have not submitted finance form. If accomodation is in the same scout hut, it will not be big enough for freshers comp. General point: Accommodation must be suitable for everyone to stay and meet fire regulations

Bristol: Cannot have 23rd of November	Michael: Let them know and see if they want another one.
Loughborough: Could be in Easter holidays?	
Sheffield: OK, busy November	
Soton: This date may be a week before next year's champs (although this isn't certain yet). Have only supplied one date, but this is the only availability for pool. Appear to have mis-remembered the helpers per team rule	
Warwick: OK. Accommodation last year was not sufficient. Low on details for the new pool, but these may not be available as it's new.	
Finance check: Due to the complication of the profit margins, will calculate the average competition entry cost per competitor for the previous year. Then compare this to entries for the finance packs for this year. Discuss at next meeting.	Ben, do this. Conor, help with a spreadsheet.
Next meeting: 8pm on Sunday All: read the BULSCA award submissions, they are in the dropbox All: send committee position reports to Michael by Friday night.	