

19/06/21 BULSCA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Information

Date:	19/06/2021	Location:	Jitsi Meet
Time:	18:00	Chair:	Ben Barker
Called By:	Ben Barker	Taking Minutes:	Michael Kirkham

Attendees: Ben Barker, Michael Kirkham, Emma Smith and Ellie Murray

Apologies: Jared Wray, Julia Whitworth, Emily Goodwin, Adam Lane and Eleanor Lavelle

Preparation for Meeting

Please Read: AGM proposals and competition applications

Please Bring: Thoughts

Meeting Minutes

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Summary of discussion</i>	<i>Action points</i>
Welcome and apologies	Apologies from Adam L, Emily G, Ellie L, Jared W, Julia W all absent.	
Confirm minutes	Previous minutes confirmed	
Review proposals	Proposal 1: secretary update proposal Michael submitted it, conflict of interest, Ben B seconded, conflict of interest. Seems like a small, reasonable change, the secretary seems well placed to suggest changes to duties and clear some distinctions between the secretary and communications officer. Happy with proposal. Voted to recommend accept without discussion	Recommend: Accept without discussion.
Review competition applications	Bristol: freshers competition application Possible issue that max teams 30. In previous years freshers have had 40 teams entered. Is this cap flexible? Note that for freshers comp clubs likely to prefer not to split up for accommodation if there is a chance for external venue for accommodation. Depending on Covid restrictions, it might not be a good idea as more clubs might not stay.	

	<p>Price for external venue not included in finance, this could potentially cause a loss if it is added in.</p> <p>Club has predicted a reasonable loss at 20 teams attending. Prefer club not to make a loss, but expect that for freshers will have more teams and be unlikely to make a loss.</p> <p>Date seems good. Week before is believed to be the Crawley Open.</p> <p>Noted that freshers event is listed as Medley. Usually been recommended as manakin carry or obs as it is easier to train.</p>	
	<p>Warwick</p> <p>5-6 lanes initially, 8 lanes from 14:30. 12 lane pool. Believe that the initial pool section will be separate from public swimming for the SERC. If the pool isn't separate then there could be a problem with the SERCs and public swimming. Can Warwick confirm this?</p> <p>Registration listed as 10:00, the closing time is not listed. What time does it close?</p> <p>Looking at other dates, second preference would allow a week's space after freshers.</p>	
	<p>Birmingham</p> <p>Expect 36 teams to attend. Unsure if this is realistic after a year with no competitions.</p> <p>Registration listed as 10:00, the closing time is not listed. What time does it close?</p> <p>Only 15 minutes to set up wet SERC, more time will probably be needed. Only 6 hours for 36 teams might not be enough pool time.</p> <p>Brook's Sport Bar and Kitchen has been a bit small in previous years, especially for 36 teams. It doesn't allow much space for a standard social.</p> <p>Staff House has been used in previous years which some committee members enjoyed as a venue.</p> <p>Costings seem good.</p>	
	<p>Nottingham</p> <p>Committee personal preference for food would be pizza. Ben B dissents.</p> <p>Nottingham forecast a substantial loss. Please ensure the club won't suffer with these forecast costs.</p>	
	<p>Southampton</p> <p>Only a few teams, listed, but this may be realistic or more achievable in terms of timings.</p> <p>Time spans look good and earlier finish allows judges time to drive home.</p>	

	<p>Loughborough</p> <p>Food is good, timings seem good.</p> <p>A small loss is forecast.</p> <p>Max teams listed as 35 in finance document, but 32 in competition application. Which is correct?</p>	
	<p>Committee general comment on competition socials -</p> <p>A structured introduction or activity to socials would be good to break the ice and has been used effectively in previous years. Try to make sure that thank yous and speeches are structured. Not just 'helpers come get your thank you gift', make an effort to thank volunteers sincerely.</p> <p>Please ensure that host clubs have a (sober) club contact that is identified to all social attendees in case of information, advice needed or an emergency during the social.</p> <p>What would encourage clubs to stay and engage in the social?</p>	
AoB	<p>EM: Potential dates for champs next year</p> <p>Considering 19/03/22 for champs. 12/03/22 is proposed for RLSS speeds, but believed that this should be alright.</p>	
	<p>EM: Looking to organise a one off course to learn to use the scoring system and software for Champs with Oli Coleman. It would take approximately 6-8 hours and he would charge around £300-350. Oli seems to think we can cope without the course, but we don't know how to use the sports systems.</p> <p>He has offered to run the champs scoring and have someone shadow him. Andrew Scoones and Indi Pollard have previously run the scoring and can possibly advise.</p>	