

BUSA ROWING FORUM
SATURDAY 23rd February 2008 @ 6pm
NOTTINGHAM ROWING CLUB, NOTTINGHAM



Meeting Notes (for list of attendees – see list at end)

1. Welcome and Intros

OWH-C proposed a vote of thanks to Nigel Mayglothling - supported & noted.

2. Plans for remaining BUSA events in 2007/08 calendar

BUCs (Sheffield) – 15th March

To note :

- Entry forms on website – entries close on 26th – will be cancelled if not sufficient entries – recognising clash of dates with the HRR in London

Discussed :

- Check reallocation of points / points calculation for Indoor Champs. – **Fiona / Quentin to action**

Sprints Regatta (Cotswold Water Park) – 20th April

To note :

- WAGS division of ARA to run the event in conjunction with CWP
- Entry forms in mailout 26th Feb. – entries close 3rd April
- Event schedule - 1x, 2x, 4x, 4+, 8+ (Champs & Juniors) and Novice 4+ & 8+
- Pre-Event Information in mailout 8th April

Discussed :

- Suggestion to include lightweight categories (& 4- ?) in Sprints event – **to be actioned**

Championship Regatta (Strathclyde Country Park) – 3rd – 5th May

To note :

- BUSA Rowing working with SCP, Lanarkshire Council, EventScotland, SUS & SARA
- Event schedule tbc. & provisional event info in mailout on 4th March – incl. entry forms
- Pre Event Information in mailout 22nd April
- Campsite on site at SCP – applications to be directed straight to site – site will expand to accommodate requirements

Discussed :

- Schedule to be completed – likely to finish early on the Monday 5th – **Fiona Dick to confirm**
- Captain's meeting on 2nd May – **timing to be confirmed**

3. Representative Rowing

WUCs (Serbia)

To note :

- ARA to be responsible for the selection of the GB Team for the FISU World University Rowing Championships 2008.
- A panel of 3 University coaches will assist the ARA's nominated selector – i.e. Wade Hall Craggs, Nathan Williams, Duncan Holland – this will give more visibility / transparency
- final selection 11th July for entry to FISU by 5th Aug.

EUSA (Croatia) 28-30 Aug. 2008

To note :

- GB Team Selection will be based on the winning crews from events in the BUSA Regatta
- Athletes selected for the 2008 FISU Champs will not be considered eligible to compete in EUSA.
- Winning crews will be offered the opportunity to represent GB at the EUSA Championships. If unable to accept the invitation, the opportunity will be passed to the next best medallist crew. (a max of the top four crews in each qualifying event will be considered for selection.)
- BUSA Rowing will be looking to appoint an overall Team Manager and Team staff
- BUSA does not allocate any funding for sending teams to EUSA Championships, the full cost is expected to be paid by the University. This will include all travel costs, per diem costs (45 euros per person per day) and entry fees (20 euros per person.).
- EUSA 2009 in Poland
- EUSA 2010 - Amsterdam

Discussed :

- Selection policy / guidelines to be posted on website – **Fiona to action**
- Selection panel to be appointed to meet with rep from each of the eligible winning crews at end of each day's rowing at the Regatta to make final decisions on eligibility taking into account likely drop out from winning crews to attend FISU Champs etc. – **Fiona to action**
- Current policy = 1 crew eligible for each event – queried whether should be 2 ? – **Fiona to action**
- name of Sophie Blow from Bath put forward as someone who has 'managed' the EUSA in the past and might be interested in supporting the team this year – **Fiona to action**
- Nige may have some options on funding for EUSA – to be confirmed / process to be discussed
- Logistics for taking team out to Croatia to be discussed once eligible crews have been confirmed

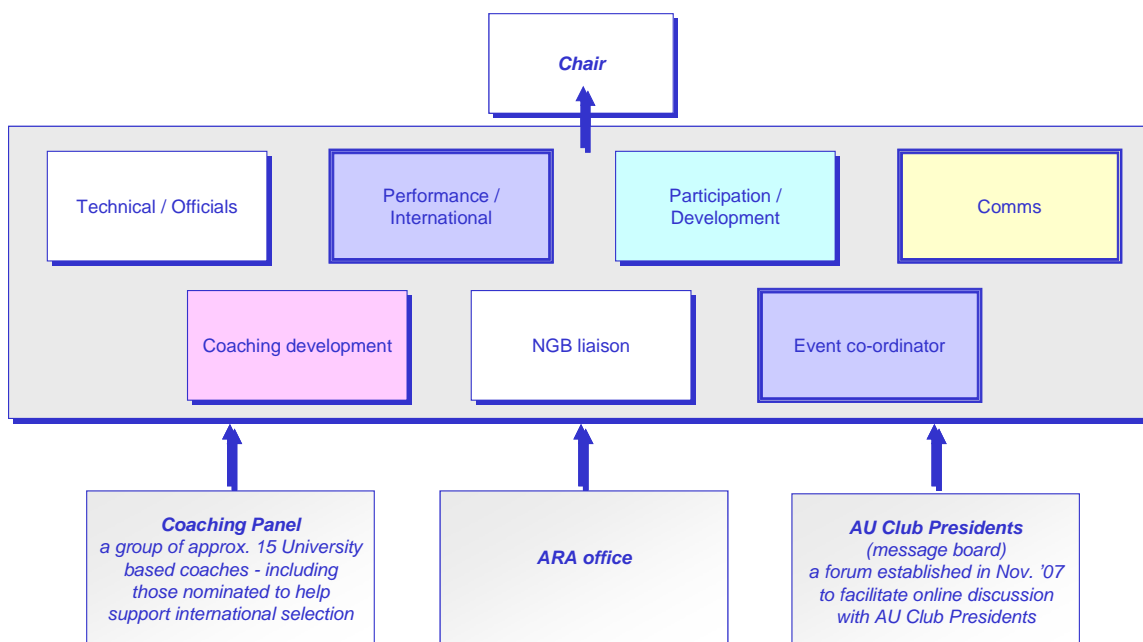
4. Season 2008/09

Discussed :

- Event schedule to be confirmed ASAP
 - 6 events
 - SBH – 1 day event – date tbc. / venue tbc.
 - Indoor Championships – as per Concept 2 dates – 26th Oct.
 - Champs Head – 2 days or 1 day ? – date tbc. / venue tbc.
 - BUCs – mid March - Sheffield tbc. Whether Rowing in / out
 - Sprints Regatta – mid April - Cotswold Lakes – date tbc.
 - Champs Regatta – 2nd, 3rd, 4th May / Nottingham tbc.
- Suggestion – strongly supported to incorporate Splash & Dash events into calendar
- As new organisation (BUSA & UCS) comes together – plan is to provide more regional focus to help support the participation, volunteering, coaching agenda & perhaps Splash & Dash type events could come within that brief
- More clarity required on BUSA points structure - **Fiona / Quentin to action**

5. Roles & responsibilities

To note :
Draft outline of roles etc.



Discussed :

- Process for appointment of SMG for Season 2008/09 tbc.
- Group to be appointed to overseas running of BUSA Rowing – noting wider remit around coach development, links with ARA, volunteering, participation etc. as well as events
- Role outlines above to be circulated / reviewed and confirmed – perhaps add volunteering rep. and ‘chair of student forum’ or equivalent – roles outline to note any specific skill set required etc. – **Fiona to action**
- Nominations to be sought for each role and if timing allows – nominations to be discussed / group appointed at the Captain’s meeting at the Regatta in May
- Operating model based on central group who would franchise / contract out the running of events to ‘club’ or responsible organisation – this could / would mean different organising team for each event but feeding back through to the SMG through key contact / liaison role on the group
- Once events have been confirmed in the schedule – focus on input from clubs via Captain’s Forum as to scope of categories etc. within each event
- Need to maintain links with Scottish & Welsh Associations and the ARA

Attendees :

Adam Dracat	Kingston		Nigel Mayglothling	
Alex Humphrey	Loughborough		Pete Brewer	Kingston
Alison Faiers	BUSA / ARA		Peter Lee	Durham
Ant. Browne	Nottingham		Quentin Sloper	Durham / BUSA
Arina Salhotra	UWE		Rob ---	Kingston
Chris Thomas	Nottingham		Rory Semple	ARA
Emma Scraby	UWE		Steve Gunn	GB Rowing
Fiona Dick	Umpire		Stuart Jolly	ARA
Fiona Rennie	BUSA		Stuart Reddon	Birmingham
Jamie Wilton	Birmingham		Tim Walton	Umpire
Jeff Elms	Umpire / ARA		Wade Hall-Craggs	Durham
Katie Wilson	UWE			