

BUTBA AGM 2011/2012AGM The Nuneaton Fayre and Square Restaurant 4:30pm Saturday 8th October 2011 Minutes

1: Welcome from the BUTBA Chairman Dan Vanniasingham

2: Roll Call & Apologies

- a) Attendees
- b) Vote on waiving fines for non-attendees

Representatives from Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Leeds, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Southampton, and Warwick were present along with 7 ex-students. From the executive: Dan Vanniasingham (BUCS SAG Chair), Craig Harmon (Tournament Treasurer), Gemma Dick (Tournament Collator), Charlie Baldwin (Secretary), Louise Parker (Ex-Student President) and Mark Hodds (Tenpin Cup Collator and Secretary).

Apologies had been received from Paul Williams (Tournament Coordinator) and Tony Hickman (Social and Forum Development Secretary).

Birmingham, Kings and York were not present and no apology was received.

A vote was taken about whether to fine those clubs who were not present, the following was unanimously agreed.

Fines

Birmingham - £25

York - £25

As Kings had not been heard from in a long time it was decided that they must have folded.

3: Approval of the 2010/2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

The 2009/2010 an AGM minute were approved by Paul Marks as being accurate, and this was seconded by Louise Parker.

4: Matters Arising From The Previous Minutes

- a) Update on the BUCS points/BUCS Events Issue

Dan Vanniasingham, firstly reiterated what he had said in the previous AGM, that after submitting a proposal for 2extra events in June 2010, nothing had been heard from either BUCS or Lindsay Dixon (BUCS Chairman at the time), until September 2010 when he (Dan) was notified that the proposal had been accepted. After last year's AGM, Dan was notified that BUCS would be carrying out an all encompassing sports review, which would look at how many BUCS points each sport is currently being given, and whether this was

enough/too less/too many etc. The addition of 2 BUCS events(a matchplay Singles scratch event, and a Diamond Fours event, in addition to the BUCS Championship) had been agreed, but because of the ongoing BUCS Sports review, there was no decision given currently on how many BUCS points the 2 extra events would be allocated. This meant that the points could have been allocated at any point last season, which meant the events could have been given the green light to go ahead at anytime last season as well, currently there had been no update given on a BUCS points increase. The situation is still the same going into this season, and Dan remarked that it would be up to this year's committee if they wanted to implement the new events, if the points were allocated. Dan also added that the BUCS Championships would be going ahead as normal in February.

5: Committee Executive Reports (if any)

a) Treasurer's Report

b) Social and Forum Development Officer's Report

Craig remarked that the funds were down due to decreased attendance and that the levies would have to be increased in order to make up for the shortfall. Craig went on to further say that, there was £700 in a slush fund, £500 in the students account and £700 in the ex-students account. The cup fee would also be £65 for this year, and that Portsmouth are owed £30.

The floor was then opened up for questions, and a question was asked about what would be done about irregularities concerning last year's BUCS team shirts.

Some BUCS team members had received the shirts but they had been too small, whilst others had not received their shirts at all. BUCS team members present at the meeting were asked to indicate who had not yet received their shirts, the list of those who hadn't yet received their BUCS shirts goes as follows:

James Larkin, Jordan Wong (Loughborough), Lewis Brown (Manchester), Andy Peek (Portsmouth), Jess Davidson (Portsmouth), Antony Lakey (Portsmouth), Ann Windess (Warwick), Mike Hurst (Swansea), Simon Ashton (Portsmouth), Rachel Rawlings (Oxford Brookes) and Paul Williams (Reading)

It was then decided that Andy Want (BUCS Coordinator) or his successor would follow this matter up and seek to get a resolution to it.

In Tony Hickman's absence, Louise Parker (Ex-Student President) read out the report, on Tony's behalf. Tony highlighted the successful tour to Rimini (Italy) earlier this year in which 4 universities had been involved with, saying further, that the universities had enjoyed some great socials, and that tournament prizes had been taken away by all four universities, for this coming year, he is currently looking into a new touring venue in Croatia, and he commented that he hoped that more universities would go on tour, in Easter 2012.

The other part of Tony's responsibilities, are to integrate all the club's websites centrally. This was however still a long way off, but the BUTBA forums had been re-organised to provide separate forums for each university, the aim of this was to get all the universities together in one place, so they could feel like they are part of a student/ex-student bowling community. He also encouraged them to post content from socials and league scores etc, on there, and hoped that this would also lead to more students, staying on the tour and bowling as ex-students once they had graduated.

6: Outstanding Trophies from 2010-2011 season

Dan commented that the Order of Merit Trophies have been ordered and they should hopefully be ready to be given out at Warwick Doubles.

7: Discussions for the 2011/2012 Season (non-cup)

a) Proposal to increase tournament levies

In order to make up for the reduced funds, caused by decreased attendance, Craig Harmon proposed that tournament levies be increased by the following amounts:

Team Britain fund stays the same – 20p

OOM levy stays at 50p

BUCS levy increases from 50p to 75p

Masters levy increases from 50p to 75p

Challenge match levy increases from 40p to 50p

BTBA levy decreases from 50p to 20p.

Paul Marks also asked how much the levies would raise, Craig answered by saying, that for last season the levies raised £300, for this season they were expected to raise £350.

The proposal was passed unanimously and unopposed.

8: Provisional BUTBA Tournament Calendar 2011/2012

Dan said that the following tournaments had been confirmed and placed on the BUTBA Calendar for the coming year:

Warwick Scratch Doubles – Sunday 6th November 2011

Nottingham Fives – Saturday 19th November 2011

Loughborough Trios – Sunday 4th December 2011

Hull Matchplay Trios – Saturday 28th January 2012

9: Committee Post Elections

SAG Chairman (requires BUCS appointment): Peter Simmons, Darren Ellis

Before the voting commenced, Dan reminded those present, that the position of SAG Chairman, requires an interview by BUCS themselves and that the application forms for the position are currently on the BUTBA website. It was also stated that BUCS would take heed of the outcome of the BUTBA vote, when choosing which candidate to award the position of SAG Chair to.

Darren made a speech, in which he highlighted his past as a former captain of Southampton University, a member of the BUCS squad for 2years, he also stated that he created and hosted the Southampton Diamond Fours tournament a few years previously as well as having 15years of bowling experience.

Dan reminded the meeting that Peter had been the captain of both Sheffield and Nottingham Universities, as well as a former UCTBA (the predecessor of BUTBA) Student President.

Peter Simmons – 0 votes

Darren Ellis – 12 clubs

-Darren was shown to be the choice of BUTBA Students to be SAG Chair.

Ex-student President: Christopher Barrant, Sam De'athe, Holly Pepper

Prior to the meeting Christopher Barrant was the only nominee, but at the meeting Sam De'athe and Holly Pepper were also nominated for the position. Holly and Sam both made speeches.

Sam mentioned his 6years as a member of Portsmouth, adding that he had held various committee positions.

Holly talked about being very enthusiastic about bowling and how she was very keen to be on the committee, as well as highlighting her very good communication skills.

The vote turned out as follows:

Chris Barrant – 0 votes

Sam De'athe – 8 votes

Holly Pepper – 3 votes

There were 2abstentions.

- **Sam was elected Ex-Student President by a majority vote**

Tournament Coordinator: Paul Williams

-Paul is elected unanimously and unopposed

Treasurer: Craig Harmon

-Craig is elected unanimously and unopposed

Secretary: Charlie Baldwin

-Charlie is elected unanimously and unopposed

Press Secretary: James Larkin

-James is elected unanimously and unopposed

Tenpin Cup Collator & Secretary: Mark Hodds

-Mark is elected unanimously and unopposed

Student President/Vice Chairman: Jordan Wong

-Jordan is elected unanimously and unopposed

Tournament Collator: Louise Parker

-Louise is elected unanimously and unopposed

BUCS Co-ordinator: Dan Chan

Dan Chan was nominated by Jordan Wong at the meeting, and accepted the nomination.

-Dan elected unanimously and unopposed

Supplementary positions that aren't required but were implemented for 2010/11 (i.e. A vote can be taken on retaining if members deem them desirable, and anyone wishes to do them)

Club Development Officer: Tom Andrews

-Tom is elected unanimously and unopposed

Forum & Social Development Officer: Tony Hickman

-Tony is elected unanimously and unopposed

Assistant Press Secretary:

Assistant Tournament Coordinator:

After some discussion it was decided that the roles of Assistant Tournament Coordinator and Assistant Press Secretary were no longer required, therefore both roles were abolished.

10: Non-Committee Post Election.

Webmaster: Will Britton

-Will is elected unanimously and unopposed.

11: Any Other Business

Sam De'athe mentioned that Portsmouth were in the planning stages of putting together a tournament in the south of England, possibly at Tolworth, clubs and ex-students present at the meeting were asked to show how interested they were.

Interested: 9members Student and ex-student

Unlikely to Attend: Hull and Sheffield

Indifferent:0

12: BUTBA Cup 2011 – 2012

- a) Entrants
- b) 1st round/Group Draw

Dan asked all the clubs how many members they currently had, in order to ascertain how the clubs were doing for members in general, and to see whether clubs would have enough members to be able to put out a Cup team (minimum is 8bowlers including 2ladies), most of the clubs had already had their fresher's fayre's, while a few hadn't.

The clubs and their membership numbers are as follows:

Brunel – 11members (2 ladies)

Hull – 15/16members (4-5ladies)

Leeds 20 (2-4ladies)

Loughborough (Freshers Fayre was being held that weekend but membership was expected to be approximately 30members).

Manchester – 15 approximately (1-2ladies)

Nottingham – 20 (5 ladies)

Portsmouth – 35 (6-7ladies)

Sheffield – 26 (2 ladies)

Southampton – 8 (1lady) were trying to get upto 15.

Warwick – 50 (10 ladies)

With these numbers in mind, after some discussion between the committee members it was proposed that the cup entrants be split into 3 groups (North/Midlands/South), with fixtures to be played on the weekend of 12th – 13th November, with the weekend of the 25th-26th November potentially also available should some clubs not be able to fulfil their fixtures on the first available weekend. Also a minimum entry fee of £65 would be charged.

The groups were picked based on universities geographical location so a random draw was not required, the groups were aligned in the following way:

North	Midlands	South
Hull	Loughborough	Brunel
Leeds	Nottingham	Portsmouth
Manchester	Warwick	Southampton
Sheffield		

Due to containing more teams than the other groups, the teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the North group would qualify for finals day, along with the respective group winners of the Midlands group and the Southern group. A vote was then taken on this proposal:

For 9 Student Clubs

Against: 0 student clubs

Abstentions: 1 student club

The proposal to have a North group, a Midlands group and a Southern group, and for the top 2 teams in the northern group along with the respective winners of the Midlands Group and Southern Group to qualify for Finals day was passed by a significant Majority.

The meeting was closed at 5:45pm.