

BUTBA EOSM 2012-2013 Superbowl Rugby 7th July 4:30pm

1: Welcome from the BUCS Chair.

Darren welcomed all the attendees to the meeting

2: Roll Call & Apologies

a)Attendees

Representatives from Birmingham, Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth and Sheffield were in attendance along with four ex-students.

From the executive: Darren Ellis (BUCS SAG Co-ordinator), Tom Andrews (BUCS Club Development Officer), Paul Williams (Tournament Co-ordinator), Craig Harmon (Treasurer), Tom Andrews (BUCS Club Development Officer), Charlie Baldwin (BUTBA Secretary), Louise Parker (Tournament Collator), Paul Turner (BUTBA Tenpin Cup Collator and Secretary), Frazer Bowen (Forum and Social Development Officer) , James Larkin (BUTBA Press Officer)

b)Apologies

Apologies were received from Imperial and Warwick.

Apologies were also received from Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe

c) Sanctions against non-attendees

Before the meeting the BUTBA Committee had decided there would be no sanctions taken against non-attendees.

3: Approving the 2012/13 AGM minutes.

The 2012/2013 AGM minutes were approved by Louise Parker as being accurate, and this was seconded by Paul Marks

4: Matters Arising From the Previous Minutes.

a) Things that BUTBA could do to support lower average bowlers (Frazer Bowen and James Larkin.)

At the 2012-2013 AGM, James Larkin and Frazer Bowen, had agreed to research, ways in which lower average bowlers could be better encouraged/supported on the BUTBA tour.

James started with a comment about holding more events with less games and lower costs as a way to entice lower average bowlers

James then specifically suggested that an event targeted at this group of bowlers should be held early in the season. This event would be a trio's event, with the twist that every team would include either a fresher or somebody who has not bowled on the tour before. This event would

also be attached/linked to a traditional Order of merit event (Oom). James then went on to suggest that a social could be added to include both newer and older tour bowlers. He also stated a fun bowl maybe a good idea as well.

James also commented that Oom tournaments should also feature an award for bowlers who bowled the most "over average" at a specific tournament. Also individual personal bests, i.e. personal high single game scores, high games, and high averages should be recognised at every tournament.

James, also highlighted the handicap system as a barrier to lower average bowlers. The solution to this, would be to increase the percentage of handicap, in the handicap formula i.e. the handicap formula before this meeting, was 80% between the difference of a bowlers average and 220, for instance if a bowler averaged 180, the formula would be $220 - 180 = 40$. $80\% \text{ of } 40 = 32$, so then that bowler's handicap would be 32. Research in the past, had proven, that this still left the playing field uneven. A 210 average bowler would only have, 8 handicap, but if they and the 180 average bowler, both bowled their averages, the 180 bowler would bowl 212, and the 210 average bowler would bowl 218, therefore giving the higher average bowler the advantage. In addition, to guarantee separation between scratch and handicap bowlers, James suggested having an average limit of 180 between, the scratch and handicap sections of a tournament. Bowlers with averages over 180, would have to remain in the top tier, however those with averages under 180 could opt into the scratch tier, if they wished to do so.

James also suggested the removal of the handicap cap of 80 pins, as this cap, deterred some lower average bowlers from bowling on the BUTBA tour.

James also said that handicap bowlers should only be able to win handicap prizes, as he felt it unfair that scratch bowlers could win scratch and handicap prizes (even though a decent proportion of scratch bowlers did only want to win scratch trophies).

James mentioned that the cup needed to also be revitalised, citing a move to Wednesday afternoons rather than weekends, as something that could help, not much more was stated on this point, as it linked in to a proposal later in the meeting.

James also stated that more socials could also help attract lower average bowlers to Oom tournaments.

James also had in mind a tournament whereby, students and ex-students would bowl a tournament together, in order to socialise, and bring bowlers on both sides of the tour closer together.

Tom Chuter commented that a 180 average barrier could discourage scratch bowlers from entering BUTBA tournaments. James, replied that he felt scratch bowlers, would enjoy bowling against bowlers of a more similar ability, and the addition of the barrier would therefore encourage more competition on the BUTBA tour.

Nicky Donowski stated that she felt that under one of James' earlier suggestions, it was unfair

that handicap bowlers would be able to win scratch and handicap awards but scratch bowlers would only be able to win scratch awards. James' retort was that he felt, that if for instance a handicap/lower average bowler bowled a 279 game, it deserved the recognition of a scratch award.

Mark Hodds, asked "What was in it for scratch bowlers?" James reiterated his earlier thoughts that under the current system, scratch bowlers had an unfair advantage and the handicap system had to change, in order to ensure as fair a playing field in the future as possible.

Shaun Parsons asked what would happen "if my average starts below 180 then goes over 180 during the season?" James stated that Shaun would remain in the section that he chose to be in at the start of the season.

It was then decided that, proposals on the points covered would be researched and then made at the 2013-2014 start of season meeting.

b) Could a fairer averaging system (i.e. non-linear) be created? (Paul Turner, Leeds University)

Paul's first comment was that you have to look at either changing the average system or handicap system.

Paul then went on to state that if we were to change the average system, we would need to take a closer look at what we would all want from a new system.

Handicap wise, there would be many things to take into account.

In order to carry out his research, Paul had looked at BUTBA averages, from the last few years and formed a few different average bandings, i.e. 69 and below, 70 -110, 111 – 140 etc.

According to his research, in the middle average bands, there was not much variance (a complex way of working out range difference), however there was some variance at the top and bottom average bands, with massive variance in the 70 – 110 bracket.

Paul then commented that, in order to help lower average bowlers, scratch bowlers would be punished by 5-10 pins.

Jonathan Spivey also said that he felt that the easiness of the lanes this season had hurt the current handicap system.

Paul agreed to look into this matter further, and present his findings at the 2013 – 2014 Start of season meeting.

5: Committee Executive Reports (if any).

a) Report from the Tournament Collator (Louise Parker)

Louise firstly thanked all the tournament directors and secretaries from this season.

Louise then went on to say that spreadsheet protocols she had put in place had not been followed during this season which had led to some issues arising i.e. late publishing of results.

Louise then said that this season there had been a situation where an honorary had bowled for two different universities; however they had not been de-registered from the first club they bowled for. Louise reminded all clubs present that honoraries must be registered at least 7 days before bowling in an event and, if any honoraries change the club they represent, then they must be de-registered by the original university which they bowled for before being registered by their new university.

b) Report from the Treasurer (Craig Harmon)

Craig pointed out some key financial notes and statistics from this financial year. His report in its entirety can be found here:

<http://butba.co.uk/documents/2013/07/treasurers-report-2013.pdf>

There was also a vote on whether BUTBA membership fees should be increased to £2 for the 2013 – 2014 season. The result of this vote was as follows.

Proposal to increase BUTBA Membership fees to £2 for the 2013 – 2014 Season.

For – Everybody Present 23

Abstain – Brunel, Hull, Southampton Warwick, Sam De’Athe, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst

Against – 0

This proposal was passed by significant majority.

c) Report from the BUCS Club Development Officer (Tom Andrews)

Tom mentioned that the BUTBA tour was losing clubs (Leeds and Manchester), and numbers in the remaining clubs were decreasing.

On the bright side, Cambridge and Exeter would be joining the tour next season. Cambridge currently had 29 registered members, with 10 non-paying members, while Exeter currently had 10 members in total. Tom had also been contacted by a bowler from the University of

Bournemouth, who informed Tom that they may also be joining the tour next year.

The previous week, Tom along with BUCS Co-ordinator Darren Ellis had attended and given a presentation at the NAYBC conference, which had been very positively received.

Tom finished his report by highlighting the need to get university bowling more known to Freshers.

d) Report from the Forum and Social Development Officer (Frazer Bowen)

Frazer started his report by stating that he had made lots of attempts to hold socials at tournaments, but for one reason or another they just had not happened this year.

Frazer also made the point that one day tournaments were not conducive to holding socials and made it difficult.

Tour wise only Portsmouth went on tour this season, as there was a lack of interest from the other clubs.

6: Outstanding Trophies From 2012 – 2013 season.

There were no outstanding trophies from the 2012 – 2013 season.

7: Discussions on proposals for the 2013 – 2014 season

a) Proposal of Combining Male and Female OOM. (Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Met. University)

The BUTBA Committee had met up prior to the EOSM and it had decided to combine this proposal with proposal c.

Also in the Committee meeting the Committee had agreed to also debate changes to both the handicap system and the handicap cap.

BUCS Co-ordinator and meeting Chairman Darren Ellis thus decided to introduce 2 new proposals.

a) (i) Proposal to increase the BUTBA handicap formula from 80% of the difference of a bowlers average and 220, to 100% of the difference of a bowlers average and 220.

a) (ii) Proposal to completely remove the handicap maximum cap/limit of 80pins.

In the meeting prior to the EOSM, the BUTBA committee had agreed, were in favour of the proposals.

Peter Thornley suggested that having a different formula for different centres would be the fairest direction to proceed. James Larkin replied by citing the difficulty of introducing such a system, as well as how complex it would be for individual bowlers to understand.

Tom Chuter echoed the views of the BUTBA Committee by stating that under the proposed

system, a bowler would be fairly rewarded for bowling well, but punished for bowling badly.

Jonathan Spivey bowled with the proposed 100% formula in his home league and he felt that, a move to 90% of the difference of 220 and a person's average would be a better way to go. He felt that, scratch bowlers would be unfairly punished under a 100% system because of having to bowl really well to do well at handicap tournaments. Paul Marks also agreed with this view.

Each proposal was voted on separately.

a) (i) Proposal to increase the BUTBA handicap formula from 80% of the difference of a bowlers average and 220, to 100% of the difference of a bowlers average and 220.

For - Birmingham, Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students. Rachael McKenzie, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin, Louise Parker, Paul Turner, Frazer Bowen, James Larkin – 20 in total.

Abstain – Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Warwick, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe – 7 in total

Against – Portsmouth and Paul Marks – 2 in total.

This proposal was passed by significant majority.

a) (ii) Proposal to completely remove the handicap maximum cap/limit of 80pins.

For – Pete Thornley, Tom Andrews, James Larkin, Craig Harmon, Rachael Mackenzie, Frazer Bowen, Birmingham, Leeds Metropolitan Loughborough, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Sheffield – 12

Abstain - Paul Williams, Charlie Baldwin, Louise Parker, 2 ex-students, Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Warwick, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe – 13

Against – Leeds, Paul Turner and Paul Marks – 3 in total

This proposal was passed by a significant majority.

b) Proposal for BUCS selection Process. (Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Met. University)

(Please note, a vote on this proposal would be an advisory vote only, as the final decision lies with BUCS and the BUCS Coordinator Darren Ellis)

Rachael stated that she felt the BUCS selection process was not as transparent as it should be. She suggested having the BUCS Championships as usual to determine BUCS individual points and team points. However, Rachael then stated there should be a second BUCS event similar to the masters whereby the top 10 men and top 10 ladies from that tournament would be selected to be on the BUUCS squad.

Tom Chuter, agreed with Rachael's point about lack of transparency and he also agreed with the notion of a BUCS selection event. He also felt there should be more information about the tournaments and fixtures the BUCS squad bowls in and he also wondered why BUTBA tournaments, did not seem to be taken into account very much.

Louise Parker then stated that some universities such as Manchester Metropolitan may not fund entries for an additional BUCS event. Darren Ellis stated that in theory the BUCS fund could as much as possible subsidise another event.

Darren Ellis answered the previous points by saying he had asked for 3 different oil patterns to be used at the BUCS Championships this season, and he also does take BUTBA Oom performances into account as much as possible.

Tom Chuter asked why the captains were chosen before the championships.

Craig Harmon answered Tom's query by saying the rules had been changed a few years ago, and the captains were picked beforehand in order to help the BUCS Coordinator pick the team.

James Larkin, asked if BUCS placed any kind of limits on picking bowlers based on BUTBA Oom tour performance? Darren stated this was not the case.

James then went on to suggest using a BUTBA Oom tournament as a designated tournament that would count towards qualification for the BUCS team.

Mark Hodds stated James' idea would not work for three reasons.

Firstly, it would not be viable because of how busy the BUTBA tournament calendar already is.

Secondly, it would be unfair on those bowlers who could not make it.

Thirdly, it would unfairly penalise bowlers who had a bad day.

Shaun Parsons added that an extra tournament would also mean more costs, in terms of entry forms, hotels and transport. Jon Spivey also agreed, citing that travel would be costly for Portsmouth.

Alex Fitzpatrick said that he felt at times those bowlers who had not bowled on the tour at all were getting picked unfairly over bowlers who did bowl the tour but had a bad day at the BUCS weekend. He also stated that in his opinion the top few bowlers selected should be able to have a "wildcard" pick.

Pete Thornley suggested creating a "BUTBA" Team to encourage more competition for the BUCS

team. James Larkin advanced this idea by putting over the idea of having some kind of BUCS vs BUTBA vs Ex-Students fixture in the future.

Paul Turner, was happy with the way Darren tried to run the BUCS Championships this year. He also wondered why a proportion of those who qualify for the BUCS squad do not turn up for fixtures. He went on to suggest that anybody who qualifies for the BUCS representative squad must turn up to 3 fixtures or be removed from the squad.

Darren thanked everybody for their input, and reminded the meeting that no vote was required as this was an advisory proposal only.

c) Proposal for a Split in the BUTBA Tour of Scratch and Handicap (Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Met. University)

Rachael stated firstly that although the scratch and handicap order of merits would be split, they would bowl the same tournaments on the same day.

She also believed the split would create fairer competition between bowlers of a more similar ability.

Paul Marks said that although he felt the split would work for singles and doubles, it should be left to the tournament director/tournament secretary's discretion.

The BUTBA Committee in their meeting prior to the EOSM, had agreed that the splitting of scratch and handicap Oom's should be left to tournament directors' discretion.

Darren Ellis, stated that this was an advisory proposal, and it would be left up to the tournament director's discretion.

d) Proposal for a More Structured BUTBA (Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Met. University)

Rachael withdrew this proposal before the meeting as the Committee noted that, with a heavily administered BUTBA page and a private discussion group on Facebook, this proposal was already being carried out.

e). Proposal for a Change in the Way Proposals Are Made and EOSM and SOSM Are Held (Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Met. University)

Rachael proposed the following, that when proposals are being made by clubs and ex-student members for the EOSM or the SOSM, these should be sent to the Secretary (as they are now) and then reviewed at a committee meeting by the Committee of that year, where proposals can be accepted or rejected by that committee. These accepted proposals will then be sent out to ex-student members and club captains only. Responses for these can be made within a 3 – 4 week period (to be defined) by the ex-students and the club captains (club captains can then, in this time, get opinions from ALL club members on the proposals made). These opinions and votes will

be send back to the student or ex-student president and then reviewed by the committee 3 – 4 weeks later at another meeting (these meetings can be in person, or can be held online via a private conference)

Shaun Parsons declared that different clubs have different ways of handling the voting process, and that some club captains may not even send the proposals to their own Committee.

There was then a quick discussion about proxy voting.

The general consensus was to leave things as they are, as the current process had worked well for a long time.

f) "Proposal for what happens in the event of a tie on handicap pinfall, to always be made clear on a tournament's entry form. (Stephen Wray)

This proposal stemmed from an isolated incident that, happened at a tournament. Prior to the EOSM, the Committee, felt that it was very unlikely to happen again, so therefore decided to remove this proposal from debate during the EOSM meeting itself.

g) I propose for all singles/doubles tournaments on the tour the prize return should be trophy and cash only (Joe Crook, Sheffield Hallam Uni. and Charlie Baldwin)

In the BUTBA Committee meeting prior to the EOSM, it was stated, that this proposal would not work due to high lineage costs, and also because tournament entry fees would have to rise, in order to give bowlers a decent reward in terms of prize money. For these reasons Charlie decided to withdraw this proposal.

h) Amend RNK 30.1.x

Combine separate student and ex student Ladies OOM tables. (Louise Parker)

This proposal had originally been voted in at the 2012-2013 AGM due to the low/declining numbers of female bowlers on the tour. Louise had thought that this proposal would help to at least keep numbers constant if not increase them. There was the caveat that it would be on a one season trial basis, hence this proposal being made to make this change permanent.

Tom Chuter asked about how other proposed changes to Oom may affect this. Louise replied that she felt the numbers of ladies this season pointed to the fact that the ladies Oom tables must be combined.

A vote was then taken:

For – Everybody present and Warwick (voted by proxy) - 22

Abstain - Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe - 6

Against – 0

This proposal was voted in unanimously and unopposed.

There was also a consensus agreement to review this proposal on a year by year basis, as hopefully sometime in the future, the number of female bowlers on the BUTBA tour will dictate that the, Ladies Oom tables should be separated.

i) Add 34.2.4 (Louise Parker)

Bowlers who have bowled 3 or more events shall be considered ahead of any bowlers who have not, regardless of their position in the final ranking table.

Louise began promoting her proposal by saying a few ladies who only bowled 1-2 events received master's invites.

Louise then added that only 2 ladies (Louise Parker and Rachael McKenzie) had bowled at least 6 BUTBA Oom events in the 2012-2013 season.

Paul Marks made a point by saying somebody just bowling one event can beat bowlers who bowl 2-3 events.

Peter Thornley asked what would happen if Oom events decreased, won't this proposal affect that?

Louise replied that this could be looked at a year on year basis, so not at all.

A vote was then taken:

For – Unanimous of those present - 22

Abstain - Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Warwick, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe

Against – 0

This proposal was passed unopposed.

j) At tournaments, the prizes for the ladies to be combined, rather than split prizes for student and ex students. (Louise Parker)

Louise believed that with the ladies student and ex-student Oom tables being combined, this was the next logical step.

Also on occasion there had only been 1 lady, entering a tournament.

Paul Marks remarked that he felt this should be left to the tournament director's discretion.

A vote was then held.

For - Birmingham, Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, Warwick, two ex-students. Rachael McKenzie, Tom Andrews, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Charlie Baldwin, Louise Parker, Paul Turner, Frazer Bowen , James Larkin

– 20 in total.

Abstain – Pete Thornley, Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De’Athe
– 7

Against – Paul Marks

This proposal was voted in by overwhelming majority.

k) Amend TPN 155.5 from “two working days” to “one working day” (Louise Parker)

Louise started by saying that currently some results were not being sent to the tournament collator (her) within 48 hours of a tournament finishing, this is contrary to the rules that sets out a 48 hour time limit.

Louise felt that there was no reason why results could not be sent within 24 hours, especially now the BUTBA Committee has an email alias dedicated for/to results, i.e. results@butba.co.uk.

Tom Chuter stated that we could get some great free advertising from talktenpin.co.uk if we could also get tournament results to them within 24 hours of a completed tournament.

A vote was then taken:

For - Birmingham, Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, four ex-students. Tom Andrews, Rachael McKenzie, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Charlie Baldwin, Louise Parker, Frazer Bowen – 19 in total

Abstain – James Larkin, Paul Turner, Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De’Athe – 8 in total

Against – Warwick – 1 in total

This proposal was passed by majority.

l) Re-instate the proposal for travelling centre averages passed at the last AGM, as per the minutes, now that the BTBA have decided that it is legal. (Tom Andrews)

Tom stated that he felt the system that was voted in at the last AGM was the fairest system there was, as bowling at multiple centres on different conditions was the best reflection one could get of a bowler’s abilities.

Darren Ellis commented that a majority of the BUTBA committee felt that the current system whereby highest league average took precedent over a touring average, as if you can bowl 220 at your home centre that shows you have the ability to bowl that average. Also if you do bowl at a bad home centre, then the current rules also allow you to use your BUTBA average if it is your highest average.

A discussion then ensued about which system was indeed fairer.

Paul Marks then mentioned the possible issues caused by faked/false or fixed averages.

Shaun Parsons asked why one couldn't just have the touring average as the default average, but then if a tournament took place at a bowlers home centre and they had a much higher average at that centre, compared to their tour average, why then they could not just use their home centre average?

Pete Thornley wondered why some bowlers did not seem to take pride in entering off a high average? Alex Fitzpatrick advanced this point by saying bowlers should enter off their highest average, in order to challenge and improve themselves.

Paul Turner then made 3 points:

1. Despite Ilkeston and Sheffield being 2 of the easiest tournaments on the tour, handicap teams still picked up prizes.
2. The oil patterns on the BUTBA tour had been generally easy this year, resulting in high averages in general.
3. The statistics he used earlier, were from the present handicap system and they showed that the current BUTBA handicap system works fine.

Jonathan Spivey agreed with Shaun Parsons that a touring average should take priority, unless a tournament is taking place at a person's home centre where that specific bowler's average is higher than their BUTBA tour average.

Tom was happy to go along with Shaun Parson's suggested tweak to his (Tom's) original proposal which led to a vote on the following:

Re-instate the proposal for travelling centre averages passed at the last AGM, as per the minutes, now that the BTBA have decided that it is legal, unless a tournament is being held at bowler n's home centre, where bowler n's average is higher than bowler n's travelling centre/touring average (Tom Andrews)

For - Birmingham, Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Sheffield, four ex-students. James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner – 18 in total

Abstain - Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Warwick, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe - 7

Against – Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon – 4

This proposal was passed by overwhelming majority.

m) Proposal to look into Setting up a BUTBA League to replace some OoM tournaments (Tom Andrews)

Tom stated this proposal would essentially set up a travelling league similar to the Midland

Scratch Tour to replace some tournaments on the tour.

In their meeting prior to the EOSM the BUTBA Committee (and partly because this proposal also was similar to another proposal that would be put forward later in this meeting) agreed that Tom could do further research into this matter, and present his findings at the SOSM.

n) Proposals for changes to TPN 42.8 and TPN 12.7 (Paul Marks)

i) TPN 42.8 The Event Director has an absolute right to re-rate any average entered under TPN 42.3, to 42.8 to what they deem correct, either of their own motion or upon a protest received from another team in the event; should they deem re-rating appropriate

ii) TPN 42.8.1 Where the Event director deems re-rating appropriate, this should be done as soon as practicable and communicated to the entrant and their Captain.

iii) TPN 42.8.2 Re-rating is likely where an entrant bowls +/- 10 pins from their entering average. The absolute discretion remains with the Event Director.

Paul stated that i),ii) and iii) would only be applicable where a bowlers best average would be unverified or a captains best estimate.

Tom Chuter used an example of one of his fellow Trent bowlers bowling 3 great games followed by 3 low games this year, stating that he felt rerating should always be done after the qualifying round of a tournament.

Paul Turner felt that the system was fine as it was, as the swing for most bowlers in scoring terms can be as much as 25 pins under or over average.

Before the EOSM, the BUTBA Committee were in favour of voting against iii) as they were against what they deemed as “automatic rerating” and felt that for point iii) bowlers who were simply having a great day would be unfairly punished.

Two votes were taken with vote 1 combining, proposals n i) and ii):

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For – Paul Marks, Birmingham, Leeds, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Sheffield, three ex-students. Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, – 19 in total

Abstain – James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De’Athe – 8 in total

Against – Warwick – 1

These proposals were voted for by a majority decision.

A second vote, then took place for the following:

iii)TPN 42.8.2 Re-rating is likely where an entrant bowls +/- 10 pins from their entering average. The absolute discretion remains with the Event Director.

For – Paul Marks – 1 in total

Abstain - Brunel, Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De’Athe – 6 in total

Against - Birmingham, Leeds, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Sheffield, three ex-students. Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Warwick -21 in total

This proposal was rejected by overwhelming majority.

iv)TPN 12.7 There shall be 4 further Committee posts:

v) TPN 12.7.4 A Constitutional Advisor, who is responsible for updating the constitution following the ratification of the minutes of a meeting of the BUTBA Council, or after agreed revisions using the minor revision procedure as detailed in TPN 39.0

vi)TPN 12.7.4.1 The Constitutional advisor shall also be asked for advice on a certain point of principle of the constitution for clarification purposes

vii) TPN 12.7.4.2 If the Constitutional advisor is asked for clarification in accordance with TPN 12.7.4.1, they shall give an opinion to the SAG Executive who will then ratify, or propose an alternative interpretation which shall be used

viii) TPN 12.7.4.3 A note of all requests for clarification should be kept by the constitutional advisor, who shall present a report to the BUTBA Council at the EOSM.

Paul stated his case by saying that he felt the committee needed a Constitutional Advisor who had constitutional expertise and knowledge of law, due to the BUTBA Constitution being a binding document. Also it would take some pressure away from the Secretary.

Darren Ellis replied with the BUTBA Committee’s viewpoint, that they felt the BUTBA Secretary was capable of carrying out this responsibility and the Tournament Collator held a law degree, so there was already somebody with legal experience on the committee.

James Larkin commented that he felt it would be a good idea to create a “bitesize” constitution to make it easier for the general BUTBA membership to understand.

A vote was then taken:

For – Paul Marks, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham – 5 in total

Abstain – , Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De’Athe, Birmingham, Loughborough, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Warwick - 18

Against – Darren Ellis, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth, James Larkin – 6

This proposal was rejected by the Chair’s casting vote.

o) "The committee should actively seek a sponsor for the tour, BUCS GB squad or both. For example, 'Brunswick Team England'. (Tom Chuter and Shaun Parsons)

Tom wondered what the committee had done in terms of seeking sponsorship.

Darren replied that in the recent past he had approached a dozen tenpin bowling related companies, both in the UK and abroad, but had unfortunately had 0 response.

It was then noted that a few student clubs had to wear Kukri merchandised bowling shirts due to an agreement made by their respective sports unions.

Darren stated he was happy to seek sponsorship for the BUTBA tour again, as well as working with Tom Chuter and Shaun Parsons to see if some type of deal could be made with Kukri.

p) Proposal to change outcomes in tournaments in the event of a tie. (Mike Hurst)

In the event of a tie within an OOM tournament, the tie will be settled based on:

- i. The final scratch game bowled for any scratch events/awards**
- ii. The final handicap game bowled for any handicap events/awards**

In the event of a tie still not being settled, the game before will be used and so on until all ties are settled. For ties that involve teams (i.e. doubles and greater), the highest team game will be used.

Mike Hurst felt that handicap pin fall was an unfair way of deciding a tie.

After a quick discussion, it was decided that deciding ties should be left to the discretion of a tournament’s specific tournament director or tournament secretary.

q) Proposal for a bowler to bowl a whole season as a student, if their academic status changes to that of an ex-student. (Mike Hurst)

For any bowlers whose academic status changes mid-way through the BUTBA season (September until August), the bowler will be allowed to continue until the end of the academic season entering events (OOM and Cup) under the same status (student or ex-student) that he/she began the season with as long as either of the following provisos holds:

- i. **The bowler must have completed one OOM event before the change in status occurs**
- ii. **The bowler must have completed one BUTBA cup event before the change in status occurs**

All OOM points accrued before the change in status occurs will remain and bowler's performances for the remainder of the season will contribute towards these measures as normal under the original classification. In this situation, the bowler has the opportunity to voluntarily change status but in doing so will forfeit any OOM points accrued up until that stage.

As highlighted previously, the BUTBA Committee had held a meeting before the EOSM.

Darren Ellis informed the BUTBA members that the BUTBA Committee were in favour of this proposal but felt that a cut off date of February 1st should be added.

Thus the original proposal became:

Proposal for a bowler to bowl a whole season as a student, if their academic status changes to that of an ex-student, as long as their status changes before February 1st of that specific academic year.

A vote was then taken:

For - Paul Marks, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Loughborough, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth, Warwick - 22

Abstain - Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham, Mike Hurst and Sam De'Athe, James Larkin - 6

Against – 0

This proposal was passed by significant majority.

r) Proposal to change the system of "drawing lanes" for BUTBA tournaments. (Mike Hurst)

3.1. Within OOM events, lane draws will be performed in advance of the event taking place based on a random draw by the TD or TS of the event.

3.2. In the event of a lane draw occurring that sees two or more individuals or teams from the same registered club drawn on the same pair of lanes (at any time during the event), the initial draw will be discounted and a new draw will take place until no conflicts are achieved unless conflicts can't be avoided (due to the number of individuals/teams from one club) in which case, it will be either the TD or TS' responsibility to make a lane draw and manually alter the draw so

that the club in question's entries are spread so that conflicts are kept to a minimum

3.3. Within OOM events where the draw is group based (as opposed to lane based), 3.2 will hold in regards to entrants from the same club but in this case, the same pair of lanes will be replaced by the same group

3.4. Within OOM where draws are seeded, 3.1 - 3.3 will not apply

Mark Hodds stated that he and Mike felt that it was unfortunate that some of the time, teams from the same club would end up bowling against other or on the same pair of lanes or both.

Paul Williams commented that although it did happen, there was no better system than the current system as a pre-drawing system would lead to transparency issues.

A vote was then taken.

For – Loughborough, Mike Hurst, Warwick -3

Abstain – Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham and Sam De'Athe - 4

Against - Paul Marks, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth, James Larkin – 21

This proposal was heavily rejected.

s) OOM points will be awarded based on performance in each of the OOM events as well as the BUCS Championships within a season based on bowler classification and final OOM tables will be based on the best 5 points totals across the season from all OOM and BUCS events

Mark Hodds stated that Mike, felt that not many students were bowling a minimum of five order of merit events required for them to qualify for the order of merit rankings. This would also not affect lady students or ex-student bowlers.

He felt that by adding BUCS as an order of merit event it may encourage more bowlers to participate in order of merit events as they would already have order of merit points from the BUCS Championships.

The BUTBA Committee felt that this would not be possible, as BUCS are a totally different, organisation to BUCS. Also BUTBA bowlers were already rewarded with BUCS points.

A vote was then taken:

For – Loughborough, Mike Hurst, Paul Marks and Warwick – 4

Abstain - Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham and Sam De'Athe, James Larkin Tom Andrews - 6
Against - Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth – 18

This proposal was rejected by a significant majority.

t) Proposal for a new BUTBA Cup format (Mike Hurst)

5.1. The qualifying stages will see regional based groups with each club playing against each other twice (i.e. UEFA Champions' League group stages format)

5.2. The qualifying stage (i.e. regional group stages) will take place on a Wednesday afternoon with the location determined and organised by the designated home club. When organising the fixture, the home club must consult with the away club in regards to timings as to ensure the away club can get to the fixture in a comfortable timescale.

5.3. It will be the home club's advantage to set the oil conditions for a particular fixture.

5.4. It is the home club's responsibility to collect and submit all scores to the BUTBA Cup Collator. Failure to do this within the 48 hour timescale will result in a whitewash given to the opponents.

5.5. The designated away club must register their teams and playing order first and must give this to the captain of the home club. The home club can then modify their line up based on this information.

As this proposal was similar to a proposal that Tom Andrews had put forward earlier, in the meeting. It was decided that Tom and Mike, would work together to create a proposal for a new BUTBA Cup proposal in time for the 2013 – 2014 Start of Season Meeting.

u) Amend RNK 31.1 from ' best 5 events' to 'best $N/2+1$ events rounded down (where N is the total number of events in one season)' (Louise Parker)

Louise stated that depending on the number of events played in a specific season the $N/2+1$ formula would help decide a conclusive order of merit winner if there was a tie on points. If there were 8 events in a season you would take a bowlers best 5 events points totals, if there were 9 events in total it would still be bowlers best 5 points totals, but if there are 10 events you take the top 6 events in terms of points totals (as two people could both have 50 points).

A vote was then taken. The results were the following:

For – Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth, Paul Marks, James Larkin - 21

Abstain – Hull, Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham , Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst, Loughborough - 6

Against – Warwick - 1

This proposal was passed by overwhelming majority.

v) Proposal to the removal of time limitations on discussion of proposals put forward at BUTBA meetings, in such a way that "The Chair of the meeting will be responsible for co-ordinating responses in a manner befitting the proposal at hand so that the floor may give adequate consideration to it". (Tom Chuter)

Tom stated that he felt it was unfair that the debating of proposals at the start of season meeting and end of season meeting had a set time limit, and he felt it should be left to the Chair of the meeting’s discretion.

A vote was then held:

For – Loughborough, Warwick, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Paul Williams, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Craig Harmon, Portsmouth, Paul Marks, James Larkin – 23

Abstain - Imperial, Dan Vanniasingham , Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst – 4

Against – 0

This proposal was accepted, unanimously and unopposed.

8: Tournament franchise forms. [Paul Williams]

Paul Williams stated that he had received 11 completed part A’s of the tournament franchise forms and then a further 9 completed part B’s of the franchise form before the deadline. He had not received part B’s from Leeds University or Nottingham Trent University.

Paul also highlighted that there had been a 10% increase in attendance at tournaments in the 2012-2013 season compared to the previous season. The entry of a BUTBA team into the Midland Scratch League (MSL) had not affected entries into BUTBA tournaments. Paul also said that by having some BUTBA tournaments on Saturdays for the coming 2013-2014 season, it would help to avoid fixture clashes with the MSL.

Jon Spivey asked about the geographical spread of the tournaments, to which Paul replied that tournaments would be taking place in centres such as Ilkeston, Sheffield, Fareham, Airport,

Banbury and a few others.

Paul also highlighted some of the great bowling performances of this season, including 300's by Daniel Frazer and Matt Bailey at Romford, an 817 series by Chris Lam at the BUCS Championships, and a new record high tournament average of 236 by Paul Williams at Ilkeston.

Paul also then stated that entries for Warwick Doubles were decreasing and partly due to this reason the first tournament of the season would be taking place in Nottingham.

There would be a weekend of tournaments at Nottingham, with an unsanctioned trio's tournament on the Saturday whereby every team would have to include at least one bowler who had never bowled on the tour before. There would also be a social on the Saturday night.

On the Sunday the annual Nottingham Fives tournament, would take place as per usual.

Paul then made a list of the tournaments on the preliminary tournament calendar, which has since been updated and can be found here:

<http://butba.co.uk/events/20132014-season/events-20132014/>

Paul then added the Masters/Challenge match weekend has provisionally been pencilled in for the weekend of the 17th/18th May 2014. He also stated that he felt 9 events would be enough, and that in terms of geographical location, the tour was more spread out than in previous years.

9: a) The following 3 positions are all BUCS appointments so rather than having an election, instead we will have a vote of confidence.

SAG Chairman: Dan Vanniasingham

Confident – Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Darren Ellis, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth - 17

Abstain - Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Paul Marks, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Warwick, Tom Andrews - 8

Unconfident – Nottingham Trent, James Larkin – 2

The BUTBA membership, was shown to have confidence in Dan Vanniasingham remaining as BUCS SAG Chairman.

BUCS Co-ordinator: Darren Ellis

Confident - Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, , Tom Andrews, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin - 22

Abstain – Dan Vanniasingham, Imperial, Warwick, Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews - 6

Unconfident – 0

The BUTBA membership was shown to be very confident in Darren Ellis remaining as BUCS Co-ordinator.

Club Development Officer: Tom Andrews

Confident – Darren Ellis, Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin – 22

Abstain – Dan Vanniasingham, Imperial, Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst - 4

Unconfident – 0

By a huge majority, the BUTBA membership showed, confidence in Tom Andrews remaining as BUCS Club Development Officer

b) The following positions will be elected as per usual

Tournament Coordinator: Paul Williams

For - Darren Ellis, Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin – 21

Abstain - Tom Andrews, Dan Vanniasingham, Imperial, Warwick Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst - 6

Against – Craig Harmon – 1

Paul Williams is elected as Tournament Coordinator by significant majority.

Treasurer: Craig Harmon

For - Darren Ellis, Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Charlie Baldwin , Manchester, Louise Parker,

Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin - 21

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews - 6

Against - Paul Williams – 1

Craig Harmon is elected Treasurer, by an overwhelming majority.

Secretary: Charlie Baldwin

For - Darren Ellis, Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students , Manchester, Louise Parker, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon - 22

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews – 6

Against – 0

Charlie Baldwin is elected Secretary unanimously and unopposed

**Press Secretary: Chris Wragg
Rachael McKenzie**

As there were two candidates for Press Secretary, both Chris and Rachael were given time to make a short speech about why each should be elected as Press Secretary.

Chris stated that he had been the Press Secretary for Sheffield University when he was a student there. He had persevered to get Sheffield University Tenpin Bowling Club mentioned and covered in the Forge Press, which is the official magazine of Sheffield University. Chris had also managed to get the Sheffield University club onto the radar of other student unions.

Rachael mentioned that although she was unsure about her student status she was very keen to remain on committee. She related that she had put together newsletters and reports for not only her YBC but also the Leeds Metropolitan University Tenpin Bowling Club. Rachael also highlighted her connections to other UK based bowling tours as well as to the owners of the TalkTenpin bowling news website.

Chris and Rachael then both left the room as a vote was taken to decide who would be elected Press Secretary, the results were as follows:

Chris – Paul Williams, Paul Marks, James Larkin, Frazer Bowen, Nottingham – 5

Rachael – Paul Turner, Leeds, 2 x Coventry, Portsmouth, Nottingham Trent, Birmingham, Louise Parker, Manchester – 9

Abstentions - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews, Sheffield, Leeds Metropolitan, Charlie Baldwin, Craig Harmon, Loughborough, Rachael McKenzie, Chris Wragg, Nottingham Trent -14

Rachael McKenzie is elected Press Secretary by majority.

Tenpin Cup Collator & Secretary: Shaun Parsons

For - Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Birmingham, Sheffield, three ex-students , Manchester, Louise Parker, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon - 21

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews – 6

Against – 0

Shaun Parsons is elected Tenpin Cup Collator & Secretary unanimously and unopposed.

Student President/Vice Chairman: Tom Chuter

For - Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students , Manchester, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, Nottingham Trent, James Larkin, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon – 19

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews, Paul Marks, Louise Parker – 8

Against – 0

Tom Chuter is elected Student President/Vice Chairman unanimously and unopposed.

Ex-student President: James Larkin

For - Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students , Manchester, Louise Parker, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon – 20

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De'Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews – 6

Against – 0

James Larkin is elected Ex-student President unanimously and unopposed

Tournament Collator: Louise Parker

For - Loughborough, Frazer Bowen, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Manchester, James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon – 20

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews - 6

Against - 0

Louise Parker is elected Tournament Collator unanimously and unopposed

Forum & Social Development Officer: Frazer Bowen

For - Loughborough, Louise Parker, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Manchester, James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon – 20

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De’Athe, Mike Hurst, Tom Andrews – 6

Against – 0

Frazer Bowen is elected Forum and Social Development Officer unanimously and unopposed.

10: Non-Committee Post Election.

-Webmaster: Mike Hurst

For - Loughborough, Louise Parker, Paul Turner, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, three ex-students, Manchester, James Larkin, Rachael McKenzie, Leeds Metropolitan, Portsmouth, , Paul Marks, Nottingham Trent, Paul Williams, Craig Harmon, Frazer Bowen - 21

Abstain - Dan Vanniasingham, Warwick, Imperial, Sam De’Athe, Tom Andrews – 5

Against – 0

Mike Hurst is elected Webmaster unanimously and unopposed.

11: Any Other Business

Darren Ellis stated that Mark Heathorn is currently based at Fareham, he has expressed an interest in coaching university bowling clubs, possibly two or three clubs at once to save costs. He would be willing to travel provided his costs are covered. Tom Chuter wondered if he would offer BUTBA a free taster, Darren replied that he would have to ask Mark.

It was revealed (after the EOSM) that Mark would not be able to travel to undertake coaching due to starting a university course and also because of the associated financial restraints.

James Larkin then mentioned that the BUTBA Team (Team Gotham) in the Midland Scratch League had finished 2nd in Division 3 and thus achieved promotion. Also by linking with the MSL, BUTBA had helped to increase awareness about itself James thought that if we could increase links with other tours as well, it would be a good way to advertise BUTBA.

Darren then stated that there had been 154 entrants at the BUCS Nationals. Also on a positive note, being included as part of the "BUCS Gatorade Nationals" had helped Tenpin Bowling raise some awareness at student/university level. He reminded everybody that BUCS had set a target of 300 participants for the BUCS National Tenpin Bowling Championships.

Darren further stated that all tournament results were now on Talk Tenpin, helping to further raise awareness and advertise BUTBA, and that he and Tom Andrews had also attended the NAYBC Conference and given a presentation which had garnered a very positive reaction from their audience.

Darren then reiterated the importance of making sure every member of every club attends BUCS.

Darren also stated his intentions to establish closer links between BUTBA and the British Tenpin Bowling Association. He had put out feelers to BTBA President Matt Miller, which had been responded to in a positive manor.

James Larkin reminded all student clubs to encourage their graduating members to continue bowling as part of the ex-student tour, in order to help the ex-student tour grow. He was also open to ideas on how to nurture growth.

James then announced that in his last act as Press Secretary he would publish a general round up/report of the 2012-2013 BUTBA season.

Shaun Parsons asked about whether First Bowl Sheffield would be able to cope in a drastic increase of BUCS Nationals participants? Darren Ellis replied that a Friday night squad could be added if required or the Saturday League could be cancelled.

The Meeting was closed at 8:42pm.