



Minutes of UKUA Board meeting – 18 July 2007

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1. Attendance

Present: Laura Pearce (Chair), Barry O’Kane, Si Hill, Ed Blockley, Kev Lowe, Jaimie Cross, Sam Lord, Hannah Nistri

Apologies: Dom Hall, Adam Batchelor

2. Finance and Membership

The number of current paying members is approx 1300 – with approx 50-50 split between Ordinary and University members.

Income from membership for 2007 is slightly up on 2006 at approximately £26k. We expect that we have now received the bulk of membership income for this year, although normally we would also expect a reasonable number of new “intro uni” members to join in the Autumn.

The main costs for 2007 will be: Insurance, staff costs and “Ultimatum!”.

Si Hill and Dom Hall will be meeting in August to review and update our systems for tracking our finances as the amount of activity has increased for various reasons (coaching, running a tour event, etc).

3. Chief Exec role and next steps

Following circulation of a job description and objectives for a new Chief Executive role, it was agreed that the UKUA would create this part-time position and that Si Hill would now split his time between this new role and the existing Administrator role.

There was some discussion regarding the conflict of interest this might create for SH – but it was agreed that at this stage it was the most efficient way to take the next step. It was also agreed that our medium term aim was to be able to hire a new administrator – assuming that ultimate and the UKUA continue to grow.

Action: LP – draft a general announcement regarding this change.

There was some discussion on the fact that this exciting step also implies some changes to the role of the UKUA Board.

Action: SH – circulate information and draft proposals on required changes to Board and other volunteer roles within UKUA.

4. GB Squads Organisation

SH reported that Si Moore was surprised to learn that a decision made by the BUF to pay for kit and training for GB squads no longer seemed to be in place. Apparently this arrangement was “lost” when the BUF became the UKUA. However – it was agreed that beyond the current donation that is made to the GB Junior squads it was not reasonable that the UKUA



would pick up this bill anymore – especially given that the number of squads has increased significantly since that arrangement was agreed (prior to 2000).

Sponsorship focus: there was a brief discussion about ensuring that prior to Vancouver we focus the majority (if not all) of our sponsorship effort on helping individuals to find their own support – rather than spending time on the more tempting “big deal”.

Action: LP to “tidy up and generalise” the material she used to obtain some support from her employer.

Action: SH to ensure that we pull those resources together into a coherent and usable set of materials that we then PUSH and NAG individuals to try to use.

Cross-squad roles: it was agreed that the GB captains and HN would review the “Coordination role” that we have had this year to determine how to organise ourselves in this respect for 2008.

Action SH Ensure this review is done in August/September.

5. Proposal to scrap (or reduce) membership cards for 2007

The task of getting membership cards out to every individual member is particularly time-consuming. SH is very behind on this having prioritised time towards other activities. It was agreed that we would scrap the membership cards for 2007 – but offer to provide them to any individual that has some specific need for physical proof of membership.

Action SH – to publicise this and deliver cards/physical receipt to anyone that needs one.

6. European Ultimate Federation

On Sunday 29th July there will be an EFDF meeting in Southampton that will – amongst other things – discuss a proposal to create a new European Ultimate Federation. The proposal was circulated to the UKUA Board ahead of this call, and there was a brief discussion about the idea.

It was agreed that whilst there were a few questions about how this Federation would work – which can be addressed at the EFDF meeting – it was, overall, very positive that there was some significant effort going into improving coordination of ultimate across Europe. SH, BO, AB and Felix Shardlow will attend the meeting on behalf of the UKUA.

7. UKUA Board 2008

Board members were encouraged to consider what their plans for 2008 would be in order that we start recruiting new players to UKUA positions over the coming months.

There was also a further discussion on the apparent difficulty of getting individuals to help and take on some responsibility within the sport.

Action ALL – provide three names of potential candidates for working on the Board or in other UKUA roles by end of August so that we can take a more direct approach to recruiting help!

8. AOB

Date and time of next Board call: Wed 5th September at 21:00 (note change of time to 9pm).