



Minutes of UKUA Board meeting – 19 Dec 2007

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1. Attendance

Present: Laura Pearce (Chair), Barry O’Kane, Si Hill, Jaimie Cross

Apologies: Adam Batchelor, Sam Lord, Hannah Nistri, Kev Lowe, Dom Hall, James Melzack

SH reported that Adam does not intend to stand for election to the Board in 2008.

2. Finances 2007, 2008

SH reported that we expected to be close to break even for 2007 – but that there were some payments that could fall either side of the year that might affect this: notably payment for Ultimatum 2007 and payment for the EUC DVDs. DH will clarify these decisions when we complete the annual accounts in the early part of 2008.

3. Annual Conference

Further to the Board report, SH apologised for not having done enough to promote the conference which has left us in a position where only one person has expressed any interest in attending.

To date we have seen the conference as having two main goals:

- (i) a face-to-face meeting for members of the Board and other volunteers with specific UKUA roles
- (ii) an opportunity for members of the UKUA in general to hear more about what is going on, express their views, etc

There is apparently little proactive interest for the conference as-is and so there was a decision to cancel/postpone the event in January and focus on the first of the two goals listed above.

We agreed that we would create a face-to-face meeting aimed at members of the Board and people holding some of the non-Board roles. There was some discussion regarding the logistical issues of gathering those people in one place – and we decided to try the day before Tour 0 – i.e. Friday 14th March – mostly for the following reasons:

- This is more efficient for most people in terms of travel if they are going to be at T0
- This would be after the election of a new Board
- This would still be in time to make decisions that would affect the 2009 season

Clearly using a weekday has its risks and downsides – but we decided to try it.

4. UKUA Goals discussion

There was further, broad discussion on this topic following the presentation circulated by SH prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that:



- The basic logic/approach made sense.
- JC would go through the document and make some revisions/suggestions (Action JC).
- We should aim to use it as a basis to come out of the meeting in March (see above) with some clear statements about areas of activity that are “must do”, “like to do” and “not going to do”.

We discussed the potential for making incorrect assumptions about what people want – but the feeling was that we probably had enough correct information to make worthwhile progress and that improving and increasing the input from players could be ongoing without stopping the process.

5. Organising beach ultimate

With an increasing amount of national team beach ultimate going on players are looking for us to ensure that we do a good job of managing the GB teams. We decided to create a new voluntary role of Beach Ultimate coordinator.

Action SH to write short description for role and advertise for players that might want to take it on.

6. Elections

It was noted that we are running late with elections but that it was worth taking time to improve the process with a view to help attract new people.

Action SH: create a set of simple job descriptions for Board positions

Action SH: create description of the UKUA organisation highlighting the non-Board roles

Action SH: create a timetable for the elections and start advertising for candidates

Action BO: Work with SH and possibly Andrew Taylor to ensure we have a web-based voting system that will make it extremely simple for people to cast votes whilst still ensuring that we know that only members can vote.

7. WFDF election

It was agreed that the voting decisions proposed by SH were acceptable.

8. Medical advisor role

SH reported a need to clarify Usamah Jannoun’s role with the GB teams as he (Usamah) has found the position somewhat frustrating so far with a lack of direct communication from players – and little feedback or requests for help from them.

Action SH: make it easier for Usamah to communicate with all the GB players, and get GB captains to provide more support to him in the task of trying to minimise injuries that are carried for long periods of time. In particular he wants to make sure we don’t have players that take injuries to Vancouver that could have been treated if tackled effectively. We agreed that we would give him more help to achieve this directly with the players.

9. Next meeting

TBD by email.