

Minutes of BUSA Tenpin Start of Season General Meeting

Date: 7th October 2007

Venue: Room S0.18, Social Studies Building, Warwick University

Minutes taken by Stephen Kershaw, BUSA Tenpin Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Kris/Kit Wright, BUSA Tenpin Chair, at 14:19.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first full meeting since the dissolution of the UCTBA and the creation of BUSA Tenpin.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Christina White (Ex-student President), Will Britton (Tenpin Collator), Rob Pullinger (Tournament Co-ordinator), Chichester, Essex, Imperial and Surrey.

1.1. Attendees

Member clubs: Sheffield (1), Teesside (2), Hull (1), Leeds (1), Liverpool (1), Warwick (2), Loughborough (1), Portsmouth (1), Southampton (2), Birmingham (1), Sheffield Hallam (1), Manchester (1), Nottingham Trent (2), Kings College London (3), Nottingham (2), Brunel (2).

Individual members: None

SMG Executive: Kris Wright (Chair), Lindsay Dixon (Vice-Chair), Stephen Kershaw (Secretary for students), Dan Vannaisingham (Secretary for ex-students), David Cowcher (Treasurer), Rob Lewchenco (Press Secretary), Anne-Marie Turner (Cup Collator).

It was noted by the chair that Kings College London, a new club, were present and that Chichester, another new club, had had a successful recruitment with 96 members.

1.2. Vote on waiving of fines for non-attendees

It was voted unanimously to waive fines for Christina and Will as apologies were sent. It was voted by majority that Rob Pullinger's fine of £12.50 be enforced due to repeated non-attendance at General Meetings.

Chichester's fine was waived (unanimous) as the Council heard that Chichester were a newly formed club whose committee of 3 were all unable to attend due to weddings and holidays. Surrey's fine was waived (unanimous) as the future of the club is uncertain. Essex's fine was waived (unanimous) as efforts were made by this small club and apologies were made for the last minute withdrawal due to work commitments. Imperial were fined £50 in absentia (majority) as insufficient explanation was offered for non-attendance.

2. Collection of Club Contact Details

The meeting began informally at 14:05 with a role call, distribution of paperwork and the confirmation and collection of contact details from all present.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the End of Season Meeting were approved. However, Teesside noted that Teesside as a word contains two occurrences of the letter s, rather than one.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Matters arising from the minutes of the EOSM were covered in order.

4.1. 2006-2007 Outstanding Fines and Affiliation Fees

4.1.1. Affiliation Fees

Liverpool (£120), Loughborough (£120), Nottingham Trent (£120), Teesside (£60)

Affiliation fees: Liverpool will pay as soon as possible, Teesside will pay when solvent, Loughborough are investigating the matter as their Union should have paid, Trent claimed poverty and offered no resolution. It was voted unanimously that the collection of unpaid affiliation fees should be pursued.

4.1.2. Fines

Kent (£25), Liverpool (£25), Nottingham Trent (£50), Teesside (£25)

Unpaid fines were noted for Kent (£25), Liverpool (£25), Nottingham Trent (£50), Teesside (£25). Lindsay (vice-chair) proposed that these fines be waived due to poor minutes and accounts making the origin of the fines unclear. It was noted that this is not a situation to be repeated.

4.2. Motion 1 - Secretary position on SMG Executive

It is proposed that, as the Ex-Student element of the merger has not yet been agreed upon, we retain two Secretaries until the next General Meeting: one for the students (Stephen Kershaw) and one for the Ex-Students (Dan Vannaisingham).

The motion that Stephen Kershaw should remain as the student Secretary and Dan Vannaisingham as the ex-student Secretary was passed unanimously.

At this point David Cowcher was confirmed as Treasurer by unanimous vote as the withdrawal of Dawn was noted.

4.3. Election of Cup Secretary

It was proposed that the Cup Collator was both willing and capable of also assuming the duties of the Cup Secretary and as such Anne-Marie Turner was duly elected by unanimous vote.

4.4. Coaching Scheme

Lindsay Dixon announced that it was with regret that the coaching scheme (a grant of 50% of the cost of a coaching qualification to member clubs under the UCTBA) was to be discontinued this year due to lack of funds. Kit noted that the scheme may be reintroduced when finances are reappraised in the future.

At this point some attendees queried the lack of reserve funds as in previous years reserves had stood at the level of £2000 or more and the coaching scheme was intended to reduce the surplus, though few clubs took advantage of the scheme. The Executive explained that the reasons for the decline in reserves were unclear but efforts would be made to answer this, with an action of enquiring with previous UCTBA committee members, including Rob Pullinger, to resolve all outstanding financial matters from the UCTBA.

4.5. Motion 2 – Representative Programme Committee

Proposed by Scott Maciver

I propose that there should be two non-playing coaches/mentors for the rep matches to help and assist the Team Manager and also the two captains as in the past too much has been put on captains. These mentors could assist with selection, looking at prospective bowlers over the BUSA weekend, helping with arrangements of rep matches (who is available, hotel arrangements, transport arrangements etc) then at the match can assist in deciding who plays when and support the team on the lanes. One of these mentors could help with the mens team, while the other assists with the women's team.

Motion 2 was summarised by Scott Maciver, noting that the matter had been raised at the EOSM. Discussion followed, with Kit proposing that the motion be rejected as the current constitution provides for an assistant to the Team Manager and enforcing more would increase costs from expenses. It was voted unanimously to drop the motion and keep the current provision in the constitution.

On the same topic, Kit reminded the Council that two interested parties had made themselves known at the EOSM; Chris Manders and Pete Simmons. In the absence of both Chris and Pete, Kit confirmed that he knew that Chris was still interested and in his opinion was a good candidate, with coaching qualifications, BUSA representative & captaincy experience and current involvement in trying to raise the profile of BUSA & arranging competition at an international level. The Council voted that the position of Assistant Team Manager be offered to Chris Manders.

5. Reports from SMG Executive

Rob Lewchenko provided a report on his progress since election as Press Secretary. He distributed copies of an article published in *Go Tenpin* and offered apologies that, regretfully, credit for the photo by Kenneth Lee and other assistance had been omitted. Rob also reported that he now has an account with the *Talk Tenpin* website, where he has already submitted an article on the EOSM and will follow-up with a similar report on the SOSM. He has been contacted by a gentleman from the *Junior Bowling* website, who offer content for bowlers under the age of 24 and would like to extend to cover student bowling. Rob proposed to co-operate and provide content, in the absence of objections, of which there were none. The final item was that he would like to go ahead with Will's idea of compiling feedback forms to report the performance of bowling alleys during tournaments. Dave Cowcher asked that it was considered whether the alleys would be made aware of this beforehand.

6. BUSA Tenpin Cup

6.1. Motion 3 - Format of Cup

Motion 3 (see below) provided a replacement section to revert the Cup format to that used last year – initial division of clubs into North and South regions. Approved unanimously.

6.2. Cup Entries

Brunel (possibly tied with Surrey), Chichester, Essex, Kings, Imperial, Portsmouth, Southampton, Warwick, Hull (tied with Teesside), Leeds (possibly tied with Leeds Met.), Liverpool, Nottingham (tied with Trent), Loughborough, Manchester and Sheffield (tied with Hallam) were all confirmed as competitors in the Cup. The agenda moved on as the draw was prepared. After the draw Anne-Marie requested that teams provide her with as many details as possible before leaving and update her as soon as fixtures are arranged. Lindsay also requested the completion of the forms distributed at the start of the meeting and attached to the agenda.

6.3. Cup Groups

Groups were drawn by a member from a club from the other region (e.g. the draw for North was conducted by a member of Kings College London, a southern team).

South				
Group A	Warwick	Essex	Brunel	Portsmouth
Group B	Chichester	Kings	Imperial	Southampton
North				
Group A	Liverpool	Manchester	Nottingham	-bye-
Group B	Hull	Loughborough	Sheffield	Leeds

6.4. Cup Fixtures Dates

The calendar was discussed later and clubs gathered after the meeting had ended to swap details and arrange fixtures.

6.5. Motion 4 – Clarification of Cup Individual Average Award Conditions

CUP 37.0 should be changed from:

“To qualify for an individual average trophy bowlers must have played in at least two thirds of the matches played in his or her Team.”

to:

“To qualify for an average trophy bowlers must have played in at least two thirds of the matches played by his or her Team over the whole of that season’s BUSA Tenpin Cup.”

- Last season there was debate as to the interpretation of this rule. The award was given to someone who had played two thirds of their team’s games since they had been registered as an honorary halfway through the season rather, than two thirds of all their club’s matches.

Motion 4 was passed unanimously.

7. Clarification of Honorary System

Lindsay offered to clarify remaining questions on the honorary system.

Andrew Want (Birmingham) raised an issue with the current definition of an honorary in the constitution, which specifies that they are Individual Student Members (ISM) – causing problems if, as in his situation your club has a team who may not compete, in which case one cannot be an ISM. Andrew and Kit observed that it would take some effort to resolve, with several changes, and hopefully there were few people affected, with Kit stating that ‘Andrew is unique’.

Anne-Marie reminded everyone that honoraries must be registered seven days in advance of playing, as per the constitution.

Teesside asked whether sabbatical officers were allowed to compete. General consensus from the Exec was that, as in the past, if allowed by BUSA general regs, it would be fine. General recollections were that it was fine in the past.

8. Tournament Calendar

The tournament calendar (as provided by Rob Pullinger) was announced.

It was mentioned that the quarter finals may be better in February (further from the Easter break) but after the BUSA Championship, so avoiding the exam season.

Hull intend to hold their tournaments on 10th/11th (May?) due to problems booking lanes for the bank holiday weekend of the 3rd/4th as stated on the calendar.

The involvement of Imperial in running London Trios was brought into doubt after recent communications.

It was raised by Kit that perhaps this year the Masters could be held on a Saturday with the Student/Ex-student Challenge match on the Sunday, followed by the EOSM; met by no objections. Kit also mentioned that Peterborough had enjoyed hosting events last year and would welcome our return.

9. Tournament Administration Fees

Lindsay reminded everyone of the new system of split fees between tournaments (£40 lump sum or £2 per person per tournament) and Cup (£90 for club participation).

10. Tournament Entries

10.1. Tournament Entry Process

Tournament entry procedure was added to the agenda to allow discussion of issues, for example there were problems last year with people submitting entries via the forum. Lindsay made everyone aware that, due to cash-flow problems, 'cash on the day' is less likely to be allowed. James 'Thumper' Larkin (Trent) requested that proper and official receipts are provided for every tournament as reclaiming monies from unions can be hard without good receipts.

10.2. Motion 5 – Trial of Online Entry System

It is proposed that the Executive be allowed to trial an online entry system for the Student Section of the Manchester Matchplay Singles Tournament in January (Motion will also be submitted to the Ex Students at their next meeting)

Lindsay proposed that an online entry system be trialled at the Manchester tournament, which was met with unanimous approval. Dave Tarrant (Southampton) offered to assist as his league system (see later) could easily accommodate such an entry system.

11. Requirement to Submit University League Scores

11.1. Online League System Tarrant

Presentation: Dave

Dave Tarrant demonstrated the online league management system that he has created with others at Southampton. Southampton have used the system for three years and it has worked very well. He demonstrated a few features and offered to set up accounts for anyone interested if they contacted him at davetaz@gmail.com. Interest was widespread.

12. Motion 6 – Document Management and Minor Revisions Process for Constitution

Motion 6, proposing a mechanism to allow for faster revisions to the constitution, was passed unanimously after a brief discussion.

13. Any Other Business

It was mentioned that Brunel and Kings may be interested in running London Trios together, as the involvement of Imperial was uncertain. Previous interest from the Ex-Students in hosting a tournament was also raised and noted.

14. Acknowledgements

Thanks to Ed Callow & Tom Callow of Warwick University Students Union and Ste Lovelady of Warwick University for organising the excellent venue and to Lindsay for organising the meeting.

Motion 3 – Format of BUSA Tenpin Cup

It is proposed that CUP 18.0 to CUP 23.0 be replaced by the following:

Qualifying Rounds

- CUP 18.0 Teams shall be grouped regionally for the qualifying rounds.
- CUP 18.1 The groups shall be agreed at the Start of Season General Meeting
- CUP 18.2 Based upon an entry of 16 Teams, there shall be 4 groups, which are nominally designated as:
- CUP 18.2.1 Northern Region A
 - CUP 18.2.2 Northern Region B
 - CUP 18.2.3 Southern Region A
 - CUP 18.2.4 Southern Region B
- CUP 19.0 The clubs will be split into two groups on a geographical basis (Northern and Southern Regions) at the discretion of the Tenpin Cup Committee
- CUP 19.1 The splitting of teams between group A and B for each region will be done by means of a draw.
- CUP 20.0 The Cup Secretary shall maintain a list of Teams within each group.
- CUP 21.0 Within a group, each team shall play every other team once at a neutral venue.
- CUP 22.0 All qualifying round matches must be completed no later than Sunday 10th December 2007.
- CUP 22.1 Matches not completed, for whatever reason, by the date stated shall be declared void with no points being awarded to either side.
- CUP 22.2 Team Captains will not be able to add or make amendments to the results of qualifying round matches on the BUSA Tenpin website after 13th December 2007. In exceptional circumstances and only with written consent of the Cup Committee, fixtures may be granted an extension beyond the fixture cut-off date.
- CUP 23.0 A Team claiming a walkover must notify the opposition in writing prior to the walkover being put onto the BUSA Tenpin website.
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