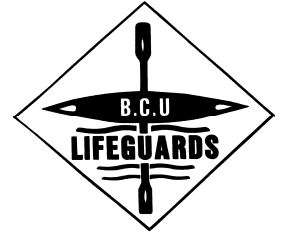


# British Canoe Union Lifeguards

## *National Committee*



**To:** All BCU Lifeguards, BCU Lifeguard Units & Affiliated Clubs, Committee Members, Aquatic First Aid Coaches and other interested parties,

**RE: Recommended new BCU Lifeguard National Committee**

At our recent committee meeting we discussed the original committee restructuring proposal at great length, looking at the different roles and responsibilities that an effective committee have to cover. As a result of our very productive discussions we have now revised the committee structure that we originally proposed. We believe that this new proposed structure will ensure more effective management, development and support for all aspects of Canoe Lifeguards.

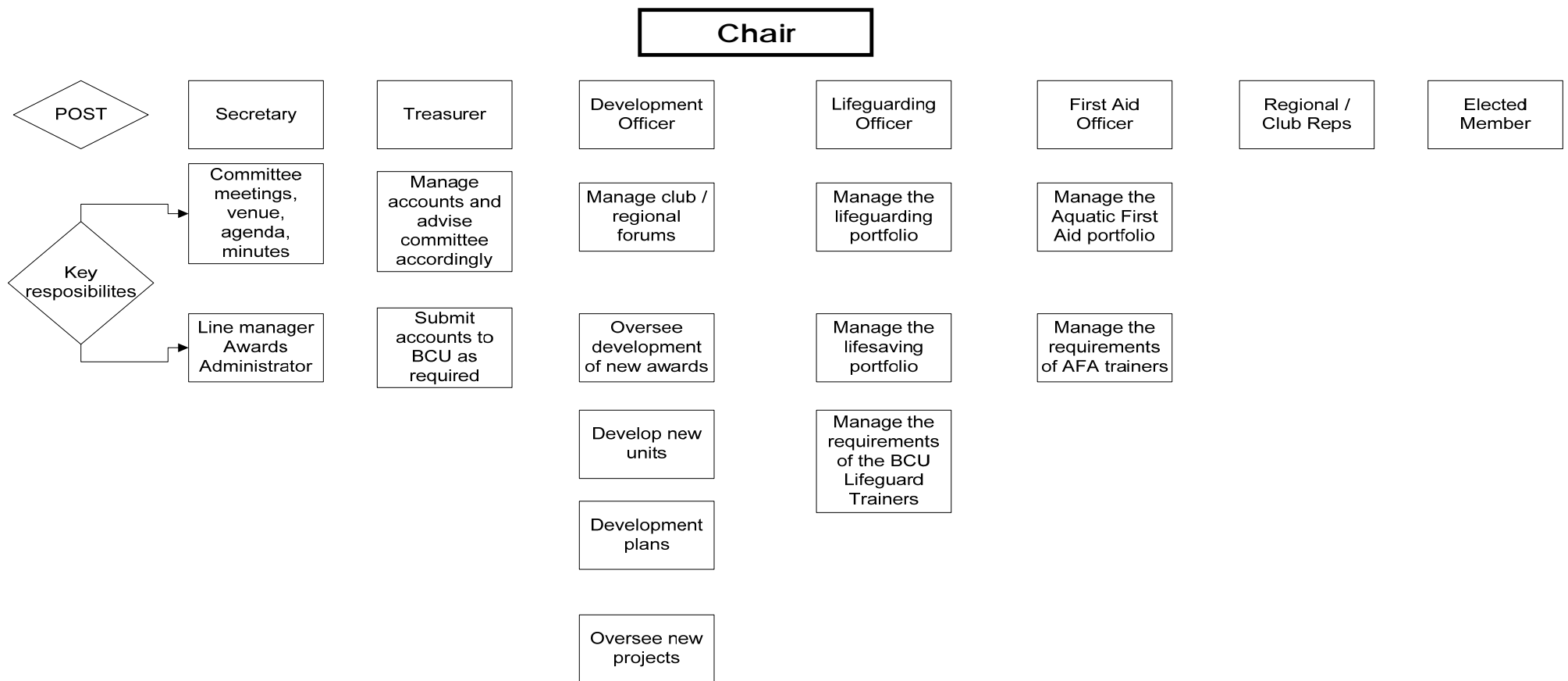
On behalf of the committee I would like to propose that this structure be adopted at the forthcoming ECM in September. Take a look and let us know what you think.

Warm Regards

**Andy Walters**

Chairman

BCU Lifeguards



The Chair will manage the 5 committee officers and 1 elected member, with all officers reporting directly to the chair.

The Chair will also have overall responsibility for safeguarding responsibilities.

The Chair will have responsibility for ensuring liaison with other disciplines and Canoe England/English Council, although this may be delegated.

It is envisaged that all of the officers will have other individuals below them carrying out specific tasks, and then reporting back to their respective officer, who will in turn report back to the committee. Task & finish groups for specific projects will also be setup and managed by a lead officer.

Other individuals can be co-opted onto the committee without voting rights to carry out specific tasks (eg publicity) and report directly to the chair.

**Regional/Club Reps**

Within the new structure, as with the current structure, regional and club reps will be invited to attend all National Committee Meetings. However, to ensure a balanced and objective committee, there may only be two members from each Lifeguard unit eligible to vote on any one agenda item.

This ensures that no single club is able to make national decisions without the support of other clubs or committee officers. The two votes per unit include any officer positions held, with these officers taking precedence in voting rights over those of others who may be attending as regional or club reps.

**Reason for change**

The committee feel very strongly that the need for structural change within the BCU Lifeguards is fundamental in allowing the future of the BCU Lifeguards to be secured, and to enable them to deliver governance as required. It's felt that a streamlined committee with more 'Task and Finish' working groups would enable the committee to react faster, whilst allowing more communication and interaction with its clubs and members.

**The next stage**

The committee has now agreed the new structure internally and are now recommending to the membership that the new structure be approved at the Extraordinary Consultative Meeting (ECM) that will be held in September prior to the Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM). Should the new structure be adopted at the ECM, elections of officers will be in line with the new structure.

# Change of Structure of BCU Lifeguards Committee

Ref: ECM-1-12-Sept-2010

## Discussion/Information

The committee feels very strongly about the need for structural change within the BCU Lifeguards committee. It is fundamental in allowing the future of the BCU Lifeguards to be secured, and to enable the national committee to continue to deliver governance and development in an effective way. The 'idea' behind the new structure is to get the committee to work smarter, using volunteers' time in the best possible way, removing the need for them to be directly involved in the day-today administration of the committee. The use of 'task & finish' groups for new awards and projects is also a way the committee feel that its members' time can be used more effectively, utilising specialist skills without necessarily requiring long term commitment, or a committee role. This is in line with the changes that are currently happening nationally in relation to committee structures, both within disciplines and on a national level. Thirdly, it's felt that a streamlined committee with more 'task & finish' working groups would enable the committee to react faster, whilst allowing more communication and interaction with its clubs and members.

## Voting Point

Do we accept the new structure.

See above document for details on proposed new committee structure.

Yes		No	
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If you are unable to attend and wish to comment/vote on this topic please send this completed form to the [secretary@bculifeguards.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bculifeguards.org.uk)

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