



Executive Committee meeting

11 May 2026: summary notes

Key points discussed

AGM

- Feedback from the AGM was reviewed.
- It was noted that there is some work needed to ensure club administrator records are kept up to date and BDA communications are reaching the correct contacts.

Policies and frameworks

- The updated water safety policy is close to completion and will be shared with Exec for review. It was agreed that 2026 will be an implementation year, with full enforcement expected from the next racing season.
- Clubs will be required to have a safe method of working in place, supported by a suitable risk assessment.
- Templates and guidance will be made available to help clubs meet the new requirements.
- Club membership renewal processes will be updated so clubs confirm they agree to follow BDA policies when renewing their membership.

O1 training

- Interest in O1 training continues to grow, with requests received from clubs for roadshow visits and training opportunities.
- Further information about O1 training and use will be prepared and shared with clubs.

GB

- Financial support for GB crews attending Munich was agreed.
- A hardship fund request was approved.

Officials

- Officials' arrangements were reviewed, including payments, accommodation, training and recruitment.
- Clearer information about the benefits and opportunities available to officials will be developed and published on the BDA website.
- Work continues to strengthen recruitment and support for officials.

Racing and events

- Plans were being developed for junior racing at the Manvers event, including medals.
- Event entry processes will be reviewed to ensure accessibility requirements can be identified in advance so that appropriate support can be provided.
- Positive feedback was received on the livestream from Stockton. Further improvements will be explored and feedback will be sought from clubs before decisions are made about future livestreaming.
- Further clarification around men's and women's racing will be communicated to crews, including helm and drummer requirements for the rest of the 2026 season and at Nationals.

BDA 40th anniversary

- The BDA's 40th anniversary event has been launched to members through the newsletter. Questions raised by members regarding attendance arrangements and event logistics are being considered as planning progresses.

Club development fund

- Applications relating to powerboat training, junior paddles and trailer support were reviewed. Funding was approved in some cases, while other applications require further information or alternative solutions to be explored.

Other business

- Digital membership cards on the BDA platform were discussed and approved. These will allow membership details to be checked more easily at events.
- A dedicated area of the BDA website is being considered to provide information on coaching, courses, safeguarding and qualifications.
- A nomination for the current Exec vacancy has been received and will be considered by Exec members.
- A high-level update was received on IDBF matters, with further information awaited.

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 1 June at 7pm via Teams.