

30th September 2008 meeting between Sailing and Powerboating Club and Chris Rees VP Sports

Present: Edward Steele, Jonathan Frary, Peter Johnson, Owain Hughes, Chris Rees, Tracy Priestman (minutes)

Chris Rees read the following statement:

“We’re here today regarding an incident that happened in Vue2 prior to the summer of 2008, which includes one Peter Johnson of the UPSU Sailing and Powerboat Club.

It was stated by Alex Harris prior to the summer that it should be a committee decision to resolve this. The decision was made by Robert Cowell (Commodore Of the Club 2007/08) and last year’s committee that (and I quote): ‘Pete Johnson will no longer serve on the committee this year or ever again. He will also not be able to compete for the coming year. He will be allowed to take part as of September 2009’.

This decision was made in May of this year. However, since being involved in this situation and understanding the difficulty the club would be in if Peter was not to participate then I believe I must over rule this decision.

Despite little evidence to suggest that Peter Johnson was in fact out of order on the particular night in Vue2 and then the many references in support of Peter’s good qualities, I can only give a formal warning, not only to Peter but to every single Club, including their committee’s and member. All students that participate in sport and those who represent UPSU must understand that UPSU do not tolerate racism or any type of discriminatory behaviour what so ever. If however, an incident of similar effect happens again (with valid evidence) then UPSU will have to take disciplinary action.”

All members of the Sailing and Powerboating Club present agreed that they understood and accepted the decision of Chris Rees.