



Meeting 2015B of the BHPA Executive Council

These minutes of the meeting are not to be taken as a full record of the meeting of the Directors of the BHPA Ltd.

Meeting held on Sunday 7th June 2015 at 8 Merus Court, Leicester LE19 1RJ

Present

Marc Asquith
Bill Bell
Ed Cunliffe
Martin Heywood
Brett Janaway
Adrian Thomas
Angus Pinkerton

In attendance:

Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Richard Shaw
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

Martin Baxter
Ian Curren
Paul Dancey
John Nash
John Welch
Angus Langford

There was a brief discussion with elected members only where Michelle and Marc discussed a personnel matter.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Martin Baxter, Ian Curren, Paul Dancey, John Nash and John Welch.

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Item 7 Delete everything after the first sentence.

Item 11 Delete everything after the first sentence.

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J Shaw amended to J (Richard) Shaw

With the above amendments the minutes were approved.

ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING

2014 – A4 Closed

2014 – B2 Closed

2014 – B4 Martin Heywood has written a report to be included in the next club bulletin. Closed

2014 – B6 Martin Baxter to include a note in Skywings. Closed

2014 – C1 Closed

2015 – A1 Closed

2015 – A2 Ian's report confirmed that the test rig is unsuitable to use for load testing paragliders without considerable investment. Closed

2015 – A3 Closed

ITEM 4: REPORT ON MEMBER R LITIGATION

Martin Heywood recapped on the background behind the member R litigation for Richard Shaw's benefit.

Martin Heywood confirmed that our solicitors would be responding to member R with a formal defence offering an appropriate apology and compensation. As the case against Ed Cunliffe and Vincent White is weak they are also applying a cost order against him and for the case to be struck out.

Martin Heywood clarified that under Part 36 (offers to settle) if member R does not accept he may end up receiving less and also being responsible for both sets of legal costs

ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It was agreed that member R would be allowed to renew his membership and a renewal form would be issued.

ITEM 6: HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

It was unanimously agreed to award honorary memberships to Jennie Burdett and Mark Dale for their service to the BHPA.

ITEM 7: TANDEMS

Brett raised concerns that we give tandem licences out too easily and expressed a wish to adopt the more thorough approach used in other countries. Angus Pinkerton suggested that this was a matter for the FSC to discuss.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B1) Angus Pinkerton and FSC to consider tandem licencing.

Brett raised a request for the price of tandem day tickets to be reduced considerably or scrapped altogether. Those who offer tandem flights believe the £15 is unreasonable and are not completing the paperwork correctly or collecting the money. Angus Pinkerton pointed out that ANO section 59 requires us to make the passenger a member.

The impact on revenue of changing the fees is difficult to ascertain, as we are not able to differentiate between tandem and other day members. It was suggested that we could alter the membership books to allow them to be identified but this could not happen until April 2016.

It was agreed to review the matter again in January 2016 once the insurance caps for tandem members has been formalised.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B2) Dave Thompson to investigate what other countries pay for day tickets. Also what they do if an accident happens in UK jurisdiction and what sort of payouts are involved.

ITEM 8: ONLINE VOTING

All agreed that the quotes that had been provided were too expensive.

Marc had run an informal poll on Facebook and members' responses were of the same accord.

It was agreed that we would accept scanned copies of forms at the next election and that we would put the voting form online.

ITEM 9: REPORTS

9.1 Finance

Angus Langford's written report was included in the folder.

9.2 FSC

9.2.1 Angus Pinkerton reported that the new technical guys are settling in well and have already changed some procedures. Between them they have completed seventeen school inspections and are planning a Senior Instructor course for later in the year.

9.2.2 He confirmed that the BHPA's response to the GA ANO Consultation (CAP 1271) had been submitted.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B3) Michelle Lanman to circulate a copy.

9.2.3 The technical team have updated the Speed Flying Syllabus and flights can now take place on smaller hills. Trials are continuing with seven further schools taking part.

9.2.4 Dave reported on an tandem incident involving Nick Bamber and a nine year old girl in which membership books had not been completed. Both Nick Bamber and his school have been suspended pending further investigation by the FSC.

9.2.5 Mark gave a brief presentation about the use of a G Force Trainer, prompted by the fact that one in France is coming available to purchase. It was deemed that at £50,000 to £60,000 it was not a suitable investment for the BHPA.

9.2.6 Bill queried the progress on SDDR towing and the proposal made to the CAA. Angus informed him that each case would be looked at on an individual basis and that we need one to put forward as a test case.

9.3 Insurance

Martin Heywood confirmed that we are still waiting for policy documents to be produced.

He has also had contact with the CAA to reassure them that our Microlight cover is in place.

9.4 Sites

Martin Baxter's written report was included in the folder.

It was noted that the site fund balance would need transferring to the new trust once they have a bank account.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B4) Michelle Lanman to transfer funds.

9.5 Skywings

Joe reported back in Paul's absence on his request for a 10% increase in his budget. It was agreed that Skywings is the face of the Association and the increase was approved.

Discussions were held about the magazine going online in some format.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B5) Paul Dancey to investigate methods of putting Skywings online.

9.6 Website

It was agreed that we should offer PayPal payment options on the online shop.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B6) Paul Dancey to look at adding PAYPAL to the shop.

9.7 Competitions

Adrian had nothing further to add to his written report.

Richard Shaw confirmed that the World Championships will be held in August next year and asked for support. Marc confirmed that we will have a presence there and suggested Richard provide us with a list of what help he would like. It was suggested he liaise with Brett who has experience in running large events.

9.8 External Representation

John Nash was not at the meeting and there was no discussion.

9.9 School Liaison

John Welch was not at the meeting and there was no discussion.

9.10 Paramotor Liaison

Ed confirmed that an airprox between a helicopter and Paramotor had been reported a few weeks ago but no further information has come to light.

There have been complaints of low flying in Wells-next-the-Sea's harbour and the management there have involved the police.

9.11 Admin

Marc's written report was included in the folder.

ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Richard Shaw advised that the Paramotor Team were considering buying a coach, and asked for any input. Brett and Adrian advised that they had gone down that route in the past and discovered it was not cost effective. They advised using hired mini-buses and trailers.

10.2 In his absence Martin Baxter had asked for the subject of Kriss Burdett's IT support to be discussed. It was felt that with Kris's work commitments he was unable to provide the level of service we need and that we should look for support elsewhere.

FOR ACTION: (2015 – B7) Marc Asquith to write to Kriss thanking him for his work.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 15.30.

ACTIONS – OPENED, CONTINUING

WHO	NUMBER	WHAT	STATUS
Angus Pinkerton	2015 – B1	Angus and FSC to consider tandem licensing.	Continuing
Dave Thompson	2015 – B2	Investigate what other counties pay for day tickets. Also what they do if an accident happens in UK jurisdiction and what sort of payouts are involved.	Continuing
Michelle Lanman	2015 – B3	Circulate our response to GA and ANO consultation.	Continuing
Michelle Lanman	2015 – B4	Transfer site funds to new account	Continuing
Paul Dancey	2015 – B5	Investigate putting Skywings online.	Continuing
Paul Dancey	2015 – B6	Add PayPal option to shop.	Continuing