



Meeting 2017C of the BHPA Executive Council

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Meeting held on Friday 10th November 2017 at 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ.

Present

Marc Asquith
Martin Baxter
Bill Bell
Martin Heywood
Angus Langford
Angus Pinkerton
Richard Shaw
Adrian Thomas
John Welch

In attendance:

Ian Curren
Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

Ed Cunliffe
Paul Dancey
Brett Janaway

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Ed Cunliffe, Paul Dancey and Brett Janaway.

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes were approved with minor amendments.

ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING

2016 – A3	Continuing
2016 – C4	Continuing
2016 – C8	Continuing
2016 – C11	Closed
2016 – C13	Continuing
2017 – A1	Closed
2017 – A4	Continuing
2017 – B1	Continuing
2017 – B2	Closed
2017 – B3	Closed
2017 – B4	Closed
2017 – B5	Closed
2017 – B6	Closed
2017 – B7	Continuing
2017 – B8	Closed

Marc Asquith confirmed that the AGM would be held at the Nottingham Belfry on Saturday 17th February 2018. Exec Council members standing down will be Ed Cunliffe, Brett Janaway, Angus Pinkerton and Adrian Thomas.

ITEM 4: DECLINING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Article 3 of the BHPA's Articles of Association, it was agreed to decline any application to renew membership from two members.

ITEM 5: PILOT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

David Thomson had circulated a progress report prior to the meeting.

The software for the Pilot Development Structure is now in its final stages of development and testing. However progress with writing, collation and editing of the content has lagged behind. It has become clear that relying solely on volunteers and the Technical Officers to generate the content was somewhat optimistic.

The Pilot Development Panel consider the best way forward would be to sub contract a Content Manager, to co-ordinate the collation of content and manage its integration into the website. To fund this position the panel wished to apply to the BHPA for £11,000, this would cover someone working three days a week for a six-month period.

The funding was agreed in principle with the proviso that the terms of the position were acceptable to F&GP.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C1) David Thomson to agree on the terms of contract for a Content Manager with F&GP.

ITEM 6: SCOPE OF INSURANCE POLICY

Whilst attending the World Air Games in Oludeniz Ian Curren had been asked about the limits of the BHPA insurance policy, and whether it covered activities like SIV, Acro flying and D Bagging from dual gliders.

Martin Heywood pointed out that if an activity is documented in the Technical Manual then it would be covered, currently none of these activities Ian mentioned are.

Ian mentioned that there is currently a structure in place that could be used to teach acro flying, however a syllabus would need to be developed. Angus Pinkerton suggested this should be considered by the FSC using the formal procedure for new activities.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C2) Ian Curren to respond that a trial is possible but it should be formalised through the FSC.

ITEM 7: STAFF SALARIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

This matter was referred to F&GP for discussion.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C3) F&GP to discuss staff salaries and subscriptions.

ITEM 8: RAeC AWARDS

BHPA nominations were discussed and agreed.

ITEM 9: ISSUES ARISING FROM ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Marc Asquith gave a thorough update on the police involvement in investigating the towing accident suffered by Steve May earlier this year.

Normal procedure is for the police to refer an incident to the AAIB who in turn would refer it to us. However in this case the police force involved have a serious collision unit and are conducting their own investigation.

Marc met with the AAIB to discuss their position that 'there is no legal requirement for anyone to investigate' incidents, with the hope they would moderate this to reflect the BHPA expertise, as it allows the police to intervene. Unfortunately it looks unlikely this will happen.

A letter was forwarded to the Chief Constable via Marc Asquith's local Member of Parliament, highlighting the waste of police time investigating this incident. A response has not been forthcoming.

Marc also obtained independent legal advice as the officer involved indicated that he was looking for a criminal prosecution. The advice was that members should not sign statements, something the officer in question is still trying to get them to do.

Our investigations are complete and the cause confirmed as pilot error, other specialists have confirmed this. The police are still investigating and we await developments.

ITEM 10: GASCO

Bill Bell asked Exec to consider raising the BHPA's voluntary contribution to GASCO. He felt that GASCO presented us with a good opportunity to educate others about our sport.

After some discussion it was decided to continue at the current level of contributions.

ITEM 11: WILLS AND LEGACIES

Bill Bell had circulated an update on his progress to date.

He had hoped to be able to present a proposal to establish a charitable foundation. However after reviewing a 2003 paper from the Charities Commission, he discovered that they do not see gliding, parachuting or 'extreme sports' as acceptable charitable aims. His concern was whether we continued down the charitable fund route, or found an alternative method of holding the funds.

The general consensus was that we should make an approach to the Charities Commission before looking at alternatives.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C4) Bill Bell to approach the Charities Commission with a proposal.

ITEM 12: AEROCHUTE AND INTEGRATING CAA INSTRUCTORS

Ian Curren gave a brief history of Aerochute UK, who imports Raider Aircraft from Australia. The Raider Aircraft is a simple portable powered aircraft with a wheeled undercarriage unit and a ram-air parachute.

Aerochute UK is owned and run by Wayne Kimberlin, who is a CAA Instructor and Examiner on powered parachutes. His is the only active school training on this type of aircraft in the UK. He is BMAA approved but considers the BHPA has a lot to offer and would like to become a BHPA registered school. Wayne is a BHPA Microlight member and has attended a combined club coach, instructor and senior instructor course.

One of the main issues in moving forward with this is obtaining insurance cover for Microlight training, which is currently excluded. Martin Heywood felt that as the insurance was due for renewal it was an opportune time to try and get an endorsement for this.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C5) Ian Curren to forward a paper on Microlight training to be included in discussions for the insurance renewal process.

ITEM 13: REALLOCATION OF AIRSPACE LIAISON DUTIES

It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the FSC.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C6) FSC to reallocate airspace liaison duties.

ITEM 14: LLSC TINTO HILL

Marc Asquith had been contacted by LLSC Chairman, Alistair Bowman, regarding a loan of £11,000, which was given to them to purchase land at Tinto Hill, near Lanark, in 2000. The loan had been given by the Reggie Spooner Trust, with no intention of it being repayable.

Alistair had become aware that the Reggie Spooner Trust had become dormant and was concerned that it could make dealing with the LLSC land difficult in the future. After discussions with Reggie Spooner's son, Nigel, it was agreed that the best course of action was to transfer the creditor's interest under the security deed to the BHPA.

At a recent LLSC committee meeting the club decided they would like to repay the loan.

It was agreed that the best place for the money to be repaid, would be the Sites Fund.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C7) Marc Asquith to contact Alistair Bowman and suggest payment is made to the Sites Fund.

ITEM 15: REPORTS

15.1 Finance

Angus Langford held a brief discussion with elected members only to discuss his forecast for the end of this financial year and for next.

15.2 FSC

Angus Pinkerton gave a brief overview of the FSC activities since the last meeting.

15.2.1 School Inspections: there have been a considerable number carried out, however more are needed.

15.2.2 Incidents: there has been an increase in the number of incidents reported compared with previous years, this is because members are becoming more used to the online reporting system. A third of the incidents reported were non-injury. There have however been five fatalities this year, one of which was a non-BHPA member.

12.2.5 Training Courses: several courses have been run, including a Senior Instructor Course, and Display

Evaluations. More are planned including a combined Coach / Instructor course in Annecy.

12.2.6 WG6: the new version of the harness standard has been accepted.

15.3 Insurance

Martin Heywood noted that the insurance renewal is due, he will report back once negotiations are complete.

It was noted that for legal reasons Dave Thompson needs to ensure incident reports are saved in their 'raw' state, as well as the amended version he currently keeps.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C8) Dave Thompson to save copies of incident reports before amending them.

15.4 Sites

Martin Baxter's report had been circulated, he highlighted that some changes were needed on the Sites Donation Form.

FOR ACTION: (2017 – C9) Martin Baxter to amend the Sites Donation Form.

15.5 Skywings

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated

15.6 Website

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated.

15.7 Competitions

Bill Bell's report had been circulated; he indicated that he would be looking for increased funding in the future.

15.8 External Representation

The next EHPU meeting will take place in Slovenia.

15.9 School Liaison

No report available.

15.10 Paramotor Liaison

No report available.

15.11 Admin

Marc Asquith's report had been circulated.

ITEM 16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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ACTIONS – OPENED, CONTINUING

WHO	NUMBER	WHAT	STATUS
Marc Asquith	2016 – A3	Marc Asquith to look at the feasibility of holding a chairman's dinner	Continuing
Marc Asquith	2016 – C4	Marc Asquith to report to F&GP on Romero life and personal injury insurance.	Continuing
Ian Curren / Mark Shaw	2016 – C8	Ian Curren and Mark Shaw to review the Dual Flying Factsheet with reference to tandem acro paragliding.	Continuing
Marc Asquith	2016 – C13	Marc Asquith to discuss the details of the reciprocal agreement with Ski Club GB.	Continuing
Martin Heywood	2017 – A4	Martin Heywood to produce an Equal Opportunities Policy.	Continuing
Marc Asquith	2017 – B1	Marc Asquith to write to Mark Jenkinson regarding his breach of BHPA rules.	Continuing
Martin Heywood	2017 – B7	Martin Heywood to produce a document re EEA cover to pass on to Martin Mansley.	Continuing
David Thomson	2017 – C1	David Thomson to agree on the terms of contract for a Content Manager with F&GP.	Open
Ian Curren	2017 – C2	Ian Curren to respond that an acro flying trial is possible but it should be formalised through the FSC.	Open
F&GP	2017 – C3	F&GP to discuss staff salaries and subscriptions.	Open
Bill Bell	2017 – C4	Bill Bell to approach the Charities Commission with a proposal.	Open
Ian Curren	2017 – C5	Ian Curren to forward a paper on Microlight training to be included in discussions for the insurance renewal process.	Open
FSC	2017 – C6	FSC to reallocate airspace liaison duties.	Open
Marc Asquith	2017 – C7	Marc Asquith to contact Alistair Bowman and suggest payment is made to the Sites Fund.	Open
Dave Thompson	2017 – C8	Dave Thompson to save copies of incident reports before amending them.	Open
Martin Baxter	2017 – C9	Martin Baxter to amend the Sites Donation Form.	Open