



Meeting 2016B 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 Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 8 Merus Court, Leicester, LE19 1RJ.

Present

Marc Asquith
Bill Bell
Ed Cunliffe
Paul Dancey
Martin Heywood
Angus Langford
Judith Mole

In attendance:

Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

Martin Baxter
Ian Curren
Brett Janaway
Angus Pinkerton
Adrian Thomas
John Welch

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Martin Baxter, Ian Curren, Brett Janaway, Angus Pinkerton, Adrian Thomas and John Welch.

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Exec Minutes 2016A

The minutes were approved without amendment.

AGM Minutes 2016

The minutes were approved without amendment.

ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING

2015 – B3	Closed
2015 – C2	Continuing
2015 – C7	Closed. Pension scheme is in place.
2016 – A1	Closed
2016 – A2	Closed
2016 – A3	Continuing
2016 – A4	Closed
2016 – A5	Continuing

ITEM 4: AGM

It was agreed that the AGM should be held with the BGA, as in previous years.

ITEM 5: SDR TOWING UPDATE

Bill Bell gave a brief update. The trike, which was commissioned by Donald McKenzie, has been built and Donald has a letter from the CAA which he believes gives him the go ahead to start testing. Once this is completed we will have a specification for a trike, which we can work with going forward.

Marc Asquith raised concerns regarding the airworthiness of these aircraft, and the effect they would have on our insurance. It is important that there is an annual sign off of the maintenance schedule for each craft, but who will do this is an issue that needs some consideration.

ITEM 6: AIRSPACE CONSULTATIONS

Bill Bell raised a concern that although we are members of FASVIG we are not getting involved enough in airspace consultations. Marc Asquith pointed out that Tom Hardie does a lot of work in this area of which people were unaware, but if Bill was happy to help out he should liaise with Tom to that effect.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B1) Bill Bell to contact Tom Hardie re airspace consultations and the BHPA's involvement in discussions.

ITEM 7: SOFTWARE FOR PILOT

DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE

David Thomson had forwarded a proposal to the Exec asking for approval of a budget to begin development of software for the Pilot Development Structure.

It was recognised that although there has been a great amount of time and effort invested in this so far we still need to establish the concept more fully, and perhaps continue to use paperwork in the interim. We need confidence of deliverability, and at present the aspirations were not specific enough.

Marc Asquith suggested that we should break the software down into modules and create a tender document for the first module to gauge an idea of the costs that will be involved. This was agreed, and Judith Mole volunteered to communicate back to David Thomson and assist with the tender document.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B2) Judith Mole to work with David Thomson to produce a tender document for the first module of the software for the Pilot Development Scheme.

ITEM 8: CAA PROPOSAL RE PARATRIKES

A discussion was held in Ian Curren's absence about his proposal to de-regulate paratrikes. Currently pilots are required to obtain an NPPL (M), which can be a high hurdle to achieve, and hence take up is very poor. Consequently many are flying without suitable training or knowledge of air law. The proposal is to make a BHPA rating available to the users of lightweight paratrikes to ensure they are properly trained, qualified and therefore insured.

After discussion it was agreed to pursue this.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B3) Joe Schofield to print a statement in Skywings that the BHPA are actively looking into covering paratrikes.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B4) Ian Curren to write a proposal for the CAA regarding the de-regulation of paratrikes.

Marc Asquith raised the issue of tandem paramotoring and that it had never been approved by the FSC. Mark Shaw pointed out that he had been approached at Parafest by people who felt we were falling behind the times by not covering this.

After discussion it was agreed that we were not opposed to covering tandem paramotors, however a full safety evaluation was needed, together with a section writing for the technical manual by experienced practitioners.

ITEM 9: PARAFEST

Marc Asquith, Ian Curren, Mark Shaw and Ed Cunliffe had all attended Parafest and thought it had been a very successful event. Marc felt it was important that if the event happened again we should have a bigger presence there. Roughly 80% of the attendees had not been BHPA members and it would be a good opportunity for us to recruit.

ITEM 10: REPORTS

10.1 Finance

Angus Langford gave a brief overview of the report he had circulated. He was happy that finances were looking healthy and was hopeful that we may be able to hold off increasing members' subscription fees.

He commented that he was intending reviewing Exec expenses.

10.2 FSC

No report had been issued.

Dave Thompson commented that there have been two recent fatalities. The first of which had involved a member paramotoring in Ireland, for which the report was still pending. The second fatality was not a member and had occurred at Devil's Dyke.

Mark Shaw gave an update on WG6. The €8000 secretariat costs, which had been in dispute, have been paid by FFVL. Mark felt they would be looking for us to make a contribution to this.

10.3 Insurance

No report had been issued.

Marc Asquith commented that there were two low risk activities that he thought we should look into insuring, single seat balloons and single seat sailplanes.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B5) Martin Heywood to investigate extending our insurance cover for single seat balloons and single seat sailplanes.

10.4 Sites

Martin Baxter's report had been circulated.

10.5 Skywings

Paul Dancey gave an overview of the report he had issued.

10.6 Website

Paul Dancey reported that the viewings of the online version of Skywings were disappointing considering the number of people who asked for it. Older issues will start to be freely available from next month and it will be interesting to see if this affects the number of hits.

There was a discussion about whether we should publicise the fact that the magazines are available to all once they are six months old. It was agreed that Marc Asquith would post the fact on Facebook.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B6) Marc Asquith to post on Facebook that Skywings editions over six months old can be viewed on the website without a password.

10.7 Competitions

Bill Bell's report had been circulated.

10.8 External Representation

Marc Asquith reported that there is a Royal Aero Club meeting coming up soon.

Bill Bell Confirmed he is still attending GASCO meetings and felt it was important we raise our profile by continuing to do so.

10.9 School Liaison

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

10.10 Paramotor Liaison

There was no discussion.

10.11 Admin

Marc Asquith's report had been circulated.

ITEM 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Judith Mole commented that the profiles for Exec members on the website were considerably out of date. It was agreed that they would be updated.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B7) All Exec members to update their website profiles.

11.2 Judith Mole informed the Exec that she had been working with Martin Baxter on improving the look of his BHPA Presentation. She had added a section entitled "What the BHPA does for me" and was keen for the Exec members to review and add to if necessary.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B8) Judith Mole to circulate to Exec members for amendments.

11.3 Bill Bell suggested that the BHPA should publicise methods for members to leave the Association bequests in their wills. He felt it was important that we put something in Skywings and that we also produce a set of draft words to be used.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B9) Bill Bell to produce an item for Skywings regarding legacies.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – B10) Martin Heywood to draft the wording for members to use for bequests.

There was a brief session with elected members only to discuss personnel issues.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

ACTIONS – OPENED, CONTINUING

WHO	NUMBER	WHAT	STATUS
Martin Heywood	2015 – C2	Martin Heywood to consider insuring schools abroad and report back at next meeting.	Continuing
Marc Asquith	2016 – A3	Marc Asquith to look at the feasibility of holding a chairman's dinner	Continuing
Bill Bell	2016 – A5	Bill Bell to review Richard Shaw's proposal on funding and report back.	Continuing
Bill Bell	2016 – B1	Bill Bell to contact Tom Hardie re airspace consultations and the BHPA's involvement in discussions.	Opened
Judith Mole	2016 – B2	Judith Mole to work with David Thomson to produce a tender document for the first module of the software for the Pilot Development Scheme.	Opened
Joe Schofield	2016 – B3	Joe Schofield to print a statement in Skywings that the BHPA are actively looking into covering paratrikes.	Opened
Ian Curren	2016 – B4	Ian Curren to write a proposal for the CAA regarding the de-regulation of paratrikes.	Opened
Martin Heywood	2016 – B5	Martin Heywood to investigate extending our insurance cover for single seat balloons and single seat sailplanes.	Opened
Marc Asquith	2016 – B6	Marc Asquith to post on Facebook that Skywings editions over six months old can be viewed on the website without a password.	Opened
All Exec	2016 – B7	All Exec members to update their website profiles.	Opened
Judith Mole	2016 – B8	Judith Mole to circulate the BHPA Presentation to Exec members for amendments.	Opened
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