



Meeting 2016A of the BHPA Executive Council

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Meeting held on Saturday 27th February 2016 at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham.

Present

Marc Asquith
Martin Baxter
Bill Bell
Ed Cunliffe
Paul Dancey
Martin Heywood
Brett Janaway
Angus Langford
Judith Mole
Angus Pinkerton
Adrian Thomas
John Welch

In attendance:

Ian Curren
Michelle Lanman
Mark Meadows
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Richard Shaw
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

None

Marc Asquith opened the meeting by welcoming Judith Mole.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes were approved without amendment.

ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING

2015 – B3	Continuing
2015 – C1	Closed
2015 – C2	Continuing
2015 – C3	Closed
2015 – C4	Closed
2015 – C5	Closed
2015 – C6	Closed
2015 – C7	Continuing
2015 – C8	Closed
2015 – C9	Closed
2015 – C10	Closed
2015 – C11	Closed
2015 – C12	Closed
2015 – C13	Closed
2015 – C14	Closed. Angus Pinkerton to pass amended wording to Michelle Lanman.
2015 – C15	Closed
2015 – C16	Closed
2015 – C17	Closed

ITEM 4: POST AGM

Marc Asquith commented that it was good to see the AGM so well attended. He asked for a letter of thanks to be drafted to John Nash.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – A1) Michelle Lanman to draft letter of thanks to John Nash.

It was agreed that Martin Heywood would take over the role of company secretary and that Marc Asquith would be our RAeC representative. Judith Mole will learn the ropes over the next few meetings and assist with improving communications with the membership.

ITEM 5: FLYER LIVE 2016

After discussion it was agreed that it was not cost effective to have a stand at Flyer Live 2016. However, as he would be attending in another capacity, Richard Shaw offered to promote the association.

Ed Cunliffe asked about our presence at other events. It was decided the technical officers would attend Parafest but we would not have a stand there, and we would not attend the PPG World Championships.

ITEM 6: SSSDR TOWING

Ian Curren gave a brief update on the progress made with SSSDR towing. We are in a position to begin building and start work on an operations manual and inspection. There are still hurdles to overcome with the CAA, but things are progressing.

ITEM 7: CONSUMER COMPLAINTS NOT COVERED BY BHPA RULES & REGS

Dave Thompson raised a concern that we are getting regular complaints from people who are having issues with our schools. At present we inform them that we regulate the sport only and refer them to Trading Standards. The technical officers feel this is not adequate. We have certain CFIs who bring the sport into disrepute and they would like rules in place to deal with this.

Martin Heywood pointed out that it is very difficult to come up with suitable rules. At present referring them to Trading Standards and the Small Claims Court covers this best.

Marc Asquith pointed out that we are now in a position to decline a membership and this would help when dealing with complaints.

ITEM 8: HUMAN POWERED FLIGHT PROJECTS IN UNIVERSITIES

Ian Currer circulated a letter from one of our members, Gareth Evans, who has been working with two universities making Human Powered Aircraft as part of a degree course. He was asking a number of questions including whether the BHPA logo could be used on starter packs or promotional material for UK universities. Marc Asquith confirmed we would be happy for that to happen, subject to approval. Marc asked Ian Currer to respond to the letter.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – A2) Ian Currer to write to Gareth Evans in response to his letter.

ITEM 9: NEW TRUSTEE FOR FLYABILITY

George Ransome proposed that Caroline Williams be approved as a new Trustee. Marc Asquith explained that the Trustees for Flyability were subject to BHPA Exec approval.

There being no objections this was approved.

ITEM 10: IRISH PILOTS WISHING TO COMPETE AS UK PILOTS

Brett Janaway explained that places to compete had been over subscribed this year. To help reserve places for British pilots a rule had been put in place that the pilot must hold a British passport, be a member of the BHPA and be resident in the UK. An issue had arisen with a pilot who wanted to compete but holds an Irish passport and an Irish sporting licence but lives in the UK.

Marc Asquith pointed out that the event was category 2 and that the FAI would look at his sporting licence and the

nationality shown there. It wasn't our rules but that of the FAI that needed upholding.

Marc updated the Exec on the issue of a transgender paraglider pilot who wanted to compete as a female. This had been refused as we adopted the Olympic rules on gender. However the FAI have taken a different route and are happy to have gender proved by paperwork e.g. passport. The person in question has now come forward with a British passport stating she is female, so has met the FAI criteria. We have no alternative but to accept that is suitable.

ITEM 11: REPORTS

Reports had been discussed during the AGM.

ITEM 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Marc Asquith asked for approval to consider funding a chairman's dinner for past BAPC / BHGA and BHPA chairmen. He felt this was a way of showing appreciation for their contribution to the sport. Dave Thompson suggested this could be extended to a 25-year celebration for all members and we could sell tickets to help fund the former chairmen attending.

A dinner of some sort was agreed in principle, subject to cost.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – A3) Marc Asquith to look at the feasibility of holding a chairman's dinner.

12.2 Ian Currer asked whether we could have a limited access area on the website for instructors. Marc Asquith suggested the FSC should talk to Paul Dancey.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – A4) Ian Currer to speak to Paul Dancey re providing a limited access area on the website.

12.3 Richard Shaw asked about funding for competitions. He has produced a proposal for Bill Bell to put forward. It was agreed Bill would review and report back.

FOR ACTION: (2016 – A5) Bill Bell to review Richard Shaw's proposal on funding and report back.

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
Michelle Lanman	2015 – B3	Open new bank account for site funds and transfer from old account.	Continuing
Martin Heywood	2015 – C2	Martin Heywood to consider insuring schools abroad and report back at next meeting.	Continuing
Angus Langford	2015 – C7	Angus Langford to set up pension scheme.	Continuing
Michelle Lanman	2016 – A1	Michelle Lanman to draft letter of thanks to John Nash.	Opened
Ian Currer	2016 – A2	Ian Currer to write to Gareth Evans in response to his letter on Human Powered flight.	Opened
Marc Asquith	2016 – A3	Marc Asquith to look at the feasibility of holding a chairman's dinner	Opened
Ian Currer	2016 – A4	Ian Currer to speak to Paul Dancey re providing a limited access area on the website.	Opened
Bill Bell	2016 – A5	Bill Bell to review Richard Shaw's proposal on funding and report back.	Opened