



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Limited will be held at the The Belfry Hotel, Mellor's Way, Off Woodhouse Way, Nottingham, NG8 6PY on Saturday 25th February 2017 at 11.00am for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31 March 2016.
2. To elect by ballot five members to the Executive Council from the following five candidates:
  - M. Asquith
  - M. Baxter
  - P. Dancey
  - A. Langford
  - R. Shaw
3. To re-appoint Clear & Lane as auditors and to authorise the Executive Council to fix their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

M. Heywood, Company Secretary.  
340 Melton Road, Leicester.

### Notes:

1. Only Full, Concessionary and Honorary Members are entitled to vote. A voting member is entitled to appoint a proxy, who MUST be a member who is otherwise entitled to vote, to attend, speak and vote instead of him. Proxy forms must be lodged with the Leicester office not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.



## Form of Proxy for Annual General Meeting

I, \_\_\_\_\_ BHPA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(FULL NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)  
of \_\_\_\_\_

being a Full Member of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Ltd hereby appoint (See Note 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Chairman of the Meeting as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 11.00am on Saturday 25th February 2017 and at any adjournment thereafter.

Please indicate with a cross (X) in the relevant space provided whether you wish your votes to be cast for or against the resolutions set out in the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of specific directions your proxy will vote or abstain as he thinks fit.

Resolution 1 That the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31st March 2016 be approved.

FOR	AGAINST

Resolution 2 That five members be elected by ballot and appointed to the Executive Council from the following five candidates:

M. Asquith  
M. Baxter  
P. Dancey  
A. Langford  
R. Shaw

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Resolution 3 That Clear & Lane be re-appointed as auditors and the Executive Council be authorised to fix their remuneration.

FOR	AGAINST

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

Notes: 1. If it is desired to appoint any person other than the Chairman of the meeting, his name and address should be inserted in the relevant place, reference to the Chairman should be deleted and the alteration initialled. A proxy must be a Full Member who is entitled to vote in his own right.

# Candidates for Election

## **Marc Asquith**

I have been flying hang gliders since 1977 and paragliders since 1986. Over the years I have been a club secretary and a professional hang gliding and microlight instructor. I have flown in national and international competitions and was, on one occasion, a member of a UK HG Team. I was first elected to the Council of the BHGA in 1989 and have served, with a short gap, on Exec. ever since. Over the years on Exec. I have served as PR Officer, Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Admin Director, Chairman and Treasurer. I currently hold the position of Chairman for a second time. I am committed to ensuring that the BHPA continues to promote all the disciplines within its ambit and provides a cost effective service to its members.

## **Martin Baxter**

I've been flying paraglider for more than 20 years. I'm an ex-military pilot with a background in flight safety, and Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales HPC.

I've been Sites Officer for the last 4 years. Dragging the hugely outdated Sites Database into this century has been like trying to run through treacle, but we have made good progress and I would like to see the job through. Keen to improve the BHPA's image, I produced a PowerPoint presentation which is available from the BHPA office; ideal for club nights.

I make every effort to keep my expenses to a minimum.

## **Paul Dancey**

I first joined the BHPA Executive Council in 1998, and am currently responsible for the day to day management of Skywings and the BHPA web site. I took up hang gliding and joined the SE Wales club in 1989, and was later elected to the club committee. Until finally retiring from the committee in 2016, I served in a variety of capacities including magazine editor, secretary and chairman. I was heavily involved in the purchase of the Blorengge, and remain keenly interested in site and access issues. I also spent 5 happy years working for the Welsh Hang Gliding Centre in the 1990's, and am a past chairman of the Welsh Sports Association, current Secretary of the Welsh Free Flight Federation, and a Director of the Welsh Table Tennis Foundation.

## **Angus Langford**

I am a chartered accountant and for the past 25 years have been finance director of a number of different companies and am currently FD of techUK. I have been the treasurer of the BHPA for the past 9 years during which time we've maintained the stability of the BHPA's finances despite the difficult operating environment. I've been interested in flying all my life and took up paragliding 16 years ago. Like most of our members I'm a weekend pilot though, blessed with an understanding wife, I usually get to fly abroad for at least a couple of weeks every year.

## **Richard Shaw**

I have been flying paragliders and paramotors since 2001 and organising comps since 2007. I have a passion for the sport, so much so that I am currently training to be an instructor.

I believe the work of the BHPA is essential in safeguarding the sport for all to enjoy, hence my application to join the Executive Council.