



Meeting 2022C of the BHPA Executive Council

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Meeting held on Friday 11th November 2022 at 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester LE19 1RJ, commencing at 10.30am.

Present

Marc Asquith
Martin Baxter
Bill Bell
Jenny Buck
Paul Dancey
Angus Langford
Angus Pinkerton
Tom Prideaux-Brune

In attendance:

Ian Currer
Brett Janaway
Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Dave Thompson
Steve Young

Apologies:

Ed Cunliffe
Julie Drake
Martin Heywood

There was a brief discussion with elected members only present, where Marc Asquith and Michelle Lanman gave an update on personnel matters. Angus Langford also presented his financial forecast for 2024.

The attendees then joined the meeting.

Marc Asquith welcomed Brett Janaway and Steve Young to the meeting.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Ed Cunliffe, Julie Drake and Martin Heywood.

No contact had been received from Gareth Bird.

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Exec meeting held on Wednesday 29th June 2022 were approved without amendment.

ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING

2018 – B1	Continuing
2020 – A11	Continuing
2021 – B7	Continuing
2021 – B13	Continuing
2022 – A1	Closed

2022 – B1	Closed
2022 – B2.	Closed. To be discussed later in the meeting.
2022 – B3.	Closed. Mark Dale wished to adhere to the original agreement. The updated Pilot Handbook will be re-printed December 22 / January 23.
2022 – B4.	Closed. On hold at present.
2022 – B5.	Closed
2022 – B6.	Closed
2022 – B7.	Closed. A media page has been developed in draft form.
2022 – B8.	Closed. The link for day memberships has not been placed on the first page of the website. The concern is that people will sign up before the event rather than on the day they are training.
2022 – B9.	Closed

ITEM 4: GASCo

Bill Bell explained that GASCo are in financial difficulties but, contrary to rumours, are not going out of business. They have lost the main contract they had with the CAA but have agreed a smaller contract with them going forward. Their long term plan is to move away from being so reliant on the CAA for funding.

They are interested in electronic conspicuity and would like to raise awareness of this.

ITEM 5: DRONE RELATED AIRSPACE

Bill Bell raised concerns that there seem to be a large number of drone companies appearing that have little knowledge of airspace. Exclusion zones are proliferating without awareness of what is around them, and consultation periods are short. Could we be doing more to publicise them?

Joe Scofield explained that lead times on Skywings would make this difficult.

Mark Shaw commented that he receives ACP notifications by email and notifies the relevant clubs however he does not patrol the ACP web portal so some may be missed.

ITEM 6: PRESS OFFICER

It was agreed that the new media page will fulfil this role. Any press enquiries will be referred to the page where there will be contact numbers for volunteers who are willing to speak to them.

ITEM 7: MILEAGE RATES

Martin Baxter asked for an update of the review undertaken by F&GP on volunteer mileage rates. Angus Langford explained that although staff mileage rates had been altered it was felt that volunteer rates should remain in line with HMRC.

ITEM 8: BHPA FOUNDATION

Minutes of the BHPA Foundation meetings were circulated and the appointment of trustees approved.

It was agreed that Bill Bell would act as secretary with assistance from the office.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C1) Bill Bell to act as secretary for the BHPA Foundation with assistance from the office.

ITEM 9: ONLINE FORM & DATABASE

Angus Langford explained that he had been reviewing the current database with a view to replacing it. A possible contender has been found. There is a considerable amount of work now needed to detail our requirements before we can go out to tender.

ITEM 10: DIVERSITY IN PARAGLIDING

A proposal had been circulated to the Exec from Rhian Ebrey, Dean Crosby, and Alfie Bowen. Their aim being to increase the number of young female and BAEM (black and ethnic minorities) pilots in paragliding and retain them once qualified.

It was agreed that the BHPA would support the initiative

although we would be unable to offer any funding.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C2) Marc Asquith to contact Rhian Ebrey and give an update on Exec's discussion.

ITEM 11: EXEC MEMBERS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION AT NEXT AGM

It was agreed that Jenny Buck, Paul Dancey and Tom Prideaux-Brune would stand for re-election.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C3) Jenny Buck, Paul Dancey and Tom Prideaux-Brune to provide a brief paragraph about themselves for the AGM voting papers.

Marc Asquith reported that Julie Drake has decided to stand down.

It was noted that Gareth Bird last attended an Exec meeting on 17th June 2021 and although apologies had been received for the meeting held on 10th October 2021 none had been received for the last two. In line with the Articles of Association it was unanimously agreed that his office be vacated.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C4) Marc Asquith to contact Gareth Bird to inform him that his position on the Exec council had been vacated.

ITEM 12: AWARDS – BHPA & RAeC

Nominees were discussed and selected.

ITEM 13: REPORTS

13.1 Finance

Angus Langford's report had been discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

13.2 FSC

13.2.1 Angus Pinkerton reported that the Technical Team have just run the first parachute packing course without Bill Morris, a second one will run at the end of the month.

13.2.2 Mark Shaw commented that the CAA have published its finalised Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) and we are included.

13.2.3 We had a visit from the CAA as part of their 'Community in Spotlight' initiative, this gave us an opportunity to explain how the Association works.

13.3 Insurance

Martin Heywood's report had been circulated.

We are waiting to hear whether Aspen will renew our policy on 1st January 2023 and if so, what the cost will be.

13.4 Sites

Martin Baxter's report had been circulated.

13.4.1 The Air Law Firm wrote to Natural England to clarify the advice given to the National Trust regarding SSSI locations. They advised that a licence is needed to fly SSSI sites, this must be applied for by the landowner.

A meeting has been arranged of the Major Land Owners Group, including RSPB and Natural England, to discuss the growing issue of 'Recreational Disturbance' on SSSI locations. Martin will offer advice.

13.4.2 Martin had been approached by the Royal Air Force to write an article; this was approved.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C5) Martin Baxter to write an article for Air Clues.

Inaccuracies in an AIRPROX report between a model glider and a HG have led to a member complaining to the UKAB about Article 16 Authorisation (allowing models over 7.5kg to fly above 400' AGL). Martin will draft a letter to the BMFA for consideration by Marc.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C6) Martin Baxter to write a draft letter to the BMFA for consideration by Marc.

13.5 Skywings

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated.

13.6 Website

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated.

13.7 Competitions

Jenny Buck's report had been circulated.

13.7.1 Jenny commented that all the panels have been excellent in maximizing competition outputs over the summer and planning opportunities into next year. Andy Shaw deserves a nod of recognition for his contribution.

13.7.2 Brett Janaway reported that CIVL are struggling financially. It is thought they will increase registration fees

to around €1000 which will make attending competitions unviable.

13.8 External representation

13.8.1 Marc Asquith explained that the RAeC had held a discussion to find ways of funding the medals and awards ceremony. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend.

13.8.2 FAI Central are now leaner and meaner, costs are tightly controlled, resulting in increased competition costs.

13.9 Paramotor Liaison

Nothing to report.

13.10 Admin

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

ITEM 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Ian Currer circulated a paper on QR codes. He provided an example which could be made small enough to be placed on a helmet sticker. This generated emergency details which would be useful in the event of an accident. It was agreed that this would be worth pursuing.

FOR ACTION: (2022 – C7) Ian Currer and Michelle Lanman to liaise over adding QR codes to helmet stickers.

14.2 Martin Baxter asked what plans were in place to replace Marc Asquith as chairman once he stood down. Jenny Buck was asked to give some consideration to standing.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.35pm.

ACTIONS – OPENED, CONTINUING

WHO	NUMBER	WHAT	STATUS
Marc Asquith / Angus Pinkerton /Michelle Lanman	2018 – B1	Marc Asquith, Angus Pinkerton, and Michelle Lanman to review the GDPR policy document.	Continuing
Marc Asquith / Michelle Lanman	2020 – A11	Marc Asquith and Michelle Lanman to set up a working group to look at closer working relations between the BHPA and the BGA.	Continuing
Marc Asquith, Paul Dancey, Angus Langford, Michelle Lanman	2021 – B7	Marc Asquith, Paul Dancey, Angus Langford, and Michelle Lanman to set up a working group to look at implementing a new website and database.	Continuing
Marc Asquith	2021 – B13	Marc Asquith to amend the Memorandum & Articles to ensure the Exec remain quorate online during pandemic situations.	Continuing
Bill Bell	2022 – C1	Bill Bell to act as secretary for the BHPA Foundation with assistance from the office.	Open
Marc Asquith	2022 – C2	Marc Asquith to contact Rhian Ebrey and give an update on the Exec's discussion re her 'Diversity in Paragliding' proposal.	Open
Jenny Buck / Paul Dancey / Tom Prideaux-Brune	2022 – C3	Jenny Buck, Paul Dancey and Tom Prideaux-Brune to provide a brief paragraph about themselves for the AGM voting papers.	Open
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