

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER
TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2000, AT 6.30 PM

Present: Chris Allen - Chairman
Kieran Brady - Vice Chairman
Tim Andrew es
Paul Applegate
Chris Clements
Dona Crum
Mick Danby
Dave Hickling
Ian Midgley
John Saunders
John Smyth
Lofty Thomas
Richard Tregaskes

In attendance: Debbie Carter - Treasurer
Lesley Gale - Editor, Skydive Mag
Tony Butler - Technical Officer
John Hitchen - NCSO
Sharon Norris - National Administrator
Jane Doughty - Secretary

Observers: Brian Dyas
Ian Marshall
Craig Poxon
Charles Ross

The Chairman, on behalf of Council sent sympathy to Chris Gauges family and wife.

ITEM MINUTE

001/00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Mike Allum and Tye Boughen.

002/00 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EGM HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 1999

Mr. Midgley proposed that the minutes of the EGM held on Tuesday 7th December 1999, be accepted as a true record, seconded by Mr. Saunders and carried unanimously.

Approved

003/00

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 1999

Mr. Smyth pointed out to Council that there had been an error made in the minutes, on page 5, item 069/99. He stated that the FAI certificates mentioned for John Hitchen and Adrian Nicholas should not have been mentioned under this item, and should be removed from it, also that the Silver Medals awarded to Pete Allum and Simon Ward had been omitted.

Mr. Applegate proposed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 1999 be approved (with the above mentioned changes), seconded by Mr. Tregaskes and carried unanimously.

Approved
Action: BPA Office

004/00

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 1999

Page 6, item 073/99 'B'. The chairman stated that this section of the meeting would be held in 'camera'.

Mr. Hickling proposed that Ian Marshall's comments should not be published 'verbatim' in the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smyth and a vote was taken:

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 4

Carried by a majority

Mr. Saunders proposed that the members concerned be invited to a meeting of arbitration (perhaps consisting of a panel of 3 members of Council) seconded by Mr. Danby and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously
Action: Chairman

Mr. Marshall was invited back into the meeting, and informed of council's decision. Mr. Marshall stated that he would like the arbitration meeting to be held with all Council members.

At this point Council came out of 'camera' and all other non-Council members were invited back into the meeting.

005/00

REPORTS FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S OF COUNCIL: -

A. **To ratify the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 1999**

Mr. Midgley proposed that the minutes of the Development committee be ratified by Council. Seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.

Ratified

B. To ratify the minutes of the STC meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2000

Page 1, item 2 - There was some discussion on this matter.

Page 11, item 9 'B' - There was some discussion on this matter and Mr. Saunders was actioned with contacting the people concerned to clarify the situation with them.

Action: Mr. Saunders

Mr. Saunders proposed that the minutes of the STC meeting be ratified by Council, seconded by Mr. Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Ratified

C. To ratify the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 1999

Mr. Brady informed Council that as Mr. Thomas was unable to attend the meeting, the Committee was not quorate - therefore the meeting that taken place was not a Communications Committee meeting, but a Web Site update.

D. Verbal Report on any significant matters arising from the Competitions Committee 'Open Forum' 22nd January 2000

Mr. Smyth briefed Council on the 'Open Forum' stating that there would be rule changes in various areas of competition, and some work will be done by the Committee on how the Regional Competitions are re-scheduled.

He went on to state that the main area discussed at the forum was the 'match play' system, and holding the Nationals abroad was also discussed at length. It was found that the members present accepted and saw the necessity of keeping the Nationals in the UK for the foreseeable future.

006/00

TO RATIFY THE DEVELOPMENT, COMPETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, STC AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION PLAN MATRIX'S - 2000/2001

1. Development.

Mr. Midgley proposed the first target for the Development matrix - The analysis of the BPA Questionnaire 2000, with a budget of £1000, this was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr., Midgley proposed the second target for the Development matrix - The Office Extension, with a budget of £150,000, this was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Midgley proposed the third target for the Development matrix - The re-investment of BPA funds to a high interest, protected scheme, with a budget of £400,000, this was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Midgley proposed the fourth target for the Development matrix - To create facilities for marketing or similar courses to Drop Zone Operators, with a budget of £5000, this was seconded by Mr. Tregaskes and carried unanimously.

Ratified

2. Competitions.

Mr. Smyth proposed the first target for the Competitions matrix - To win more medals at World level Competition, with a budget of £90,000, this was seconded by Miss Crum and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Smyth proposed the second target for the Competitions matrix - A World-Class performance grant application, with a budget of £2000, this was seconded by Miss Crum and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Smyth proposed the third target for the Competitions matrix - To improve competitive standards at Junior and Intermediate levels, with a Coaches 'road-show' and a budget of £20,000, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Smyth proposed the fourth target for the Competitions matrix - To have still more judges, by holding seminars and offering trainee

judges some funding, with a budget of £12,000, this was seconded by Mr. Danby and carried unanimously.

Ratified

3. Communications.

Mr. Brady proposed the first target for the Communications matrix - The advancement of the BPA web site, so that it becomes 'self sufficient', with a budget of £8000, this was seconded by Mr. Applegate and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Brady proposed the second target for the Communications matrix - to publish Safety information on the Magazine web site with a budget of £2000, this was seconded by Mr. Applegate and carried unanimously.

Ratified

4. STC.

Mr. Saunders proposed the first target for the STC matrix - To increase the number of Instructors, with a budget of £20,000, this was seconded by Mr. Applegate and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Saunders proposed the second target for the STC matrix - To assist 50% of Clubs/Centres update SOP's, with a budget of £15,000, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Saunders proposed the third target for the STC matrix - To produce a malfunction safety video with a budget of £25,000, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Saunders proposed the fourth target for the STC matrix - The development of the new rigging manual into CD interface media, with a budget of £6,000, this was seconded by Mr. Hickling and carried unanimously.

Ratified

Mr. Saunders proposed the fifth target for the STC matrix - to hold 3 Instructor Development seminars, with a budget of £6,000, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and it carried unanimously.

Ratified

5. Administration.

Mr. Butler suggested the targets for the Administration matrix - To increase the administration efficiency, to advance the skills of the staff and to advance the skills of the senior members of staff, with a budget of £14,000, this was proposed by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Ratified

007/00 PATRON DISCUSSION

The Chairman informed Council that the Patron was unable to attend the National Championships. He went on to pledge his continued effort in having the Patron attend a Skydiving event.

008/00 CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

The Chairman informed Council that instead of a Regional Representatives report, Mr. Allum had written and distributed a brief, highlighting the 3 Regional Representatives as Kieran Brady (North), Michael Allum (Midlands) and Mick Danby, aided by Richard Tregaskes (South).

009/00 ROYAL AERO CLUB

Mr. Smyth briefed Council on the significant RAeC matters. He asked for the IPC Delegates Report be submitted to the RAeC.

Action: BPA Office

He also informed Council that Tony Knight had donated a prize to the RAeC Trust, on behalf of the BPA - Mr. Smyth thanked Mr. Knight, on behalf of Council, for his generosity.

Mr. Smyth proposed that the Association pays the RAeC subscription charge of £168.00, this was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Action: BPA Office

010/00 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION/RE-AFFILIATION

RAFSPA - Mr. Brady proposed the application for the re-affiliation of RAFSP, with a new CCI - Dave Wood be accepted, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Skydive St. Andrews - Mr. Andrewes proposed the application for affiliation of Skydive St. Andrews from Brian Dyas be accepted, this was seconded by Mr. Saunders and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

011/00 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CAA EXPOSITION**

Mr. Butler informed Council that there had been some slight amendments to the Associations Civil Aviation Authority Exposition, on the pages that illustrate the order of hierarchy within the BPA office.

Mr. Midgley proposed that the changes to the CAA Exposition be accepted by Council, this was seconded by Mr. Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Accepted

012/00 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AGM Report.

Mrs. Norris had submitted a report to Council on the AGM 2000, stating that the event had gone very well, and informing Council that she had provisionally booked the same venue for 20th January 2001. She asked Council if this date and venue was acceptable.

Mr. Midgley proposed that the date and venue be accepted by Council, this was seconded by Miss Clements, and carried unanimously.

Accepted

Council thanked Mrs. Norris for her hard work organising the event.

Letter from V-Max.

The Chairman informed Council that team V-Max had written a letter thanking the Association for its support.

Team Junction 9, had written to Mr. Saunders expressing the same sentiments.

The Chairman congratulated both Teams once again on their achievements.

Phil Gibbs letter.

The Chairman reminded Council that Mr. Gibbs had sent a further letter to Council and Vice Presidents during December 1999. There was some discussion on what action should be taken.

Mr. Brady proposed that there should be no action taken to reply to this letter, Mr. Andrewes seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Re-Affiliation of the APA.

Mr. Butler informed Council that the Army Parachute Association had an application for re-affiliation. However the paperwork had not been received into the office at that time, Mr. Butler suggested that the re-affiliation would be best dealt with at this time, rather than wait until the next meeting of Council.

Mr. Saunders proposed that the application for re-affiliation from the APA be accepted on receipt of their paperwork, this was seconded by Mr. Midgley and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hitchen informed Council of Steve Burns' accident; Council expressed sympathy, and sent their wishes to Steve and his family.

The Chairman thanked Council for their continued efficiency through such an arduous meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Distribution:

Council
Vice Presidents
Treasurer

Tony Butler - Technical Officer
John Hitchen - NCSO
Sharon Norris - National Administrator
Jon Gretton - Financial Administrator
Lesley Gale - Editor, Skydive Mag