

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
BPA OFFICES, 5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LECIESTER
TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2000, AT 6.30 PM

Present: Chris Allen - Chairman
Mike Allum
Tim Andrewes
Paul Applegate
Tye Boughen
Chris Clements
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 Knight - BPA Shop
Tony Butler - Technical Officer
Martin Shuttleworth - Office Manager
Glen Turnbull - Development Officer
Jane Doughty - Secretary

Observers: Ian Marshall
Craig Poxon

ITEM MINUTE

022/00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Mr. K Brady, Ms. D Crum and Mr. J Hitchen (who was away on BPA business), and an apology for lateness from Miss C Clements, who arrived at 6.35 p.m.

023/00 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2000

Mr. Midgley proposed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2000 be approved. Mr. Applegate seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Approved

024/00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000

Page 2, 015/00 - item 04/00. The Chairman informed Council that the mediation meeting that had been arranged had been cancelled at the last minute - as Mr. Marshall was unable to attend. The Chairman informed Council that Mr. Boughen

had taken time off of work to attend this meeting. The Chairman went on to state that Mr. Marshall had requested that a further meeting be arranged. The Chairman asked Council for guidance on this matter?

There was some discussion concerning this matter. Mr. Boughen stated that he would not be willing to take more time off of work to attend another meeting.

After a great deal of further discussion, Mr. Andrewes proposed that the mediation meeting take place directly following the meeting of Council. Mr. Danby seconded the proposal.

Mr. Smyth counter proposed that Council vote to decide if the matter should be heard in front of the whole of Council. Miss Clements seconded the proposal.

Mr. Midgley counter, counter proposed that this matter was nothing to do with Council and therefore should not be discussed. Mr. Saunders seconded the proposal.

Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Midgley's proposal:

For: 4 Against: 7 Abstentions: 1

Not Carried

Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Smyth's proposal:

For: 4 Against: 6 Abstentions: 2

Not Carried

Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Andrewes' proposal:

For: 8 Against: 3 Abstentions: 1

Carried by a majority

The Chairman reminded both parties that they could, if they wished nominate a member of Council to attend the meeting with them. Mr. Boughen stated that he did not require any other Council member to attend the meeting with him, and Mr. Marshall nominated Mr. Allum.

025/00

TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE SUB COMMITTEE'S OF COUNCIL: -

To ratify the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 April 2000

Mr. Midgley asked Council if they had any points that they would like to raise? No points were raised. Mr. Midgley proposed that Council ratify the minutes, Mr. Thomas seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Ratified

To ratify the minutes of STC meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2000

Mr. Saunders asked Council if they had points to raise concerning the minutes of the meeting? Mr. Butler pointed out that on page 8, item 9, Condition 5. Should read: - Pilots must be on oxygen above 10,000 ft AMSL, and all parachutists must be on oxygen above 10,000 ft AMSL when taking part in HAJ's. Mr. Saunders stated that the amendment would be made. Mr. Saunders went on to propose that Council ratify the minutes (with the above-mentioned amendment). Mr. Applegate seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Ratified

The Chairman also brought the 'Injury Statistics 1999' report by Dr. John Carter, to Councils attention.

Note: *This part of the meeting was held in 'camera'.*

Mr. Boughen proposed that the report be passed to STC. Mr. Midgley seconded the proposal, and it carried unanimously.

Action: STC Agenda

Mr. Hickling also requested that Mr. Saunders - as Chairman of STC, open communications with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Action: Mr. Saunders

Note: *The council meeting then came out of 'camera'.*

To ratify the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2000

Mr. Midgley (in Mr. Brady's absence) asked Council if they had points to raise concerning the minutes of the meeting? The Chairman pointed out that the 'action' on page 1, item 4a, was in fact for Mr. Brady and not for himself - he stated that he had spoken to Mr. Brady and made him aware of it.

Mr. Midgley proposed that the minutes be ratified by Council (with the above-mentioned amendment). Mr. Thomas seconded the proposal, and it carried unanimously.

Ratified

To ratify the minutes of the Competitions Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2000

Mr. Smyth asked Council if they had points to raise concerning the minutes? No points were raised. Mr. Smyth proposed that the minutes be ratified by Council. Mr. Applegate seconded it and it carried unanimously.

Ratified

The Chairman reminded the Office that Target Skysports were still waiting for a cheque, as a deposit for the accommodation for the Coaches attending the Combined Nationals.

Action: Office

Verbal report on any significant matters arising from the Development Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 20th June 2000

Mr. Midgley briefed the Committee on the Development Committee meeting that had taken place prior to the meeting of Council.

Mr. Midgley stated that there was a matter he wanted to bring to Councils attention so that a decision could be made at this meeting. He informed Council that Mr. Knight had put a proposal to Development, requesting permission to sell a 'one jump voucher' under the auspices of the 'BPA Shop' (subject to contract - to be agreed with Chairman of the Development Committee). He stated that the Development Committee were passing the decision on this matter over to a full meeting of Council.

After a short discussion on this matter Mr. Midgley proposed that Council give Mr. Knight the go ahead to sell 'one jump' vouchers, under the auspices of the 'BPA Shop' - (subject to contract). Mr. Danby seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Mr. Midgley brought Council's attention to the matter of effective distribution of the Skydive 'Starter' Mag. He stated that all the possibilities had been discussed during the Communications meeting that had taken place prior to the Development meeting. He informed Council that the Communications Committee had decided that the most effective way to distribute the Magazine would be directly from the publishers, in accordance with the amount of P6 memberships the Clubs/Centres had ordered - these figures would be communicated to the publishers via the office.

Mr. Midgley informed Council that this would cost the Association approximately £2,500 to distribute the 30,000 issues. He went on to propose that Council accept this cost/labour effective means of distribution. Mr. Tregaskes seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

026/00

BRITISH WOMEN'S SKYDIVING RECORD

The Chairman reminded Council of the decisions taken at the last meeting regarding this matter.

Mr. Hickling stated that the event would be held without the BPA's financial support.

The Chairman wished Mr. Hickling and the organisers all the best with the record attempt.

There followed some discussion on how the decision taken at the last meeting had come about. This led onto some observations being made regarding the 'in camera' sessions held by Council.

Mr. Boughen proposed that the 'in camera' sessions be recorded as confidential addendum to the minutes. Mr. Applegate seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously
Action: Office

027/00

UK SPORT GRANT

The Chairman briefed Council, informing them that the Association had been awarded a grant by Sports Council. He went on to explain that the Association had received a total amount of £45,000 and that the grant ran from 1st July 2000 - 30th June 2001. The grant had been broken down into two areas - £20,000 towards Safety, and £25,000 towards Competitions.

The Chairman reminded Council that this was a turning point for the Association, as in past years there had been a "downward" trend in grants awarded by Sports Council. He went on to state that it was imperative for Committees to work towards the goals as laid out in their current Action Plans, at each meeting.

Action: All Committee's

The Chairman also informed Council that the 1999/2000 Action plan was 90% complete, and the remaining 10% were those targets with later deadlines. He congratulated and thanked Council members for their work towards achieving the goals set out in the plan.

Mr. Smyth stated he hoped that if the Committees fulfilled the stipulations set out by Sports Council, there would be an increase in grant allocations in the coming year.

028/00

REPORTS FROM CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Allum had submitted written reports on his visits to CCSPC in Cyprus, and North London Parachute Centre, to Council. He briefed Council on his visits, and asked for feedback on some of the points raised during his visits. The Chairmen of the various sub-Committees of Council, provided Mr. Allum with answers for the members questions. Mr. Allum stated that he would be providing feedback to the members concerned.

Mr. Tregaskes had also submitted a written report on his visit to Netheravon, to Council. He briefed Council on his visit and also had some questions from members for Committee's to answer. Again the Committee Chairmen answered the questions, and Mr. Tregaskes stated that he would be providing the members with feedback.

Action: Mr. Allum & Mr. Tregaskes

029/00

RAeC MATTERS

Mr. Smyth informed Council that the Royal Aero Club had, had their Annual General Meeting, and that they were making plans for their 'Centenary Anniversary' celebrations. He informed Council that the Medal & Awards Ceremony would be taking place at St. James Palace next year, and he urged Council to start considering nominations. He also stated that there would be a Dinner/Dance and an Airshow taking place as part of the celebrations, and the Metropolitan Police Display Team would be taking part in the Airshow.

The Chairman thanked the Metropolitan Police Display Team (on behalf of the Association) for their representation of the BPA at this event.

Mr. Smyth stated that he would like to discuss the Award Nominations at the next Council meeting, and that he would be submitting some summary information regarding the types of Awards available.

Action: Next Agenda

Action: Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth (on behalf of the RAeC) asked for guidance from Council, as the RAeC were setting up a new web site, and hoped that the publications of their Associated organisations would be a source of articles for their web site.

Mr. Midgley advised Mr. Smyth to have that matter discussed at the next Communications Committee meeting. Mr. Smyth stated that he would be liaising with the Chairman of the Communications Committee.

Action: Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth then informed Council of a questionnaire that the FAI had sent to Associations. He was unsure why the FAI would need this kind of information, and stated that he would pass it on to the BPA staff.

Action: Mr. Smyth

030/00

APPLICATION FOR RE-AFFILIATION

There had been an application for re-affiliation from North West Parachute Centre; Mr. Prince was standing down after 28 years as Chief Instructor and Director of the centre.

Council thanked Mr. Prince for his many years' service to the sport.

Mr. Saunders proposed that the re-affiliation of the North West Parachute Centre, with Dennis Buchanan as Chief Instructor and the listed Directors, be accepted by Council. Seconded by Mr. Applegate and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Mr. Hickling proposed that the Association award Mr. Prince a 'Certificate of Merit' for his service to the sport. Mr. Midgley seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Action: Office

031/00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that he had received an invitation to the Festival of Free Flight, but was unable to attend in person. Mr. Saunders said that he may be able to attend on behalf of the Chairman.

Action: Mr. Saunders

The Chairman reminded Council that he had sent out a survey to Drop Zone Operators, he informed Council that so far there had only been six surveys returned.

He went on to state that he would be sending letters to thank those who had replied, and another letter urging those who had not replied, to do so.

Action: Chairman & Office

The Chairman thanked Kieran Brady and Karen Farr for their hard work, producing the membership questionnaire, and summarising its results in time for the June issue of Skydive.

The Chairman (on behalf of the Association) offered condolences to the family of Tim Bettin.

Mr. Saunders informed Council that the staff salaries were being reviewed, and a proposal would be made at the next meeting of Council.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Distribution:

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John Hitchen - NCSO
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