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THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the year 2001 Council held on
SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2001 at 1130
at the Hanover International Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire

Present:

Chris Allen
Paul Applegate
Kieran Brady
Chris Clements
Dona Crum
Lesley Gale
David Hickling
Ian Marshall
Ian Midgley
Craig Poxon
John Smyth
Lofty Thomas
Carl Williams

In attendance:

Tony Butler	-	Technical Officer
Debbie Carter		
John Hitchen	-	NCSO
Tony Knight		
Martin Shuttleworth	-	National Administrator

Observers:

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Apologies for absence:

Tim Andrewes
John Saunders

ITEM MINUTE

01/01 Election of Officers, etc

Tony Butler took the Chair pending the election of a Chairman. Once elected, the Chairman took over for the rest of the meeting.

Elections took place as set out in the table on page 2.

1.1 Secret ballots

Two candidates were nominated for the offices of Vice Chairman of the BPA and Chairman of the Communications Committee. In each case, the Chairman invited the nominees to make a statement to the meeting before a secret ballot was held.

Position	Nominee/s	Proposer	Second	Outcome
Chairman	Chris Allen	John Saunders	Kieran Brady	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Vice Chairman	Kieran Brady John Smyth	Ian Midgley Paul Applegate	David Hickling Chris Clements	Secret ballot: For: 5 (inc 1 proxy) not elected For: 9 (inc 1 proxy) elected
Treasurer	Debbie Carter	Chris Clements	Carl Williams	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Chairman STC	John Saunders	David Hickling	Ian Midgley	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Chairman Development Committee	Ian Midgley	Kieran Brady	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Chairman Competitions Committee	John Smyth	Paul Applegate	Kieran Brady	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Chairman Communications Committee	Kieran Brady Lesley Gale	Lofty Thomas John Smyth	Paul Applegate Dona Crum	Secret ballot: 1 spoiled paper For: 8 (inc 1 proxy) elected For: 4 not elected
Delegate to RAeC	John Smyth	Lofty Thomas	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Ian Marshall	John Smyth	Chris Clements	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Northern)	Kieran Brady	Ian Marshall	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Midlands)	Ian Midgley			
Club Representatives (Southern)	Chris Clements & Craig Poxon (2 reps)			
Liaison Officer to CAA	Tony Knight	Ian Marshall	Lofty Thomas	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
To co-opt Treasurer (if not Council member)	Debbie Carter	Ian Midgley	David Hickling	Carried unanimously (inc 1 proxy)
To co-opt affiliated / associated bodies	APA RAFSPA SSPA BCPA	Ian Midgley Paul Applegate Kieran Brady Craig Poxon	Chris Clements Chris Clements Ian Midgley Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy) Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy) Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy) Elected unanimously (inc 1 proxy)

(a) Vice Chairman of the BPA

John Smyth said he was standing as Vice Chairman because he believed that with his competitions perspective, and no business interest in the sport, he was in the best position to serve the membership. He also asked whether Kieran Brady may experience conflict between his involvement in SSPA and BPA.

Kieran Brady said he saw a the role of the Vice Chairman as being to offer support to the Chairman. He said that his roles in SSPA and BPA were complementary, and that competitors formed an important but small percentage of the total membership (for whom John Smyth was doing an excellent job as Competitions Chairman), so he was offering the membership a broader perspective. He was pleased that more than one person was standing.

After the secret ballot, Kieran Brady congratulated John Smyth on his election as Vice Chairman of the BPA.

(b) Communications Committee Chairman

Lesley Gale said she wanted to see more open and free dissemination of information through all channels of communication within the BPA. This would help everyone to keep in touch with the issues of the day. She said she offered a proactive approach backed by sound business acumen and had no bias to any particular discipline within the sport. Where any conflict of interest might arise with her role as Editor of Skydive Magazine, Lesley Gale said that, if elected, she would ask the Vice Chairman of the Committee to take the chair.

Kieran Brady said that there would be a clear conflict of interest were the same person to chair the Communications Committee, which was responsible for agreeing the Editor's contract and fee, and edit the magazine. It was in his view essential for the BPA that the roles should remain separate.

1.2 Role of Club Representatives

The Chairman confirmed that the role of Club Representatives was to visit Drop Zones within their area and circulate a short written report ahead of the next Council meeting. There were usually outstanding questions that could not be answered during a visit and Club Representatives should contact the appropriate Chairman or officer within the BPA and confirm the answer in writing. Sometimes the answer may be that issues would be raised at the next meeting of the Council or one of its Subcommittees.

1.3 Royal Aero Club

John Smyth reported that Tony Knight was a member of the RAeC Parliamentary Subcommittee to which he brought his expertise on CAA matters.

02/01 Council meetings 2001

Ian Midgley proposed, and Kieran Brady seconded, a motion that this year's Council meetings should be held on the following dates:

Tuesdays at 1830 at the BPA Office, Leicester: 20 February
24 April
19 June
21 August
23 October
11 December (EGM & Council)

Carried unanimously

03/01 AGM 2002

Paul Applegate proposed, and Kieran Brady seconded, a motion that the AGM 2002 should be held on Saturday 19 January 2002.

Carried unanimously

04/01 Regional Representatives

Chris Clements proposed, and Ian Midgley seconded, a motion that the following (who had all signified their willingness to stand) be elected as BPA Representatives to Sports Council Regional Bodies for the year 2001.

Stuart Morris	North West
Lofty Thomas	Yorkshire and Humberside
David Hickling	East Midlands
John Fisher	South West
Doug Peacock	Southern
Mick Matthews	West Midlands
John Smyth	Greater London
Tim Andrewes	Northern
Ian Marshall	South East
Michael Allum	East.

Carried unanimously

05/01 Action Plan 2001/2

The Chairman said that, to be effective, members of the Council needed to work as a team – Together Everybody Achieves More. The expression of different views around the table and lively debate was a sign of a healthy Association, but after a vote, all Council Members should respect majority decisions.

The Chairman asked all Members of Council to join a Subcommittee by contacting the appropriate Committee Chairman immediately after this meeting.

Action: All Council Members

The first task of all Committees was to draft the one-year Action Plan for their area of responsibility to cover the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 inclusive. Each Committee Chairman was responsible for collecting ideas and drafting the matrix and accompanying narrative to put forward to the full Council on Tuesday 20 February. The Competitions, Communications and Development Committees planned to have short informal meetings this afternoon to discuss ideas.

**Action: All Council Members/
Committee Chairmen**

The Chairman asked Lesley Gale kindly to provide suitable photographs for the cover of the finished Action Plan document, which would be submitted to the UK Sports Council.

Action: Lesley Gale

06/01 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 20 February 2001 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester (following meetings of the Communications and Development Committees during the afternoon).

The meeting closed at 1225.

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