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The Council

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the year 2006 Council held on
Saturday 21 January 2006 at 1230
at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire

Present: Chris Allen
Paul Applegate
Kieran Brady
Tony Goodman
John Horne
Eddie Jones
Ian Marshall
Mark Maynard
Paul Moore
John Page
Grant Richards
Mike Rust
Andy Scott
John Smyth
Elizabeth Stoodley

In attendance: Tony Butler - Technical Officer
Debbie Carter
Tony Knight
John Hitchen - NCSO
Martin Shuttleworth - Secretary-General

Observers: 5

Item Minute

01/06 Election of Officers, etc

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

Elections took place as recorded in the table on page 3.

02/06 Council meetings 2006

The Council agreed that the timetable for Council meetings in 2006 would be: Tuesdays at 1830 at the BPA Office, Leicester: 21 February, 11 April, 13 June, 15 August, 10 October and 5 December (EGM & Council).

03/06 Sport England Regional Representatives

Kieran Brady proposed, and Paul Moore seconded, a motion that the following be elected as BPA Representatives to the Sport England Regional bodies for 2006.

Grant Richards	East
David Hickling	East Midlands
John Smyth	Greater London
Ian Roseninge	North East
Stuart Morris	North West
Doug Peacock	South
Ian Marshall	South East
John Page	South West
Mick Matthews	West Midlands
Lofty Thomas	Yorkshire.

Carried unanimously

04/06 Action Plan 2006/7

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 2006 to 30 June 2007 inclusive. The Chairman announced that, following formal representations to UK Sport by the BPA and other non-Olympic sports whose funding from UK Sport had been threatened, UK Sport had now advised the BPA that our exchequer funding grant would be £25K for 2006/7, £25K for 2007/8, £12.5K for 2008/9, and nothing from then on. This was an improvement on UK Sport's previous funding proposal of £12.5K for 2006/7 and nothing thereafter. It gave the BPA more time to continue to fight for funding, and also to seek to secure funding from other sources.

Kieran Brady suggested that the search for alternative sources of funding should form part of the Development Action Plan for 2006/7. John Smyth suggested that it might be a good idea to have a representative of the Competitions Committee attend Development Committee meetings to facilitate effective liaison between the two. Paul Applegate asked about the possibility of lottery funding and the Chairman advised him that unfortunately, the BPA did not meet the criteria. The Chairman said that, in his view, the way forward was to seek commercial sponsorship to generate additional revenue.

Each Committee Chairman was responsible for collecting ideas and drafting the Action Plan matrix and accompanying explanatory text to put forward to the full Council on Tuesday 21 February 2006 in accordance with the budget circulated (except that the UK Sport exchequer funding grant would now be £25K and not £12.5 K as had been the case when the budget had been prepared. The new sum would be applied, per UK Sport's standing advice, as £20K to Competitions and £5K to safety and Training). The Competitions, Communications and Development Committees planned to have short informal meetings immediately after this Council meeting to discuss ideas.

The Chairman invited new members of the Council, if they had not already done so, to make themselves known to the Chairman or Chairmen of the Committee/s on which they wished to serve. The acceptance of a Council Member on more than one Subcommittee was at the discretion of the relevant Chairman.

Action: All Council Members / Committee Chairmen

05/06 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21 February 2006 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester (following meetings of the Communications and Development Committees during the afternoon).

The meeting closed at 1300 and a buffet lunch was provided for Council Members compliments of the Hinckley Island Hotel.

Elections of BPA Officers, etc, for 2006

Position	Nominee/s	Proposer	Seconders	Outcome
Chairman	Chris Allen	John Smyth	Kieran Brady	Elected unanimously
Vice Chairman	John Smyth	Kieran Brady	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
Treasurer	Debbie Carter	John Page	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Chairman STC	John Hitchen	Eddie Jones	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
Chairman Development Committee	Kieran Brady	Eddie Jones	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Chairman Competitions Committee	John Smyth	Paul Applegate	Andy Scott	Elected unanimously
Chairman Communications Committee	Eddie Jones	Kieran Brady	Tony Goodman	Elected unanimously
Delegate to RAeC	John Smyth	Paul Applegate	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	John Smyth	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Club Representatives (Northern)	Eddie Jones	Ian Marshall	John Smyth	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Central)	<i>vacancy</i>			
Club Representative (Southern)	John Page	Tony Goodman	Mike Rust	Elected unanimously
Liaison Officer to CAA	Tony Knight	Eddie Jones	Andy Scott	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Treasurer (if not Council member)	Debbie Carter	Kieran Brady	Andy Scott	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Chairman, STC (if not Council member)	John Hitchen	John Page	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	John Smyth	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
To co-opt affiliated / associated bodies	APA RAFSPA BCPA	John Horne Paul Applegate Kieran Brady	Paul Moore Andy Scott Eddie Jones	Elected unanimously Elected unanimously Elected unanimously