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## The Council

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the year 2007 Council held on  
**Saturday 20 January 2007 at 1230**  
at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire

**Present:** Paul Applegate  
Adrian Bond  
Robin Durie  
John Horne  
David Ibbotson  
Eddie Jones  
Paul Ledden  
Ian Marshall  
Paul Moore  
John Page  
Mike Rust  
John Smyth  
Elizabeth Stoodley  
Alex Wilson

**Apology for absence:** Grant Richards

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

**Observers:** Approx 20, including Andy Scott

[Secretary's note: The names in green (above and in the grid on page 3) are a correction to a typographical error (last year's names had not been updated) in these minutes when first issued.]

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## Item Minute

### 01/07 Election of Officers, etc

#### 1.1 Election of Chair

Tony Butler took the Chair for the election of a Chairman. He invited nominations.

Paul Applegate proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to elect John Smyth as Chairman. Tony Butler, from the Chair, asked if there were any other nominees. Adrian Bond proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion to elect Eddie Jones as Chairman. Both nominees confirmed their willingness to stand.

Tony Butler invited each candidate to speak. Each candidate made a personal statement. This was followed by a secret vote, with each Council Member writing the name of their preferred candidate on a slip of paper. Grant Richards had lodged a proxy vote.

Tony Butler announced the result of the vote was that the Council had elected Eddie Jones as Chairman of the Association. Eddie Jones took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Eddie Jones elected BPA Chairman**

**1.2 Election of Vice Chair**

The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Association. Mike Rust proposed, and Paul Moore seconded, a motion to elect John Smyth as Vice Chairman. John Smyth declined the nomination because he objected to Eddie Jones's personal statement before he had been elected as Chairman. John Smyth said he would continue to serve the Association in other ways. John Page then proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to elect Paul Applegate as Vice Chairman. Paul Applegate thanked those who had nominated him and regretted that he had to decline the nomination in view of the Chairman's statement, bearing in mind that he [Paul Applegate] had proposed John Smyth as Chairman. John Horne was then proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman but declined the nomination for the similar reasons to those given by Paul Applegate. Mike Rust then proposed, and Elizabeth Stoodley seconded, a motion to elect John Page as Vice Chairman. John Page accepted the nomination, and was duly elected.

**John Page elected as BPA Vice Chairman**

**1.3 Election of Chair of the Development Committee**

Ian Marshall proposed, and Elizabeth Stoodley seconded, a motion that John Horne should be elected as Chairman of the Development Committee. John Horne declined the nomination because he objected to Eddie Jones's personal statement before he had been elected as Chairman. Alex Wilson then proposed, and John Page seconded, a motion that Robin Durie be elected as Chairman of the Development Committee, and this carried.

**Robin Durie elected as Development Chairman**

**1.4 Election of Chair of the Competitions Committee**

John Page proposed, and Alex Wilson seconded, a motion that John Smyth should be elected as Chairman of the Competitions Committee. John Smyth declined the nomination because he objected to Eddie Jones's personal statement before he had been elected as Chairman. Ian Marshall then proposed, and Mike Rust seconded, a motion that John Page be elected as Chairman of the Competitions Committee, and this carried.

**John Page elected as Competitions Chairman**

**1.5 Election of Chair of the Communications Committee**

Mike Rust proposed, and John Horne seconded, a motion that Elizabeth Stoodley should be elected as Chairman of the Communications Committee. Elizabeth Stoodley declined the nomination because she had not got time, as she planned to continue to serve on the Development and as the Artistic Disciplines Rep on the Competitions Committee. Paul Applegate then proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion that Adrian Bond be elected as Chairman of the Communications Committee, and this carried.

**Adrian Bond elected as Communications Chairman**

Other officers, etc, were then elected as set out in the table on page 3. Tony Knight urged the Council to unite to work together and keep the Membership in mind.

**02/07 Council meetings 2007**

The agenda note that John Smyth had suggested that the dates of Council meetings should be arranged on a different pattern this year so that Council meetings would be co-ordinated with the press dates for *Skydive Magazine*. This would enable news of Council decisions to be included in the Magazine more quickly. After consultation with Lesley Gale, Editor, a co-ordinated schedule of dates had been proposed. Tony Butler noted that a change in the pattern of Council meeting dates would affect the dates of STC meetings, which were normally held about 10 days before Council meetings.

John Smyth then proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion that the timetable for Council meetings in 2007, co-ordinated with Magazine press dates, would be: at 1830 at the

BPA Office, Leicester:- Tuesday 13 February, Tuesday 13 March, Wednesday 16 May, Tuesday 10 July, Tuesday 11 September and Tuesday 6 November (EGM & Council).

**Carried unanimously**

**(Note:** Tony Butler has since requested that the Council should consider, at its next meeting on Tuesday 13 February 2007, a reversion to the same pattern of Council dates as in previous years. This would be to provide a better schedule for STC meetings. This pattern of dates – a reversion to the normal pattern in recent years - would have Council meetings on the following Tuesdays at 1830 at the BPA Office: 13 February, 17 April, 12 June, 14 August, 9 October, and 4 December (EGM & Council))

**Elections of BPA Officers, etc, for 2007**

Position	Nominee/s	Proposer	Second	Outcome
Treasurer	Debbie Carter	John Page	Adrian Bond	Elected unanimously
Delegate to RAeC	John Smyth	Paul Applegate	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	John Smyth	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Northern)	Adrian Bond	John Page	David Ibbotson	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Central)	Paul Ledden			
Club Representative (Southern)	Robin Durie			
Liaison Officer to CAA	Tony Knight	Mike Rust	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Treasurer (if not Council member)	Debbie Carter	Elizabeth Stoodley	Adrian Bond	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Chairman, STC (if not Council member)	John Hitchen	Alex Wilson	David Ibbotson	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	Ian Marshall	John Page	Elected unanimously
To co-opt affiliated / associated bodies	APA RAFSPA BCPA	Paul Moore Paul Applegate David Ibbotson	Ian Marshall Adrian Bond Alex Wilson	Elected unanimously Elected unanimously Elected unanimously

**03/07 Sport England Regional Representatives**

Paul Moore proposed, and Elizabeth Stoodley seconded, a motion that the following be elected as BPA Representatives to the Sport England Regional bodies for 2007.

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

**Carried unanimously**

The Council thanked Doug Peacock who was standing down as BPA Regional Representative to Sport England South, a role he had had since 1992.

**04/06 Action Plan 2007/8**

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 2007 to 30 June 2008 inclusive. Following formal representations last year 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 2007/8, £12.5K for 2008/9, and nothing from then on. This was an improvement on UK Sport's original 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. The Chairman said that the Action Plan was normally submitted in February, so there was not much time available for the work on drafting.

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 13 February 2007 in accordance with the budget circulated. The Competitions, Communications and Development Committees planned to have short informal meetings immediately after this Council meeting to discuss ideas.

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

**05/07 Work in progress**

**5.1 Possible parachute display for the London 2012 Olympics**

John Page recommended that Tony Goodman, who had started to liaise with the organisers of the London 2012 Olympics about a possible parachute display as part of the opening or closing ceremony, should be authorised to continue this work, reporting to the Development Committee. The Council agreed.

**Agreed**

**5.2 Insurance Subcommittee**

Tony Butler reported that the insurers had requested a meeting at the BPA Office next Thursday, 25 January. He suggested that the Council should consider keeping in place for the time being the existing Insurance Subcommittee, chaired by David Hickling and including Kieran Brady and Paul Moore as Members. This would be to ensure the continuity required to see through the current negotiations on the insurance premium for the year beginning on 1 April 2007. The Members of the Insurance Subcommittee were keen to do this.

Ian Marshall therefore proposed, and Robin Durie seconded, a motion to leave the composition of the Insurance Subcommittee unchanged pending further consideration by the Development Committee of the position after 1 April 2007.

**Insurance Subcommittee composition remains in place until 1 April 2007**

**06/07 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 13 February 2007 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester (following meetings of the Communications and Development Committees during the afternoon).

The meeting closed at 1315.