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The Council

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the year 2008 Council held on
Saturday 12 January 2008 at 1230
at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire

Present:	Paul Applegate Adrian Bond David Ibbotson Paul Ledden Ian Marshall Paul Moore John Page Craig Poxon Grant Richards Andy Scott Martin Soulsby Weed Stoodley Alex Wilson
Apologies for absence:	John Horne John Smyth
In attendance:	Tony Butler - Technical Officer Debbie Carter John Hitchen - NCSO Martin Shuttleworth - Secretary-General
Observers:	30

Item Minute

01/08 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 Andy Scott seconded, a motion to elect John Smyth as Chairman. Tony Butler asked if there were any other nominees. Weed Stoodley proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion to elect John Page as Chairman. Both nominees confirmed or had confirmed their willingness to stand.

Tony Butler said custom and practice was to invite both nominees to make a short statement. He noted that only one of the two nominees was present. He asked the Council whether they had any preference as to what order each nominee, or anyone who may wish to speak for the absent nominee, should speak. No preference was indicated.

John Page made a short statement. He said he was not standing in opposition to John Smyth, but to give the Council, and by extension the Membership, with an alternative

candidate, having been Vice Chairman of the Association last year. If John Smyth won the vote, he would be happy to offer himself to serve as a fully supportive Vice Chairman under John Smyth's Chairmanship.

Andy Scott, speaking in support of John Smyth's nomination, said that an e-mail from John Smyth, who was currently outside the UK, had been circulated to Council Members before the meeting. He read aloud a short extract in which John Smyth had stated he was "bubbling over with enthusiasm at the prospect of an incredibly dynamic year for the BPA."

A ballot was held and the result was: John Page - 5 votes; John Smyth - 10 votes (including two by proxy).

John Smyth elected BPA Chairman

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

Tony Butler said that the elected Chairman should now take the Chair. As the elected Chairman was not present, it was the Council's wish that Tony Butler should remain in the chair for the election of a Vice Chair of Council. He agreed, and invited nominations.

Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to elect John Horne as Vice Chairman of Council. Tony Butler asked whether there were any other nominations. Weed Stoodley proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion to elect John Page as Vice Chairman of Council.

Tony Butler established that both nominees consented, or had consented, to stand. He said custom and practice was to invite both nominees to make a short statement. He noted that again, only one of the two nominees was present. He asked the Council whether they had any preference as to what order the nominees, or anyone who may wish to speak for the absent nominee, should speak. No preference was indicated.

John Page said he wished to see a unified Council and that he could bring calm and balance to help to achieve that, and to support John Smyth as Chairman. John Page also reminded the Council that he had served as Competitions Chairman in 2007.

A ballot was held and the result was: John Page - 6 votes; John Horne - 9 votes (including two by proxy).

John Horne elected as BPA Vice Chairman

Tony Butler observed that he should now, in the absence of the Chairman, hand over the Chair to the just-elected Vice Chairman. However, the Vice Chairman was also out of the UK. The Council therefore invited Tony Butler to retain the Chair for the remainder of the meeting, and he agreed to do so.

1.3 Election of Chair of the Development Committee

Tony Butler invited nominations for the Chair of the Development Committee. Andy Scott proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that Craig Poxon should be elected as Development Chairman. Tony Butler asked if there were any other nominations. Adrian Bond proposed, and Alex Wilson seconded, a motion that Grant Richards should be elected as Development Chairman. Tony Butler asked both candidates if they were prepared to stand, and they both were.

A ballot was held and the result was: Craig Poxon - 10 votes (including two by proxy); Grant Richards - 5 votes.

Craig Poxon elected as Development Chairman

1.4 Election of Chair of the Competitions Committee

Tony Butler invited nominations for the Chair of the Competitions Committee. John Page proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion that Andy Scott should be elected as Competitions Chairman. In the absence of any other nominations, this carried nem con.

Andy Scott elected as Competitions Chairman

1.5 Election of Chair of the Communications Committee

Tony Butler invited nominations for the Chair of the Communications Committee. Weed Stoodley proposed, and David Ibbotson seconded, a motion that Adrian Bond should be elected as Communications Chairman. Tony Butler asked if there were any other nominations. Andy Scott proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion that Paul Moore should be elected as Communications Chairman. Paul Moore acknowledged the nomination but said he was not willing to stand, as he was currently based outside the UK and because he believed that Adrian Bond had done a good job of chairing the Committee last year. He therefore supported Adrian Bond's nomination, which carried nem con.

Adrian Bond elected as Communications Chairman

Officers, etc, were then elected as set out in the table on page 4.

02/08 Dates for Council meetings 2008

A suggested schedule of dates for Council meetings 2008, showing how they dovetailed with the planned dates of STC meetings, had been set out on the agenda.

After discussion, the following schedule of dates for Council meetings was agreed.

<u>(STC dates in 2008)</u>	<u>Council dates in 2008 (at the BPA Office at 1830)</u>
(Thursday 7 February)	Tuesday 19 February
(Thursday 10 April)	Tuesday 22 April
(Thursday 5 June)	Tuesday 17 June
(Thursday 31 July)	Tuesday 19 August*
(Thursday 25 September)	Tuesday 7 October
(Thursday 20 November)	Tuesday 2 December (following the EGM).

Carried unanimously

* Provisional date and venue. A suggestion by Martin Soulsby of holding one meeting during the day on a Saturday at a DZ, to make the Council more accessible to the Membership, was noted for consideration at the February meeting.

Action: Next meeting

03/08 Sport England Regional Representatives

Paul Moore proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion that the following be elected as BPA Representatives to the Sport England Regional bodies for 2008.

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

Carried unanimously

Elections of BPA Officers, etc, for 2008

Position	Nominee/s	Proposer	Seconders	Outcome
Treasurer	Debbie Carter	Ian Marshall	Andy Scott	Elected unanimously
Delegate to RAeC	John Smyth	Andy Scott	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	Ian Marshall	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Northern)	Adrian Bond	David Ibbotson	Ian Marshall	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Central)	Paul Ledden	Adrian Bond	Grant Richards	Elected unanimously
Club Representative (Southern)	Martin Soulsby	Andy Scott	Paul Applegate	Elected unanimously
To co-opt Treasurer (if not Council member)	Debbie Carter	Ian Marshall	Andy Scott	Carried unanimously
To co-opt Chairman, STC (if not Council member)	John Hitchen	Alex Wilson	John Page	Carried unanimously
To co-opt Alternate Delegate to RAeC	Jim Crocker	John Page	Andy Scott	Carried unanimously
To co-opt affiliated / associated bodies	APA RAFSPA BCPA	Alex Wilson Paul Applegate David Ibbotson	Ian Marshall Adrian Bond John Page	Carried unanimously Carried unanimously Carried unanimously

04/08 Committees of the Council – Communications, Competitions and Development

Tony Butler invited all Members of Council to join a Committee by contacting the appropriate Committee Chairman immediately after this meeting. He called attention to Council's decision (minute 48 of the meeting on 12 June 2007) that each of the above Committees should have on them, as voting Members, no more than 50% of the voting Members of Council. Others, including further Council Members, could be co-opted, but would not be entitled to a vote on the Committee. This was so that no single Committee could dominate the Council. It meant that the maximum number of voting members on the Communications, Competitions and Development Committees could be 7 each (including the Committee Chair, who voted at Council).

[Note: The other main Committee of the Council, the Safety and Training Committee, is composed of Centre Chief Instructors and its membership is not determined at this inaugural meeting of the Council.]

Andy Scott reported he had received a letter from Jim Crocker, Vice President, which he had been asked to read out. The letter related to the process of co-option. Andy Scott said he understood that not all Council Members had been sent a copy of the letter. He believed it to be appropriate that all should have an opportunity to read and reflect on it, and for the matter to be considered at the first ordinary Council meeting of the year, on Tuesday 19 February. Tony Butler said that he had not seen the letter from Jim Crocker as it had not been sent via the BPA Office. However, he confirmed that the composition of Committees, including any co-options thereto, was routinely subject to ratification by the full Council at its February meeting. The Council therefore agreed to consider the matter at its February meeting.

Action: Next meeting

05/08 Action Plan 2008/9

Tony Butler said that the first task of all Committees was to draft the one-year Action Plan for their area of responsibility. The Action Plan was for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 inclusive. The draft plans for each Committee would then go to the full Council for ratification and consolidation as part of a unified organisational Action Plan. The submission date to UK Sport was currently being clarified, but UK Sport had last year been amenable to a spring submission date that allowed the plan to be internally approved at the April Council meeting.

Action: All Council Members / Committee Chairmen

[Note: UK Sport has since indicated that a spring submission date is again likely to be acceptable.]

06/08 IPC and indoor competitions

John Hitchen sought policy guidance from the Council ahead of the IPC Plenary meeting next week, which he and John Smyth were due to attend as UK delegate and UK Alternate Delegate respectively. John Hitchen said that IPC was to consider, arising from a request from France, the possibility sanctioning an official indoor IPC event, in a wind tunnel. Andy Scott (Competitions Chairman) said he believed the UK should reserve its position on this, as it raised a number of issues that the Council would need time properly to consider. The Council agreed.

07/08 New Year's Honours List 2008

The Council congratulated John Smyth, BPA Chairman, on his receiving the honour of MVO (Member of the [Royal] Victorian Order) for his work for the Royal Household. The Council also congratulated Mick Riley (BPA number 971936) on receiving the honour MBE for his charity work raising funds for the relief of testicular cancer.

08/08 Vote of thanks

Ian Marshall proposed, and the Council gave, a vote of thanks to immediate-past Chairman Eddie Jones for his delivery of the BPA Annual Review 2007 at the AGM this morning.

09/08 Conduct of this meeting

Tony Butler asked the Council whether it was satisfied with the manner in which this meeting had been chaired and conducted. None present indicated otherwise. The Council thanked Tony Butler for chairing this meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

10/08 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19 February 2008 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester (following meetings of the Communications Committee at 1400 and Development Committees at 1600).

The meeting closed at 1315.