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Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 22 October 2002 at 1755
at the BPA Offices, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Present:	Chris Allen Kieran Brady David Hickling Eddie Jones		in the Chair
In attendance:	Tony Butler Martin Shuttleworth	- -	Technical Officer National Administrator
Apologies for absence:	John Hitchen Ian Midgley Craig Poxon	- -	NCSO Development Chairman

Item Minute

25/02 Chair

As the Chairman would be unable to attend and there were only three voting members present, the Committee invited Chirs Allen, Chairman of Council, to chair the meeting so it was quorate.

26/02 Minutes

Kieran Brady proposed, and Eddie Jones seconded, a motion that the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on 18 June 2002 be approved as a correct record.

Approved

27/02 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the June meeting.

28/02 Reports

David Hickling reported that annual premium on the public liability insurance for his centre, which he had recently renewed, had shown a substantial year-on-year increase. He explained that this was not insurance for parachuting activities or aircraft, but the normal insurance that any business had to have. Since was not aviation-related, this made the magnitude of the increase even more surprising. He wondered whether similar insurance at other BPA centres had suffered a similarly large increase, and whether any reduction might be effected by a joint approach by a number of centres together to the same insurer?

After discussion, the committee agreed that it would be useful to investigate the possibility of potential savings from a joint approach on non-parachuting public liability insurance by any centres that might wish to opt to participate in such an approach. David Hickling kindly agreed to make enquiries of insurers and other Clubs and Centres and to report back to a future meeting on his findings.

Action: David Hickling

There were no other reports.

29/02 Development Action Plan 2002/3

This was the first meeting of the new 2002/3 Action Plan year that had begun on 1 July 2002, since there had been no meeting in August. It was therefore appropriate to allocate actions to complete the various targets that had been set out in the Committee's Action Plan programme for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 inclusive.

After discussion, actions were allocated as follows.

- 1 Enhance RAPS safety and equipment and review and update current RAPS front line instruction and techniques. With reference to targets 2 and 3 from in Safety and Training.

Action: David Hickling's RAPS STC Working Party/ STC

- 2 Develop a Freely coaching qualification.

Action: Craig Poxon

- 3 Develop an Advanced Canopy Control (i) qualification/syllabus (ii) coaching qualification.

Action: Craig Poxon, in liaison - with John Horne's Canopy Handling STC Working Party

- 4 Explore the feasibility of Skydiving being recognised as a Paralympic sport.

Action: Martin Shuttleworth

30/02 Membership questionnaire 2002 : Article on BPA income/expenditure

Kieran Brady reported that he had not yet made much headway on this, but would progress it as soon as he was able.

Action: Kieran Brady

31/02 Freely manual

Craig Poxon (Project co-ordinator) was not present to report on progress.

32/02 Banner advertising on the BPA website

In response to a request received from an existing banner advertiser, a DZ Operator who operated two different Drop Zones, the Committee decided that a discount of 25% on the normal rates would apply to a second advertisement taken out by the same advertiser. The Committee also confirmed that it was content for banner advertising rates on the BPA website to be determined by the Development Officer in the light of prevailing market rates and to maximise the income to the Association.

33/02 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3 December 2002 at 1600 at the BPA Office, Leicester.

The meeting closed at 1815.