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Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 24 August 2004 at 1630
at the BPA Offices, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Present:	Kieran Brady Calvin Blacker Tony Goodman Eddie Jones	Development Chairman
In attendance:	Tony Butler Debbie Carter Lesley Gale Jon Gretton John Hitchen Martin Shuttleworth	Technical Officer Treasurer Editor, <i>Skydive Magazine</i> Financial Administrator NCSO Secretary-General
Apologies for absence:	David Hickling Ian Midgley Elizabeth Stoodley	

Item Minute

23/04 Minutes

Tony Goodman proposed, and Eddie Jones seconded, a motion that the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Tuesday 15 June 2004 be approved as a correct record.

Approved

24/04 Matter arising: Personal accident insurance (minute 19)

The Chairman reported that David Hickling was still investigating possible suppliers.

In progress

25/04 Reports on areas of responsibility

25.1 Insurance

Tony Butler reported that a regular liaison meeting with the underwriters and brokers had recently been held at the BPA Office, at which various issues had been discussed. There was nothing specific to call to the Committee's attention.

25.2 Media liaison

Elizabeth Stoodley had circulated a written report in her absence. The Committee noted this with thanks. The Committee approved draft posters to be sent to Drop Zones to invite them to send in news items with photographs for Elizabeth Stoodley to issue to the media.

Action: BPA Office

25.3 Other areas of responsibility

There were no reports on other areas of responsibility.

26/04 Action Plan, 2004/5

26.1 Target 1: Start a new page on the BPA website on National Skydiving Records

Calvin Blacker, whose idea this was, was progressing it and said he would contact Kate Charters, Chief Judge, to see if she could identify some current UK skydiving records, including the Brit 100, with which to start.

Action: Calvin Blacker

26.2 Target 2: Host an open forum meeting for Drop Zone Operators

This was a winter activity, for a one-day meeting probably in November 2004 or February 2005.

For action later in 2004

26.3 Target 3: Create a new role as Media Co-ordinator

Elizabeth Stoodley was active in this new role.

Achieved

26.4 Target 4: Improve the quality and quantity of media coverage of skydiving in the UK

Elizabeth Stoodley had achieved coverage of good news stories about BPA Members' skydiving achievements in a number of local newspapers. She had also received offers of help in media activities from a number of Members who worked in the field.

Good progress

27/04 Request for a link on the BPA website

John Taylor, who had described himself as 'an old parachutist from the past', had suggested that a link to the website of the former Hereford Parachute Club, Shobdon - www.hpc.freehosting.net - should be posted on the links page of the BPA website. Martin Shuttleworth confirmed that this could be done in-house at no cost. Eddie Jones therefore proposed, and Kieran Brady seconded, a motion that the link should be posted on the BPA website.

Carried unanimously

28/04 DZ map on BPA website

Calvin Blacker reported that, on his recent Club Reps' visit to Hibaldstow, a member had mentioned that some of the dots on the DZ map on the BPA website were not in the correct position. He had mentioned this to Martin Shuttleworth who had contacted the website company Centrepages to ask for the position of the dots to be reviewed in line with those on a large map on display at the BPA Office. As it was a dynamic webpage, it could not be altered by the BPA Office.

Action: BPA Office

29/04 e-mail alerts list

Calvin Blacker reported that another question he had been asked was about an e-mail alert list, for example to give news of any change in competition dates, etc. Martin Shuttleworth said that such a facility already existed and the sign-up box was on the diary of events page on the BPA website. Sue Waterfield at the office e-mailed monthly events updates.

30/04 Competitions results archive

Calvin Blacker reported on a suggestion from his Club reps' visit to Hibaldstow. This was the idea of an historical results archive for FS competitions results and draws. The Chairman said this could be a big project. Martin Shuttleworth said that when information on competition draws was received from the judges, it was posted on the BPA website along with the results. In time, an archive could be built up by leaving previous years' pages online. The Chairman suggested that Calvin Blacker should refer the idea to the Competitions Committee for consideration possibly as one of that Committee's questions for inclusion in the membership survey questionnaire.

Action: Calvin Blacker to refer to Competitions Committee

31/04 Meeting start time

The Chairman suggested that consideration should be given at the next meeting to issuing a statement to say that a meeting may start early, and asking members to please contact the office if they wished to attend for a particular item. The item would then be held until the official start time.

Action: Next meeting

32/04 Dates of future meetings

Tuesdays at 1630 at the BPA Office, Leicester: 19 October and 7 December.

The meeting closed at 1700.