

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING
BPA OFFICES, 5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2002

Present:

John Hitchen	-	Chairman
Pat Walters	-	Tilstock
Phil Cavanagh	-	Black Knights
Ronnie O'Brien	-	PPC
Ian Rosenvinge	-	Peterlee
Dave Wood	-	RAFSPA
Mike Rust	-	NLPC
Andy Paddock	-	Silver Stars
David Hickling	-	BPS, Langar
Nick Everett	-	Hinton
Karen Farr	-	Skydive Strathallan
Dane Kenny	-	Pilgrims
Pete Sizer	-	Headcorn
Paul Hollow	-	Target
Paul Applegate	-	Riggers Committee

Apologies Tony Knight, Maggie Penny, Alan Wilkinson, Ian Cashman, Steve Thomas, Dennis Buchanan, Mike Bolon, Trevor Dobson, Dave Emerson, (Nick Everett represented Dave at the meeting).

In Attendance:

Tony Butler	-	Technical Officer
Trudy Kemp	-	Assistant to NCSO/TO

Observers: Richard Wheatley, Barnadette Whitaker, Peter Connor, Sarahjayne Thomas, Dave Lewis, Colin Fitzmaurice, Chris Allen, Lisbeth Harris, Simon Davenport.

ITEM

1. MINUTES OF THE STC MEETING OF THE 11TH APRIL 2002

It was proposed by Phil Cavanagh and seconded by Ronnie O'Brien that the Minutes of the STC Meeting of the 11th April 2002 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE STC MEETING OF THE 11TH APRIL 2002

Page 1, Item 2 – (Matters Arising – RAPS Panel of Inquiry/Working Group) Dave Hickling gave the meeting details regarding the progress of the 'Panel/Working Group'. He stated that they have reviewed a reasonable number of different types of exits, from both left and right hand doors. Further tests are planned, filming from inside and outside the aircraft and from under and from the side of the aircraft.

The Panel/Working Group now feel there is sufficient information and results to move to a 'field trial' with Student Parachutists. The 'field trial' would be with

the Ian Robertson (IR) bag, some with centre base tie and some without.

Mr Hickling therefore requested that BPS Langar be permitted to run one of the 'field trials' using the 'IR bag' with 'centre base tie', St Andrews to run a 'trial' using the 'IR bag' without the 'centre base tie' and Skydive Strathallan to run a 'trial' using the 'IR bag' with the 'centre base tie'.

It was proposed by David Hickling and seconded by Pat Walters that the above be permitted.

Carried Unanimously

David Hickling presented a free fall bag, which was of similar construction to the SL bag, although different materials. He requested that the above Centres be permitted to carry out free fall trials using this bag.

It was proposed by David Hickling and seconded by Karen Farr that the above be permitted.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman once again thanked David Hickling and the Working Group for their continued work on this project.

Page 2, (Item 2 – Matters Arising). The Committee was advised that Ian Rosenvinge's Panel into the Fatal Accident of Stephen Priestley at Hibaldstow was a main agenda item.

Page 5, (Item 6 – New 'Solo' Student Declaration of Fitness). This is again being presented to STC, as a main agenda item.

Page 7, (Item 10 - Permissions - a). At the last meeting Paul Hollow was given permission to act as CCI at Hibaldstow until the Advanced Instructor Course in May. The Committee was advised that Paul was successful on the course and was awarded his Advanced Instructor rating. He is now the CCI at Target Skysports on a permanent basis.

Page 7, (Item 10 - Permissions – b). The Chairman advised those present that Paragon Skydiving now has a CCI; Rob Noble-Nesbitt.

Page 9, (Item 11 – A.O.B – b). Jane Buckle's/Pete Sizer's proposal to increase the number of AFF Students trained on a course, was a main agenda item.

3 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RIGGERS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 11TH APRIL 2002

There being no matters arising from the previous meeting, it was proposed by Paul Applegate and seconded by Pete Sizer that the Minutes of the Riggers Sub-Committee Meeting of the 11th April 2002 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Paul Applegate then gave the meeting a resume of the Riggers meeting held that evening and stated that the Committee had discussed a disciplinary matter involving a BPA Rigger. He stated that the Committee had agreed to form a Panel to investigate a number of alleged packing incidents involving this Rigger and it had

been agreed to recommend to STC that his Parachute Rigger and Advanced Packer ratings remain suspended until the Panel had completed their investigations.

It was proposed by Paul Applegate and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above recommendation from the Riggers Committee be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Paul Applegate advised those present that the Riggers Committee and also discussed and accepted a request from David Gould for permission to fit a Paratec Twin 402 Tandem reserve into a Vector II Tandem container. He stated that the container manufacture had approved this combination of components and the Committee had accepted it for general use.

It was proposed by Paul Applegate and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above request be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

The Committee had also discussed and accepted a request from Mike Rust that the new Vector container be accepted for Student parachuting once it had been evaluated by Kim Newton and an Advanced Instructor who is AFF rated. The equipment would only be used by the North London Parachute Centre.

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Paul Applegate that the above request be accepted.

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

Carried

Paul Applegate advised those present that the Committee had also discussed and accepted a request by David Gould of Point-Zero, which was for acceptance for a Tandem Vector re-build. Riggers had also agreed that the request was for the equipment as presented and that if he wished to do any more re-builds he will have to come back to the Committee with each individual set of equipment.

It was proposed by David Hickling and seconded by Paul Applegate that the above request be accepted.

For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2

Carried

4. INCIDENT/INJURY REPORTS RESUME

Before dealing with the incident/injury reports, it was with great sadness that the Chairman informed STC of the tragic accident that took place at Hinton on the 1st June 2002 when a glider collided with a freefall parachutist. The parachutist, Phillip Cheasley and the glider pilot were both killed.

A BPA Board of Inquiry was immediately set up, consisting of the NCSO, the Technical Officer and BPA Examiner Steve Apps.

Phillip Cheasley was part of a three-way F.S jump. He was jumping from the LET 410, which was the tenth LET lift of the day. The three-way were the first group out and were jumping from approximately 12,000ft. Prior to exit there were no gliders near the parachuting 'cone of operation', (which had been agreed earlier in the day between the parachute club and the glider club, both of whom operate at the same airfield).

Once all the jumpers had exited the aircraft, a glider was seen by the DZ controller to be flying towards the area where the parachutists were freefalling.

The majority of the three-way's freefall went without incident, but when they 'broke off' at approximately 4,000ft one of the jumpers saw the glider flying towards him. Shortly after, the glider collided with Phillip. His Cypres fired at approximately 750ft deploying his reserve canopy.

As well as the BPA Board of Inquiry, the AAIB, the police and the British Gliding Association are carrying out investigations.

- i) There had been 27 Student injury reports received since the last meeting. 8 male and 9 female. Two of them occurred on the ground, one during training and one Student fell over returning from the PLA. One Student became unconscious under canopy and remained unconscious until shortly after the canopy landed. The CCI feels his name (Darren Sargent) should be made known to other Clubs in case he tries to jump again. All the rest were landing injuries. Two were on round canopies and 22 were on ram-air canopies. One injury involved a Student who landed a malfunctioned canopy, a line over and sustained back injuries.
- ii) There had been 10 injury reports received for Intermediate or Experienced Parachutists. 6 male and 4 female. One involved a parachutist who made a radical low turn and impacted at the same time as his canopy, he sustained a broken femur.
- iii) Since the last meeting there had been 11 Student Parachutist Malfunctions/Deployment Problems reported. 9 male and 2 female. All were on ram-air canopies.
- iv) There had been 43 reports of Malfunction/Deployment Problems to Intermediate or Experienced Parachutists since the last meeting. 34 male and 9 female, including one parachutist who's main 'popped' in the aircraft, he landed in the plane, put the bag back in the container and then went up again, jumped and had a malfunction. This was because he had twisted or inverted the bag whilst putting it back into the container.
- v) There had been 14 Tandem Injury or Incident reports received since the last meeting. Five were injury reports, 4 Student and 1 Instructor. 9 were malfunctions/deployment problems.

Some concern was expressed from those present with regard to the number of Tandem malfunctions that had been reported and whether there was any trend to the malfunctions, for instance did they involve the same Tandem Instructor and equipment packer. The Committee felt that this was an area

that should be monitored.

The Technical Officer suggested that the Committee may wish to consider having separate Tandem Incident/Malfunction reporting books and asked for input from CCIs as to what they wanted including on the incident report.

- vi) There had been 5 reports of AAD firings. One involved an experienced parachutist returning to the sport after a number of years (an ex-CCI), who could not locate his main or reserve handles, due to his sweatshirt covering them in freefall. His Cypres fired! Another involved a jumper with 185 jumps who was unable to extract her BOC and found it extremely difficult to deploy her reserve, she had a deployment pad instead of a reserve ripcord handle. She eventually deployed her reserve as her Cypres fired. Her CCI believes there is a potential problem with pads as the pull could be harder due to the velcro. Another involved an FXC which fired, possibly on exit. The fourth was an FXC which fired after the Student deployed his main at a low altitude. The last one was an experienced parachutist who said he had a ' bag lock' , but was probably a pilot chute in tow. He carried out his reserve drills, probably very low, because the Cypres fired, cutting the loop!
- vii) There had been four ' off landing' reports received, two on displays, and two at clubs, including one where a Student who landed in a tree and a display jumper who also landed in a tree. There was also a display jump where a member of the public went uninvited into the arena and was hit by a team member. The member of the public was not badly hurt, but the jumper broke his leg badly.
- viii) Three reports had been received of parachutists losing helmets. One Student lost a helmet on exit, whilst on the aircraft step. One jumper lost his camera helmet on deployment and another jumper lost his leather helmet whilst tracking.
- xi) One report had been received of a canopy entanglement, during Canopy Formation rotations.
- x) There had been a number of aircraft problems since the last meeting, including an aircraft that hit an obstacle during an aborted take off. Another involved an aircraft coming into land when the nose pitched forward and the nose wheel broke off and the aircraft flipped onto its back. The third involved an aborted take off, because a vehicle drove onto the runway in front of the plane. The fourth concerned a Student whose reserve popped open in the aircraft. The aircraft landed without problem.

Weston on the Green's aircraft crashed on an aborted take off, several parachutists were hurt. There will be a Panel of Inquiry chaired by Tony Knight to look into this incident.

5. PANEL OF INQUIRY REPORT - HIBALDSTOW

The Panel of Inquiry Report into the Fatal Accident of Stephen Priestley went out to CCIs with the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Ian Rosenvinge and his Panel (Mike Rust, Alan Wilkinson and Paul Applegate) for their

work. Ian was able to answer any questions regarding the report. The report included the following Recommendations:

- a) The Panel fully support the Recommendations of the BPA NCSO and Technical Officer with regard to the “ Student Talk Down” , which were that the individual in question undertake no further “ Talk down” until re-briefed and tested by his CCI.
- b) The Panel wish to acknowledge the well researched and informed advice given them by the Relative Workshop and Jump Shack and recommend that the Relative Workshop Pilot Chute Video be made available to not only David Hickling’ s RAPS Working Group but to CCIs and Riggers at the BPA Offices by appointment.
- c) That the choice of Ram Air or Round/Conical Reserves continue to be a matter for individual Centres to decide upon providing those canopies are compatible with the chosen container systems.
- d) That Centres consider implementing a cut off height/hard deck for initiating main canopy release.
- e) To facilitate the cut off height for a main canopy release that “ ***Check Altimeter***” be added as an optional instruction to the BPA Radio Op Talk Down Procedure.
- f) That Revision Training be formalised as follows:
 - i) Prior to the 1st jump of the day for the 1st 5 jumps no change excepting that it is assumed that the BPA Ops Manual intends that evidence of such be recorded on/in the Student’ s Training Record Card/Log Book plus the addition of b. & c. below.
 - ii) Should a gap of a maximum of 1 calendar month elapse since the last recorded Revision Training Session, a practical and theoretical assessment (including exits and malfunctions) must be undertaken ***and if appropriate*** a written examination. This is to be recorded on/in the Student Parachutist's Training Record Card/Log Book.
 - iii) Should a gap of a maximum of 3 calendar months elapse since the last recorded Revision Training Session then the full basic training syllabus must be ***revised*** and that evidence of such be recorded on/in the Student’ s Training Record Card/Log Book. The duration of this training to be at the discretion of the Instructor.

Note: The words in black italics have either replaced or been added to the original wording by STC, following discussion at the meeting.

Following a number of comments by those present concerning the Panel's recommendations, It was proposed by Ian Rosenvinge and seconded by Dane Kenny that the Panel of Inquiry Report be accepted, including the Recommendations and the various amendments. This would include the following changes to the BPA Operations Manual:

SECTION 5 (TRAINING), Paragraph 2 (The Basic Training Syllabus), following sub-para 2.11. N.Bs(1-4) to be included

N.B.(1) Any Student Parachutist who does not complete his/her first descent within 48 hours of completing the Basic Training System Syllabus must be given some form of revision training, as directed by the CCI and annotated on the training record card/log.

N.B.(2) Until the first five descents have been completed Student Parachutists must receive revision training prior to their first descent of the day. This is to be recorded on/in the Student Parachutist' s Training Record Card/Log Book.

N.B.(3) Should a gap of a maximum of one calendar month elapse since the last recorded Revision Training Session, a practical and theoretical assessment (including exits and malfunctions) must be undertaken and if appropriate a written examination. This is to be recorded on/in the Student Parachutist' s Training Record Card/Log Book.

N.B.(4) Should a gap of a maximum of three calendar months elapse since the last recorded Revision Training Session, a full basic training syllabus must be revised. The duration of this training will be at the discretion of the instructor. This is to be recorded on/in the Student Parachutist' s Training Record Card/Log Book.

Carried Unanimously

The Technical Officer referred to the above "N.B.s" and stated that as these were actual rules they should really be given paragraph numbers. There were no objections raised by those present to this being done when the amendments to the Operations Manual were produced.

6. PROPOSED 'REVISED' NEW 'SOLO' STUDENT DECLARATION OF FITNESS TO PARACHUTE

At the last STC meeting (11th April 2002) a proposed new 'Solo' Student Declaration of Fitness was presented to the Committee. The proposed new form (114A) informed the potential 'first time' none Tandem parachutist of the greater risk of injury if that parachutist has a Body Mass Index (BMI) exceeding 27.5.

The proposed form included a chart showing the heights and weights for a BMI of 27.5. Some STC members however, felt that the form would be unworkable for them as they insisted on stricter height/weight requirements at their centres.

It was therefore suggested that a new form be produced without the chart and to include details of how a Student could work out his/her own BMI. However, this suggestion proved to be too complicated and would likely lead to confusion and incorrect calculations.

It was therefore suggested that the BPA produces a new form a draft of which was circulated with the agenda, which would be issued generally and would include the original chart, but would also include a box with the following note: " IMPORTANT – Check with the Parachute Centre for details of height-weight restrictions they may have" .

It was also suggested that BPA make available a similar form, without the above note, which was also circulated with the agenda which clubs could issue themselves containing their own height/weight charts.

It was proposed by Ronnie O'Brien and seconded by Phil Cavanagh that BPA Form 114A is introduced for all first time parachutists, other than Tandem Students.

Carried Unanimously

As STC had accepted the use of the above Medical, the Operations Manual would need to be amended as follows:

SECTION 11 (MEDICAL), Paragraph 1.1. Change to read:

- 1.1. All parachutists must be in possession of a completed Declaration of Fitness to Parachute, Medical/Doctor' s Certificate. BPA Forms 114 – 116 (see 1.1.1 – 1.1.4. below).
 - 1.1.1. **Form 114. Declaration of Fitness to Parachute/Doctor' s Certificate** is for all parachutists other than parachutists making a ' first' static line or AFF jump, or Tandem Parachute Instructors.
 - 1.1.2. **Form 114-A. ' Solo' Student Parachutist Declaration of Fitness to Parachute/Doctor' s Certificate** is for Student Parachutists making a ' first' static line or AFF jump. This Form may also be used by Student Tandem Parachutists, but Forms 114 or 115 may be more appropriate.
 - 1.1.3. **Form 115. Student Tandem Parachutist Declaration of Fitness/Doctor' s Certificate** is for Student Tandem Parachutists who may be unable to meet the requirements of Form 114, above.
 - 1.1.4. **Form 116. Tandem Parachute Instructor Medical Certificate/Doctor' s Certificate** is for Tandem Instructors.

It was proposed by Dane Kenny and seconded by Karen Farr that the above proposed changes to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

To allow clubs who had already sent out medicals to potential customers and for clubs and any of their agents to, if necessary, amend their paperwork. It was proposed by Ian Rosenvinge and seconded by Pete Sizer that Form 114A is in mandatory use by the 1st January 2003 and may be used with immediate effect.

Carried Unanimously

7. PROPOSED CHANGE TO NUMBERS OF AFF STUDENTS TRAINED ON A COURSE

A letter from Jane Buckle went out with the agenda proposing that the number of AFF Students trained on any one course be increased from 3 to 6.

A letter supporting Jane' s proposal, from Scotty Milne, has also been sent out to CCIs. A letter from Chris Allen opposing the proposal also been received and was circulated to those present.

This proposal generated a great deal of discussion. Some members present believed that we now had plenty of experience and knowledge of AFF to increase the

numbers trained on a Course. Others believed that to increase the number of AFF students on a Course may lead to a lower standard of instruction received by the students, leading to an increase in incidents.

However, some Committee members shared the opinion that there were certain lessons that could be carried out with a group of 6 without lowering safety standards.

Following further discussion on this request. it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Nick Everett that the above request be accepted.

For: 4 Against: 8 Abstention: 1

Not Carried

8. INSTRUCTOR COURSE 3-2002

The Association wished to thank Skydive Strathallan for hosting the course, and for providing excellent facilities, which took place from the 13th – 23rd May 2002. The report went out with the addition to the agenda. The recommendations from the course were as follows:-

‘ That Alice Gillies, Billy Golan and Phil Clarke be given six month extensions to their CSBI ratings.

It was proposed by Karen Farr and seconded by Dave Wood that the above recommendations be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

9. PERMISSIONS

- i) A letter from Pete Sizer (countersigned by Jane Buckle) was circulated with the agenda requesting permission to carry out their annual water jump into Bewl Reservoir. The request was to allow A Licence (red) parachutists, with a minimum of 60 jumps, to make this descent. The letter also included a request for an exemption from the round reserve and five predeclared jump rule. The Currency rules would also be adhered to.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Mike Rust that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- ii) A letter had been received from Alan Wilkinson and circulated to those present requesting permission to carry out water display without adhering to the requirement for ram-air reserves. This is for the Saints display team at Anstruther Harbour on the 10th August 2002.

It was proposed by Alan Wilkinson (proxy) and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above permission be accepted.

For: 13 (incl. 1 by proxy) Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

Carried

- iii) Circulated to those present was a letter from Mike Rust requesting permission for Ginge Brown to attend an AFF Instructor Course and be evaluated by the Examiners, in order that Ginge may regain his AFF Instructor rating, following a 'lay-off' .

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- iv) Circulated to those present was a letter from Ian Cashman, with a supporting letter from Steve Thomas, requesting permission for Rob Ames to be re-evaluated by a NCSO nominated AFF instructor in order that he may regain his AFF Instructor rating.

The NCSO requested that Rob attend an AFF Instructor course for evaluation by the Examiners on the Course.

It was proposed by Dane Kenny and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above permission be accepted, with the NCSO's proviso.

Carried Unanimously

10. A.O.B.

The Chairman advised those present that an addition to the agenda went out last week containing a number of suggested changes to the Operations Manual. These were dealt with individually. The Technical Officer presented the suggested changes.

- A). If AFF Students completing consolidation jumps, or Category System Students carrying out longer delays are dispatched more than one on a pass, it is not always been possible or practicable for instructors to observe them from exit to canopy deployment, as per the current requirements of the Operations Manual. It is therefore suggested that the word 'practicable' is inserted to the relevant paragraph below. The TO pointed out that it is not the intention of the change to permit anyone other than instructors to observe the Students.

SECTION 2 (DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF PARACHUTISTS), Paragraph 4 (The Category System), N.B (2) below sub-para 4.8.5, change to read:

N.B.(2) All Student Parachutists, including AFF Student Parachutists making consolidation descents, are to be observed where practicable from exit to full canopy deployment by at least a Category System Basic Instructor (CSBI). Up to Category 4, this must be done by the dispatching instructor.

It was proposed by Dane Kenny and seconded by Dave Wood that the above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

For: 12 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

Carried

- B). Now that the Canopy Formation Coaching Manual has been accepted, the *N.B.* regarding the guidelines for obtaining CF1 needed to be brought into line with the guidelines for obtaining FS1.

SECTION 2 (DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF PARACHUTISTS), Paragraph 6 (The Grading System), N.B. below sub-para 6.3, change to read:

N.B. Training programmes such as those contained in the BPA Canopy Formation Coaching Manual are acceptable for training for CF1, provided all the requirements of sub-para 6.3.1. (above) are met.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Andy Paddock that the above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- C). Following the comments made in Scotty Milne's letter, which had been previously circulated regarding the issuing of 'Grading' stamps by CCI's only. The TO stated that this was a problem that had been pointed out in the past and it was therefore suggested that any Advanced Instructor may issue them in future.

SECTION 2 (DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF PARACHUTISTS), Paragraph 6 (The Grading System), sub-para 6.7.1, change to read:

6.7.1. The award of a Grade in any of the disciplines may only be made by an Advanced Instructor.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Mike Rust that the above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

For: 13 (incl. 1 by proxy) Against: 0 Abstention: 1

Carried

- D). David Hickling had requested that, following the trial carried out at Langar with AFF Students jumping specially designed equipment, with throwaway pilot chutes, he is permitted to put the equipment into general use at his centre for AFF. As this type of equipment is becoming widely used throughout the world. STC considered the suggested amendment to Section 6 below, so that throwaway pilots chute can be used for AFF at other BPA Clubs. Any Student parachute equipment would still have to be accepted by both Riggers' and STC before being allowed to be used.

SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), Paragraph 2 (Equipment Used By Student Parachutists), sub-para 2.2.4, change to read:

2.2.4. Free fall equipment must be ripcord deployed (unless an AFF Student Parachutist who may use a 'throwaway' pilot chute, which must be able to be activated from either side).

It was proposed by David Hickling and seconded by Pat Walters that the above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Carried

- E). It had been pointed out to the NCSO and TO that the current rule in the Operations Manual is that to become a display team leader you need a recommendation from a CCI/Team Leader who is an Advanced Instructor. The intention was that you need the recommendation to sit the written examination not to become the team leader. It is only a problem when a team has a change of team leader. It is therefore suggested that the Team Leader requirements are amended as below.

SECTION 13 (DISPLAY PARACHUTING), Paragraph 1 (Team Leader), change to read:

1. TEAM LEADER

All display teams must have a Team Leader, who must fulfil the requirements of a Team Member (see para 3.2 below), plus the following:-

1.1. Additional Requirements

1.1.1. A minimum of 300 descents.

1.1.2. A minimum of 30 display descents.

1.1.3. Has passed a written examination, administered by a NCSO or TO on display procedures and flying operations.

N.B. A written recommendation of a CCI or an Advanced Instructor who is a current display team leader is required before taking the written examination.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by David Hickling that above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- F). When trying to obtain Landowners' Permission for a Club or Display PLA/DZ it was not always possible, especially if a Council owns the land. Therefore it was suggested that the relevant Sections of the Operations Manual are amended to include the Landowners' agent.

SECTION 7 (PARACHUTE LANDING AREAS/DROPPING ZONES), Paragraph 2 (Approval), sub-para 2.1. change to read:

2.1. The signed permission of the landowner(s), or the landowner(s)

agent(s).

SECTION 13 (DISPLAY PARACHUTING), Paragraph 7 (Preparation Procedure), sub-para 7.2. change to read:

7.2. Written permission of the landowner(s), or the landowner(s) agent(s) must be obtained.

It was proposed by Andy Paddock and seconded by Ian Rosenvinge that the above suggested amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

G). A request from Paul Hollow also went out to CCIs, requesting that a requirement regarding the use of buoyancy aids for Student Parachutists at Hibaldstow be lifted.

The Committee was advised that no parachutists have landed in the water hazards at Hibaldstow in the ten years of operation. The DZ crash rescue vehicle is equipped with two ring buoyancy devices (which can be thrown to anyone in the water) and good access routes are available to all three of the hazards.

It was proposed by Paul Hollow and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above request be accepted.

For: 6 Against: 2 Abstentions: 5

Carried

H). A letter from Sarahjayne Thomas also went out with the agenda requesting that she be allowed to wear a full-face helmet without the visor and with goggles, even though she is not yet a 'B' Certificate parachutists. Sarahjayne's letter gave full details of her request and she was also present at the meeting and she gave some background information.

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above request be accepted.

For: 11 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2

Carried

I). Circulated to those present was an e-mail from Mike Frost requesting permission to make some Skysurfing & Wingsuit descents without a helmet, for the benefit of filming and pictures for his sponsors. This is requested on the same principle as was previously agreed by STC in 2000 & 2001. STC had previously agreed on the proviso that it was specifically when the jumper was filming for the sponsors only.

The above request failed to find a proposer.

Date of next Meeting:- Thursday 8th August 2002
At 7 p.m.
BPA Offices, Leicester

10th June 2002

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