

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING
BPA OFFICES, 5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER
THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2006

<u>Present:</u>	John Hitchen	-	Chairman STC
	Ian Rosenvinge	-	Peterlee
	John Page	-	Skydive London
	Pete Sizer	-	Headcorn
	Mike Rust	-	NLPC
	Stuart Meacock	-	PPC
	Dave Openshaw	-	JSPC (L)
	Jason Thompson	-	UK Parachuting
	Dave Wood	-	Cornwall PC
	Steve Jelf	-	Silver Stars
	Phil Cavanagh	-	Black Knights
	Andy Guest	-	Devon & Somerset
	George McGuinness	-	British Skysports
	Rob Noble-Nesbitt	-	Paragon
	Paul Hollow	-	Target Skysports
	Nigel Allen	-	JSPC (N)
	David Hickling	-	British Parachute Schools
	Pat Walters	-	Tilstock
	Kieran Brady	-	Skydive Strathallan
	Steve Thomas	-	Cyprus
	Paul Applegate	-	Chairman Riggers Committee

Apologies: Tony Butler, Dave Emerson, Jim White, Dane Kenny, Maggie Penny.
Mike Bolton, Andy Montriou.

In Attendance: Trudy Kemp - Assistant to NCSO/TO

Observers: Jeff Illidge, Blair Stent, David Leonard, Nick Brown, Gary Small,
Paul Yeoman, Mark Bayada, Paul Moore, Jason Farrant, Daniel Ng.

ITEM

1. MINUTES OF THE STC MEETING OF THE 2 FEBRUARY 2006

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Pete Sizer that the Minutes of the STC Meeting of the 2 February 2006 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE STC MEETING OF THE 2 FEBRUARY 2006

Page 3, Item 6 – FS Manuals. The Chairman reported that the amendments and suggestions made at the last meeting to the FS Manuals had now been incorporated and both Manuals, together with the other discipline training manuals, were now on the BPA web site.

Page 5, Item 9 – A.O.B (a). At the last meeting Kieran Brady asked for input regarding Instructors no longer able to complete the required 60 jumps for rating renewal. This was a main agenda item.

Page 6, Item 9 – A.O.B (b). The Chairman advised those present that the new BPA Tribunal Procedures had been circulated to STC members with the Minutes of the last meeting as requested. He stated that these new procedures require changes to both the Operations Manual and BPA Form 160 (STC Terms of Reference) and would be covered as a main agenda item.

Page 7, Item 9 – A.O.B (d). The Chairman advised those present that Clubs had been e-mailed the day after STC, as was requested by the Committee, regarding the parachutist that had been discussed at the meeting.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RIGGERS' SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2 FEBRUARY 2006

There being no further matters arising, it was proposed by Paul Applegate and seconded by Pete Sizer that the Minutes of the Riggers Sub-Committee Meeting of the 2 February 2006 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Paul Applegate advised the Committee that he had nothing to report from the meeting held this afternoon.

4. INCIDENT/INJURY REPORTS - RESUME

- i) There had been 12 Student injury reports received since the last meeting. 8 male and 4 female. One of the injuries was to the Student walking back from the PLA (twisted ankle). Another was to a Student who bruised his shoulder during ground training. The others were all landing injuries, all on ram-air canopies.
- ii) There had been 3 injury reports received for 'A' Certificate or above parachutists. All male. One concerned a freefall collision, where a parachutist fell on the back of another jumper, bruising his ribs.
- iii) Since the last meeting there had been 1 Student Parachutist Malfunction reported received. A female with a line over.
- iv) There had been 8 reports of Malfunction/Deployment Problems to 'A' Certificate parachutists and above since the last meeting. All male. One incident involved a wing suit jump.
- v) There had been 2 Tandem Injury reports received since the last meeting. One Student bruised an ankle on landing and an Instructor pulled shoulder muscles moving in the aircraft. There had also been 1 Tandem Malfunction Report received.
- vi) One report had been received of an AAD fire. A jumper with 39 jumps could not locate the 'main' toggle, fumbled for cutaway pad and pulled reserve just before the Cypres fired. The jumper had since had extra training at the club.
- vii) Three reports had been received of 'off landings' at clubs, including one where a student hit the side of a DZ control building, without injury.

5. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BPA OPERATIONS MANUAL**

Two papers by the Technical Officer had been circulated with the agenda, containing suggested changes to the BPA Operations Manual.

- a). The first paper suggested changes regarding Tandem parachuting. Pete Sizer had written to the Technical Officer suggesting that some of the wording in the Operations Manual regarding Tandem was still not clear, and he believed it could be misinterpreted. Therefore, the T.O. had reworded a number of paragraphs in order to help clarify the intent:

Section 2 (Designation and Classification of Parachutists), Paragraph 7 (Student Tandem Parachutists), N.B. Change to read:

N.B. FAI 'C' Certificate (Red) parachutists participating in Tandem Instructor Evaluation Courses (see Section 4, Para 5.2.2), Tandem System Conversion Courses (see Section 4, Para 5.5.2), or assisting on Tandem Instructor currency descents (see Section 4, Para 5.6.1 & 5.7.2c), are not classified as Student Tandem Parachutists.

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Mike Rust that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 7 (Tandem Instructor), N.B. below sub-para 5.5.2. Change to read:

N.B. The requirements for those acting as Student Tandem Parachutists are as 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 above.

It was proposed by Steve Scott and seconded by Dave Openshaw that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Section 10 (Safety), Paragraph 5 (Safety During Parachute Descents), Sub-para 5.5. Change to read:

5.5. Student Tandem Parachutists or parachutists acting as Student Tandem Parachutists are not permitted to take part in activities or disciplines prohibited to other Student Parachutists, other than F.S, which may take place with CCI approval.

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Mike Rust that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- b). The Chairman reported that following Council's acceptance of the new Tribunal Procedures (BPA Form 256), copies of which had been sent to CCIs with the Minutes of the previous meeting. This meant that amendments were required to the BPA Operations Manual. He stated that the proposed amendments had been circulated with the STC agenda. Also included was a draft of the amended STC Procedures Form (Form 160), which now refers to Tribunal Procedures.

The Chairman stated that both the amendments and the revised form need to be accepted by STC.

SECTION 14 (RIGGING), Paragraph 9 (Breach of Operations Manual), Change to read:

9. BREACH OF OPERATIONS MANUAL

The Chairperson of the Riggers' Sub-committee may, in consultation with the Technical Officer and/or National Coach and Safety Officer deal with a rigger/packer alleged to be in breach, or suspected breach of the Operations Manual, in a number of ways:

Be dealt with informally by way of a letter setting out the allegation/breach and, if appropriate, advising the rigger/packer as to their future conduct, or

The allegation/breach should be referred to the Riggers' Sub-Committee or STC to decide if a formal Tribunal is required, or

Form a Panel of Inquiry to investigate the matter further.

N.B. Tribunal Proceedings – Rules and Procedures can be found on BPA Form 256.

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), Paragraph 13 (Breach of Operations Manual), Change to read:

13. BREACH OF OPERATIONS MANUAL

The Chairperson of STC may, in consultation with the Technical Officer and/or National Coach and Safety Officer deal with an instructor alleged to be in breach, or suspected breach of the Operations Manual, in a number of ways:

13.1. Be dealt with informally by way of a letter setting out the allegation/breach and, if appropriate, advising the instructor as to their future conduct, or

13.2. The allegation/breach should be referred to STC to decide if a formal Tribunal is required, or

13.3. Form a Panel of Inquiry to investigate the matter further.

N.B. Tribunal Proceedings – Rules and Procedures can be found on BPA Form 256.

SECTION 10 (SAFETY), Paragraph 7 (Discipline), sub-paras 7.4. & 7.5. and new N.B. below sub-para 7.5. to read:

7.4. A National Coach & Safety Officer or Technical Officer may suspend any member from parachuting, or the rating/authorisation/qualification of a member, for a suspected breach of the BPA Operations Manual, until the next STC Meeting. A Panel of inquiry may be formed to investigate further. The member concerned will have the right to appeal at the said STC meeting.

7.5. The STC may suspend any member from parachuting, or the rating/authorisation/qualification of a member, for a suspected breach of the

BPA Operations Manual or for any safety reason until the outcome of a report by a formal Tribunal if it is felt necessary.

N.B. Tribunal Proceedings – Rules and Procedures can be found on BPA Form 256.

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Kieran Brady that the above amendments, and the revised BPA Form 160 be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- c). A letter from Andy Montriou of Skydive Jersey had been circulated with the agenda requesting that the ‘foreign’ reserve re-pack times be changed from 180 days to 6 months. He also requested that Tandem emergency drills times be changed from 60 days to 2 months. The proposed changes to the Operations Manual had been listed on the reserve side of Andy’s proposal by the Technical Officer. The T.O. had also included a possible change to the Tandem currency times, from 90 days to 3 months, as this would seem logical in relation to the other proposed change.

The following had therefore been proposed:

Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructors), sub-para 5.6.1. change to read:

- 5.6.1. Any TI, who has not made a Tandem descent in the preceding 3 months, must make one Tandem jump with an FAI ‘C’ Certificate (Red) parachutist before taking a Student Tandem Parachutist. The FAI ‘C’ Certificate (Red) parachutist must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

Following some discussion on this proposal, it was agreed by those present that the word “calendar” be inserted just before the word “months”. It was therefore proposed by John Page and seconded by Dave Wood that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual with the amended wording be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructors), sub-para 5.6.3. change to read:

- 5.6.3 All current TIs must have practised Tandem Reserve Drills in a suspended harness within the previous 2 months. The harness handle configuration must be as per the equipment to be used. It is the responsibility of the TIs to ensure that the reserve drills are observed and signed for in their log book by a CCI, or CCI nominated TI.

Following some discussion on this proposal, it was agreed by those present that the word “calendar” be inserted just before the word “months”. It was therefore proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Kieran Brady that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual with the amended wording be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Section 6 (Equipment), Paragraph 8 (Parachute Packing), sub-para 8.5. change to read:

- 8.5. Reserve parachutes that have been packed in a foreign country, in a manner acceptable to the parachuting organisation of that country, may be jumped at a BPA Club for up to 6 months from the date of that packing. This is provided that the parachuting organisation of that foreign country allows 6 months validity for a reserve repack; otherwise the foreign country's lesser time will apply.

Some discussion took place with regard to this proposal and a number of comments made with regard to the reason for this proposed change following which, it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Stuart Meacock that the above proposed change to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

For: 15 Against: 1 Abstentions: 3

Carried

- d). The Chairman stated that it had been pointed out that the current wording in the Operations Manual referring to Parental/Guardian consent could imply that a letter from a parent or guardian giving permission for someone of 16 or 17 years of age would be sufficient, which was not the case.

The current wording states:

'All BPA members aged 16 or 17 must obtain the written consent of their parent/guardian before being permitted to parachute. This should normally be held by their Club.'

It was therefore suggested that Section 12 (Documentation), Paragraph 1.3. (Parental Consent) is changed to read:

1.3. Parental Consent

All BPA members aged 16 or 17 must obtain the written consent of their parent/ guardian before being permitted to parachute. This must be by the parent/guardian signing a BPA Form of Agreement and a BPA Declaration of Fitness to Parachute/Doctor's Certificate. Their Club should normally hold these forms.

Some discussion then ensued on how this proposal would affect military Centres.

Steve Thomas said that the proposal would have an impact on JSAT Courses because at the moment those under the age of 18 arrive on a Course with a letter of consent to parachute from their Commanding Officer who is legally termed in the forces to be their guardian and that is how they have been able to jump at this time.

Steve Thomas stated that the above proposal states that the parent/guardian must sign a BPA Form of Agreement. This would mean that the Commanding Officer would need to sign each individual form, which he felt was going to be extremely difficult and not practical.

Kieran Brady stated that perhaps the Association could consult with the BPA insurers to see if they could agree that the person in charge of the soldiers on the day could sign the BPA Form of Agreement.

Following further discussion, the Committee agreed that the proposal should also include a reference to parachute training. It was therefore proposed by Rob Noble-Nesbitt and seconded by Andy Guest that the following amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted:

Section 12 (Documentation), Paragraph 1.3. (Parental Consent) is changed to read:

1.4. Parental Consent

All BPA members aged 16 or 17 must obtain the written consent of their parent/guardian before being permitted to commence parachute training and to make parachute descents. This must be by the parent/guardian signing a BPA Form of Agreement and a BPA Declaration of Fitness to Parachute/Doctor's Certificate. Their Club should normally hold these forms.

For: 16

Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

Carried

6. INSTRUCTOR CURRENCY

At the last STC meeting Kieran Brady had asked for input from members with regard to him making a proposal at this meeting about possibly changing the requirements for Instructors retaining their ratings if they are no longer able to complete 60 jumps within the previous two years. A paper from Mike Rust and Gary Small, which had been circulated with the agenda, made a proposal, which Kieran agreed with. This proposal was therefore put forward for STC's consideration. The Chairman advised those present that letters on this proposal had been circulated from Doug Peacock, Alan Wilkinson & John Horne. The Committee noted their comments.

Mike Rust then gave the meeting details of the proposals as follows:

- a. Instructors holding a CSI rating – 60 jumps in 2 years maintain the status quo.
- b. CSI's that have held a CSI rating for 3 years and hold an FAI D Certificate (red) i.e. that are eligible to attend a pre-advanced course 40 jumps in 2 years. Provided they can prove their currency for teaching students (Would also have to be signed up by an Examiner).
- c. CSI's that have held a CSI rating for 10 years at CCI discretion provided they can prove their currency for teaching students 40 jumps in 2 years (Would also have to be signed up by an Examiner).
- d. Advanced Instructors at CCI discretion providing they can prove their currency for teaching. (Would also have to be signed up by an Examiner).
- e. Examiners at CCI/Examiner discretion providing they prove their currency as an Examiner. (Would also have to be signed up by an Examiner).

Pete Sizer said that he had some reservations against Instructors of any sort not ever jumping again. He stated that basically this proposal puts no time limit on Advanced Instructors or Examiners ever jumping again. He stated that he would prefer to stick to the 60-jump rule and extend the period over which people need to have done those jumps, i.e. a CSI of 3 years standing – 60 jumps in the previous 3 years. A CSI of over 10 years/Advanced Instructors/Examiners – 60 jumps in previous 5 years. He stated that in that way we extend the time period in which Instructors have to do those jumps.

Mike Rust said that there was a lot of experience out there that we are going to lose and he stated that he believed this proposal was in an effort of retaining those people in the sport.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Nigel Allen that the above amendments concerning Instructor currency be accepted.

For:20 (incl 2 by proxy) Against 2 (incl 1 by proxy) Abstentions: 0

Carried

7. PRIVILEGES & RULES AFFECTING SUB 'A' & 'B' CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

A letter from Ian Rosenvinge had been circulated with the agenda detailing some problems he had encountered with newly qualified FAI 'A' & 'B' Certificate holders who wish to jump their own equipment before they are deemed qualified to use or pack it.

Ian highlighted some of these problems to those present and stated that he believed these parachutists should be made more aware of the problems they may encounter if they do not have the qualifications or records, in particular for the packing of their main parachutes. He stated that he felt that we must educate them in that they must keep a record of the packing of their main parachutes otherwise they are going to arrive at our centres with equipment they wish to use, which in some cases they are not going to be permitted to until it has been re-packed by someone who is qualified to do it.

If was felt by those present that it would be beneficial if this information could be disseminated before they arrive on the drop zone so that they can avert that situation arising in the first place.

It was suggested by those present that Ian may wish to consider devising a poster or list, with input from STC members that could be reproduced by the BPA for distribution to Clubs. It was also suggested that perhaps something could be put in the BPA magazine to make people aware of these potential problems.

8. INSTRUCTOR COURSE 1/2006

The Association would like to thank JSPC – Netheravon for hosting the first Instructor Course of the year.

The Chairman advised those present that the Course report had been circulated with the agenda and stated that there was one recommendation which required STC ratification:

‘That Jeff Cook be given a six month extension to his Category System Basic Instructor rating’.

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Steve Jelf that the above recommendation be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

9. PERMISSIONS

- a. A letter from Mike Rust was circulated with the agenda requesting that Chris Francis be exempt from the 60-jump instructor rating renewal requirement.

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Rob Noble-Nesbitt that the above permission be accepted.

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Carried

- b. A letter from Pete Sizer had been circulated with the agenda requesting that Kevin McCarthy be re-instated as a BPA CSI & AFF instructor (With the recommendation of a CCI & Examiner), as he did not renew his rating when it expired in 2005. Pete gave the meeting details of Kevin's currency.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by John Page that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- c. A letter from Rob Noble-Nesbitt was circulated with the agenda requesting an exemption to the 60-jump rule for instructor rating renewal on behalf of Gavin Simpson.

It was proposed by Rob Noble-Nesbitt and seconded by Dave Openshaw that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- d. A letter had been received from Stuart Meacock, which had been circulated to those present requesting an exemption to allow Greg Munday to attend a Tandem Instructors Course without first attending a TBI Course. Stuart gave the meeting details of his request and stated that Greg has over 2300 descents and has been a regular jumper at Sibson for the last 18 months. Greg has held a current Australian Instructors rating for AFF and Tandem and has made over 600 Tandem jumps, but this rating lapsed in 2005

Stuart stated that Greg intends to renew his currency on his return to Australia in April. If successful, he would like Greg to attend the next possible Tandem Instructor Course and the Examiners to decide how many Tandem jumps they wish Greg to make in order to be awarded a BPA Tandem Instructor rating.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Stuart Meacock and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above permission be accepted, with the proviso that Greg sits the Operations Manual examination.

Carried Unanimously

- e. A letter had been received from Nigel Allen, which had been circulated to those present requesting 6 month extensions to the CSBI ratings of Daniel Schmidt and Steve Candlish. This is a first request for a 'permission' to extend their ratings.

It was proposed by Nigel Allen and seconded by Ian Rosenvinge that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- f. Correspondence had been received from Andy Guest, a copy of which had been circulated to those present with two items for STC consideration.

Andy's first request was for an exemption to the 60-jump rule for instructor rating renewal on behalf of Ian Grout. Andy gave the meeting details of his request.

It was proposed by Andy Guest and seconded by Rob Noble-Nesbitt that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- g. Andy's second request was for Tim Denson whose CSBI rating had expired on the 30 November 2005, to attend the May CSI Course subject to STC granting him permission to attend the Course without having to attend another CSBI course.

It was proposed by Andy Guest and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- h. A letter had been received from Mike Rust, which had been circulated to those present requesting that Danny Ng be exempt from the 60-jump instructor rating renewal requirement. Mike gave the meeting details of his request.

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Pat Walters that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

- i. A letter has been received from Steve Scott, which had been circulated to those present requesting that Ian MacDonald be exempt from the 60-jump instructor rating renewal requirement. The Committee were also advised that it had just come to light that Ian's Instructor rating had not been renewed last year. Steve explained that although the CCI part of the instructor renewal had been signed, the examiner part of the instructor renewal had not been endorsed, therefore his Instructor rating had not been renewed when it arrived at the BPA.

Ian had acknowledged that this had been an error on his part, as it was his responsibility to check his membership card upon receipt to ensure all the ratings were in order. Ian had written a letter of apology to STC, which Steve Scott read out to those present.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Steve Scott and seconded by Kieran Brady that Ian MacDonald be permitted to renew his Instructor rating for this year, even though it had lapsed in the previous year.

For 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

Carried

10. A.O.B

- a. A letter from Jason Thompson had been circulated with the agenda requesting guidance regarding Eddy Carroll's two-year lapse of BPA rating renewal. His ratings lapsed on the 31st March 2004. Eddy had remained current in the USA, where he was currently working. Jason Thompson gave the meeting details of Eddy's experience

and currency and stated that up until 2004 Eddy had kept his ratings up to date, but there had been some confusion in the application process in 2004 where his ratings had not been signed up and were not checked on his membership card on return from the BPA office by Eddy due to the starting of a new business.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Jason Thompson and seconded by Kieran Brady that Eddy Carroll be reinstated as a BPA Tandem & AFF Instructor.

Carried Unanimously

- b. A letter from Ian Rosenvinge had been circulated with the agenda drawing CCIs attention to the fact that Club's notified PLA/DZ centres may differ between what they have notified to the BPA, on OS Sheets, and what is contained in the (CAA) UK Air Pilot, which uses Latitude & Longitude references. CCIs should check. Also some publications have the different parachute clubs reference points, such as the airfield centre, which may differ from the notified PLA/DZ centre. Both Pooleys and a company called Airplan Flight Equipment (AFE) will include the correct information if clubs supply it.

Also, circulated to those present was a letter from Ian requesting that his PLA centre be changed slightly from the original grid reference, to: OS Sheet 88, Grid ref: NZ400413. Ian presented details of his request including a map of the PLA using a Powerpoint presentation.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Ian Rosenvinge and seconded by Steve Thomas that the PLA center at Peterlee be changed to grid reference : OS Sheet 88, Grid ref: NZ400413.

Carried Unanimously

Note: Ian had also proposed that the BPA convert the grid reference to latitude and longitude and that the BPA notify UK Air Pilot. Clubs are notorious for not supplying the BPA with information. It is felt that it is better for Clubs to check their own PLA centres to see if the grid references are correct and if not inform STC and the UK Air Pilot

Ian also informed STC of a couple of developments to the Club PLA using a Powerpoint presentation. He advised those present of a new housing development in the overshoot area, but stated that he felt that it did not compromise the overshoot area in any way.

Ian also advised STC of a proposed Telecom mast, not in any of the overshoot areas, but next to the track which leads up to the airfield. Ian stated that he did not feel this compromised anything.

- c. A letter from Andy Montriou had been circulated with the agenda requesting two amendments to the restrictions relating to the PLA location and boat requirements for Skydive Jersey.

The Chairman advised those present that unfortunately Andy Montriou had been unable to attend STC that evening, but stated that Andy had spoken to Paul Hollow, who was able to provide STC with further information on Andy's requests.

The Chairman stated that Andy's first request was for the relocation of the PLA, which was currently defined as an area 250 meters wide located directly in front of the Gunsite Café down to the waterline.

Andy had stated that during the time operating there he had noticed that the area in front of the Café is occupied in the summer months by a number of Hobbie Cats (boats) and Beach Volley Ball nets which occasionally result in a number of public at the edge PLA as people move boats to and from the water line or play volleyball. To the east of the Gunsite Slip the beach is rarely occupied. The Club is seeking to minimize conflicts of beach use through a slight revision to the beach area set at the PLA by moving it west approximately 200metrs.

Andy was seeking permission to move the PLA 200m to the East along the same beach to an area defined as "the area 250m to the East of the Gunsite outflow along the seawall down to the waterline".

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Andy Montriou (proxy) and seconded by Paul Hollow that the above permission be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman advised those present that Andy Montriou was also seeking to amend the following note to the 'Permission':

"All references to distances from the sea wall are measured perpendicular from the sea wall at the base of the Gunsite Café."

To be replaced with:

"All references to distances from the sea wall are measured perpendicular from the sea wall to the sea through the centre of the PLA."

It was proposed by Andy Montriou (proxy and seconded by Paul Hollow that the above be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman advised those present that Andy Montriou's third proposal related to the 'boat requirements' at Skydive Jersey.

He pointed out to those present that the Skydive Jersey's initial permission included the following clause:

'The rescue boat is to be capable of retrieving all parachutists dropped on any single pass. If more than 5 parachutists are to be dropped on a pass, a minimum of 2 boats and a towing vehicle for each boat shall be available, with the exception that additional vehicles shall not be required for any boats positioned and manned at sea.'

Andy had stated that the above was included based on the belief that in the event that parachutists were dropped into the sea and spread over a large area that the time taken to retrieve all the parachutists would be excessive and thus 2 boats would be more effective. Andy had considered this scenario again in light of new information from the available water rescue services.

Andy had stated that the RNLI lifeboat station is located in the St. Helier marina, only 1.5 miles from the PLA. The lifeboat standard on scene response time is 12 minutes. The Inshore Rescue Craft is a service provided by the States of Jersey Fire & Rescue Service with an on scene response time of 8 minutes. Andy believed that employing the professional rescue services would improve safety in all scenarios.

Andy had stated that the most significant risk is to Tandem pairs. He had therefore requested to amend the 'Permission' to read as follows:

‘The rescue boat(s) is/are to be capable of retrieving all Tandem Students & Tandem Instructors dropped on a single pass.’

The following additional clause to be included within our general provisions.

‘The inshore rescue service and lifeboat are to be notified of any planned parachuting activities.’

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding this proposal. A number of questions were asked by STC, which Paul Hollow was able to answer. However, a number of other concerns were raised by the Committee relating to this proposal, which they felt would be best answered by Andy Montriou. Therefore, following further discussion, it was agreed by those present that this item should be postponed until Andy could be present at STC.

- d. The Chairman reported that following a Panel of Inquiry Report (Netheravon C2908B Panel) which was presented to STC last year, a recommendation within that report was that ‘All Centres be written to requesting that they make comparisons between their operation, together with their CAA P&E and aircraft Flight Manuals/Supplements. This should be reported back to the BPA office within a pre-determined time confirming they are operating in conformity’.

The Chairman advised those present that a form had been sent to all Clubs previously and a copy was available that evening to complete, in the first week of April. He requested that the form is then returned to the BPA office as soon as possible after. Kieran Brady also provided STC with further details regarding this form.

- e. A letter had been circulated to those present from Paul Hollow together with details of forthcoming changes to maintenance and airworthiness requirements under EASA 2042/2003 Part-M requirements, which he drew to the attention of Club Chief Pilots.
- f. The Chairman gave meeting details of the parachutist who had been ‘grounded’ at a BPA Club, which was discussed at the last STC Meeting. This parachutist had since been re-trained on the AFF system, but had subsequently been deemed unsuitable to continue jumping by her AFF Instructors.

Date of next Meeting; Thursday 1 June 2006
At 7 p.m.
At the BPA offices.

4 April 2006

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