



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Limited will be held at the The Belfry Hotel, Mellor's Way, Off Woodhouse Way, Nottingham, NG8 6PY on Saturday 27th February 2016 at 11.00am for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31 March 2015.
2. To elect by ballot four members to the Executive Council from the following six candidates:
  - W. Bell
  - M. Heywood
  - M. Meadows
  - J. Mole
  - J. Shaw
  - J. Welch
3. To approve amendments to the BHPA Articles of Association (see back page).
4. To re-appoint Clear & Lane as auditors and to authorise the Executive Council to fix their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

J. Nash, Company Secretary.  
340 Melton Road, Leicester.

Notes:

1. Only Full, Concessionary and Honorary Members are entitled to vote. A voting member is entitled to appoint a proxy, who MUST be a member who is otherwise entitled to vote, to attend, speak and vote instead of him. Proxy forms must be lodged with the Leicester office not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.



## Form of Proxy for Annual General Meeting

I, \_\_\_\_\_ BHPA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(FULL NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

of \_\_\_\_\_

being a Full Member of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Ltd hereby appoint (See Note 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Chairman of the Meeting as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 11.00am on Saturday 27th February 2016 and at any adjournment thereafter.

Please indicate with a cross (X) in the relevant space provided whether you wish your votes to be cast for or against the resolutions set out in the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of specific directions your proxy will vote or abstain as he thinks fit.

Resolution 1 That the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31st March 2015 be approved.

FOR	AGAINST

Resolution 2 That four members be elected by ballot and appointed to the Executive Council from the following six candidates:

W. Bell  
M. Heywood  
M. Meadows  
J. Mole  
J. Shaw  
J. Welch

FOR

**YOU MAY ONLY VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CANDIDATES**

Resolution 3 That the amendments to the Articles of Association be approved.

FOR	AGAINST

Resolution 4 That Clear & Lane be re-appointed as auditors and the Executive Council be authorised to fix their remuneration.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

Notes: 1. If it is desired to appoint any person other than the Chairman of the meeting, his name and address should be inserted in the relevant place, reference to the Chairman should be deleted and the alteration initialled. A proxy must be a Full Member who is entitled to vote in his own right.

# Candidates for Election

## **Bill Bell**

We all just want get on with our flying unimpeded, me included. I get a lot out of my own flying and I am lucky enough to be able to devote some time to the BHPA in return.

My main interests and responsibilities are related to competition flying and developments in SSSR but like everyone else on exec I try to play my part in steering the BHPA for the long-term benefit of the members. There is lots to do, some things fascinating and some merely necessary. I hope you will allow me to continue the work on your behalf.

## **Martin Heywood**

I'm fairly "recent" to the sport having only seriously taken it up in 1999, but have served on Exec for the past thirteen of these as Insurance Officer, Chairman and Vice Chairman. Regarding corporate matters I would regard myself as a problem-sorter, and have found this has balanced well with others on Exec who it's said have advantages over me in the ideas department - but that's a good thing! I'm now retired from active flying due to a knee problem, but happy to continue offering my services.

## **Mark Meadows**

I was trained to fly paragliders at a BHPA school just over 10 years ago and have been a BHPA member flying paragliders and paramotors regularly ever since. For the past 12 months I have been undergoing instructor training at a long established BHPA school and I have also been busy coaching low airtime pilots. Last year I organised an event called Parafest, firstly as a massive social for the pilot communities and a place for the trade to exhibit their products and services, secondly to promote the sports to a new audience and encourage new entrants as students for the schools and customers for the related trade.

It is fair to say paragliding has got under my skin and become a huge part of my life. I realise and appreciate the work that the BHPA does for the benefit of the pilots and their efforts to keep our activities as safe as possible and de-regulated so we can all enjoy our flying as we do.

I would like to get involved and offer some input for the development of the sports that have come to dominate my life in recent years and will represent members concerns for any direction it may take.

## **Judith Mole**

By February 2016 I will have been flying hang gliders and paragliders for 20 years. Many members will know me as the voice of the Paraglider podcasts and web casts. I have spent some years on club committees and more recently I have been a member of the BHPA's Pilot Development Panel. I have been a coach since 1998 and have participated in HG and PG competitions. I am standing for exec because of a desire to improve communications with the membership and help make the BHPA more transparent. I have been a communication professional for my whole career and believe I can offer a lot to both the association and the membership.

## **Richard Shaw**

I have been flying paragliders and paramotors since 2001. I began helping to organise UK paramotor competitions in 2007, and in 2012 took on the British team leader role. I have a passion for the sport so much so that I am currently training to be an instructor.

I believe the work of the BHPA is essential in safeguarding the sport for all to enjoy hence my application to join the Executive Council.

## **John Welch**

I am the CFI of Flight Culture, a Dorset based paragliding school, as well as being an Instructor Examiner. I try to represent the interests of schools on the Executive committee. Schools are the life blood of the association and we need to actively support both schools and instructors to keep our association vibrant. Although my area of special interest is schools, I am also committed to the membership in general and passionately believe in our association. Please vote for me and allow me to continue to continue supporting the BHPA on the Executive Council.

# Agenda Item 3

## Special Resolution

That, with effect from 1st April 2016, the Articles of Association be amended to read as follows:-

### Article 4b

Every person who wishes to become a member of the Company or who wishes to renew his membership of the Company shall deliver to the Company, duly executed by him, an application for membership or consent to become a member of the Company, in either case, in such form as the Executive Council requires. Upon receipt of any application for membership and subject to:-

- i. The approval of the Executive Council
- ii. The payment of the minimum subscription in respect of the category for the then current year and
- iii. The provisions of Article 4

The Secretary shall enter the name of such person in the Register of Members of the Company and upon such entry, such person shall become a member.

### Article 5b

The annual subscription payable to the Company by each member shall be payable to the Company before the expiry of any previous period of membership.

### Insert Article 6d

(d) the conclusion of any previous period of membership.

Proposed on behalf of the Executive Council: Brett Janaway

Seconded on behalf of the Executive Council: John Welch