



Meeting 2019A of the BHPA Executive Council

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Meeting held on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham, commencing at 2pm.

Present

Marc Asquith
Martin Baxter
Bill Bell
Ed Cunliffe
Paul Dancey
Martin Heywood
Angus Langford
Mark Meadows
Angus Pinkerton
Adrian Thomas
John Welch

In attendance:

Andy Berzins
Ian Curren
Julie Drake
Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Mark Shaw
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

Richard Shaw

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Richard Shaw.

ITEM 2: POST AGM

As no one wished to change portfolio roles will remain as is. Bill Bell expressed the wish to pass on the competitions baton at some point in the future.

ITEM 3: ITEMS ARISING FROM AGM

It was agreed that in future all AGM reports would be submitted by the Friday, a full week before the meeting. This will allow time for them to be published on the website, giving members the time to read and digest beforehand, and the opportunity to prepare questions.

ITEM 4: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous Exec meeting, held on Thursday 8th November 2018, were approved.

ITEM 5: MATTERS ARISING

2017 – A4 Continuing
2017 – B7 Closed
2017 – C4 Closed
2018 – B1 Continuing
2018 – B2 Continuing

2018 – B8 Closed
2018 – B9 Continuing – wording amended
2018 – C1 Closed
2018 – C2 Closed
2018 – C3 Closed
2018 – C4 Closed
2018 – C5 Closed
2018 – C6 Closed
2018 – C7 Closed
2018 – C8 Closed
2018 – C9 Closed. Mark Shaw to draft a letter for Marc Asquith to approve.
2018 – C10 Closed
2018 – C11 Closed
2018 – C12 Closed
2018 – C13 Closed
2018 – C14 Closed
2018 – C15 Closed

ITEM 6: TRAINERS CONFERENCE

Ian Curren proposed that the next Trainers Conference be run on Friday 28th – Saturday 29th February 2020 at Lilleshall. He asked whether it would be cost effective to hold the AGM the same weekend.

After discussion it was agreed to do so. The format of the weekend will be Instructors on Friday, Coaches Saturday with the AGM held in the afternoon and the Exec meeting on Sunday.

ITEM 7: CHARITY COMMISSION SUBMISSION

Bill Bell gave an update on his progress with his charity commission submission. He has had a response from them asking for further clarification on certain areas and is currently working his way through these. Bill was hopeful that we would have a decision from them fairly soon.

ITEM 8: NATIONAL TRUST SITE AGREEMENTS

Martin Baxter asked on behalf of the clubs with National Trust agreements whether the BHPA would be willing to sign future agreements on their behalf. The National Trust are insisting that the agreements are signed by and on behalf of a 'legal entity' – either an individual or a limited company, but not a BHPA club.

Concerns were raised that if we did this we would become heavily involved in brokering agreements and in any disputes, which may arise. It was agreed to reject the proposal.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – A1) Martin Baxter to write to the BHPA clubs with National Trust agreements advising that the BHPA will not sign future agreements on their behalf.

ITEM 9: MEMBERSHIP FEES

The increase in membership had already been discussed at the AGM.

ITEM 10: TANDEM ACCIDENT

Marc Asquith asked why he hadn't seen an accident report on a recent tandem accident. Dave Thompson explained that there were no witnesses only the two parties involved so effectively there was little to proceed with.

Martin Heywood advised that for completeness we should produce a short report.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – A2) Dave Thompson to write a report covering the tandem accident.

ITEM 11: ELECTRONIC CONSPICUITY

Mark Shaw gave an update on the Electronic Conspicuity Working Group run by the CAA on which he sits as BHPA representative. A major project is intended to be launched in March 2019 and it is possible that devices may be mandated. This would have a significant effect on the freedoms that HGs and PGs have traditionally enjoyed. The cost to the user and the bureaucracy involved would inevitably drive a percentage of PG, HG and PPG flyers to

fly 'rogue'.

Mark asked that a working group be set up respond directly to the Aviation 2050 consultation, as well as contributing to the GAA response. Bill Bell offered his services.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – A3) Bill Bell and Mark Shaw to respond to the Aviation 2050 consultation.

ITEM 12: BPA DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

Marc Asquith asked that this be added to any GDPR discussions.

ITEM 13: REPORTS

13.1 Finance

Angus Langford explained that although subscriptions are due to rise in April 2019 we have already been paying the increased Insurance premium since January 2019. This will impact on March 2019's results which is forecast to be a £20K profit. If we lose 5% of membership we will start to lose money.

Andy Berzins commented that he intends to write an article for Skywings pointing out what value for money BHPA membership is.

Marc Asquith suggested that Martin Baxter re-submit the article he wrote some time ago along similar lines. Martin Heywood offered to help insert additional information.

Dave Thompson suggesting including how difficult it is to source insurance cover elsewhere.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – A4) Martin Baxter and Martin Heywood to submit an article to Skywings regarding BHPA membership.

Angus had circulated a document detailing new mileage rates to come into effect on 1st April 2019. After discussion a suitable rate was agreed upon for employed staff and a differing rate for volunteers.

13.2 FSC

Nothing further to report.

13.3 Insurance

Nothing further to report.

13.4 Sites

Nothing further to report.

13.5 Skywings

Nothing further to report.

13.6 Website

Nothing further to report.

13.7 Competitions

Nothing further to report.

13.8 External representation

Nothing further to report.

13.9 School Liaison

Nothing further to report.

16.10 Paramotor Liaison

Nothing further to report.

16.11 Admin

Nothing further to report.

ITEM 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Flyability had forwarded a request for funding, consisting of a fixed amount for a five year period together with a lump sum payment to fund the purchase of new buggies. It was agreed to proceed on slightly differing terms.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – A5) Marc Asquith to communicate the agreement on funding to Flyability.

14.2 Mark Meadows requested funding for Parafest. It was agreed to fund on the same basis as 2018.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

ACTIONS – OPENED, CONTINUING

WHO	NUMBER	WHAT	STATUS
Martin Heywood	2017 – A4	Martin Heywood to produce an Equal Opportunities Policy.	Continuing
Marc Asquith / Angus Pinkerton / Michelle Lanman	2018 – B1	Marc Asquith, Angus Pinkerton and Michelle Lanman to review the GDPR policy document.	Continuing
Angus Pinkerton	2018 – B2	Angus Pinkerton to download the GDPR template from the Sports & Recreation Alliance website.	Continuing
Martin Baxter	2018 – B9	Martin Baxter to facilitate the transfer of the charge for the Bloreng and the Long Mynd from the Reggie Spooner Trust to the BHPA Sites Fund Trust.	Continuing
F&GP	2018 – C13	F&GP to review staff salaries.	Open
Martin Baxter	2019 – A1	Martin Baxter to write to the BHPA clubs with National Trust agreements advising that the BHPA will not sign future agreements on their behalf.	Open
Dave Thompson	2019 – A2	Dave Thompson to write a report covering the tandem accident.	Open
Bill Bell / Mark Shaw	2019 – A3	Bill Bell and Mark Shaw to respond to the Aviation 2050 consultation.	Open
Martin Baxter / Martin Heywood	2019 – A4	Martin Baxter and Martin Heywood to submit an article to Skywings regarding BHPA membership.	Open
Marc Asquith	2019 – A5	Marc Asquith to communicate the agreement on funding to Flyability.	Open