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# Meeting 2009D of the BHPA Executive Council

Meeting held on Saturday 5th December 2009 at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, immediately following the AGM.

These notes of the minutes are not to be taken as a full record of the Meeting of the Directors of BHPA Ltd.

John Aldridge Marc Asquith Ed Cunliffe Paul Dancey Martin Heywood Brett Janaway Angus Langford John Lawson John Nash Angus Pinkerton Steve Walsh John Welch

Present:

In attendance: Jennie Burdett Mark Dale Joe Schofield Dave Thompson

## **ITEM 1: STAFFING**

Martin explained that Carolyn Childs will be retiring next May and we need to be thinking about her replacement.

Angus L informed the meeting that our accountants, Clear & Lane, have offered to do the accounting and this would save us £9k per annum. However, there will be a problem at the office if we do not replace Carolyn as there will only be three staff.

After a short discussion it was felt that this matter should be left to the F&GP. For the benefit of the new Exec members Martin explained what the F&GP is and how it works.

### **ITEM 2: INSURANCE**

Martin gave an update on the insurance situation and said he is just going through the policy wording, particularly in regard to the £5m top-up cover. On the basis that we have never had a claim against a landowner in all the years that we have been operating, Martin said he would ask Hiscox if they would provide £5m cover.

#### ITEM 3: EDI GECZY

Edi Geczy had sent a letter requesting that his membership and school be reinstated.

Unfortunately the letter had not been received in time for it to be circulated and considered before the meeting.

Dave gave some background to the problems at Welsh Airsports. There was a short discussion but members felt that the matter could not be given proper consideration at this meeting. It was agreed that this matter would be an agenda item for the next full Exec meeting early in the new year.

## ITEM 4 TRAINING WINGS

Angus P informed the meeting that although it had originally been decided that Training Wings should only be available on line, the FSC had reconsidered their decision and now believed that it should continue to be printed, as well as being available online.

FSC felt that as membership fees are being increased, it is not the time to be cutting what new members get for their money. Now that there is no advertising in Training Wings, schools will have no reason not to hand it out and it can be published and handed out freely in an effort to encourage membership..

The cost will be less than 50p per copy and FSC want TW to be distributed more widely than in the past. TW would also include blank pages to enable it to be used as a workbook.

This was agreed.

# **ITEM 5: EXEC PROFILES**

Paul explained the exec email system to the two new members and said he would get them added to the mailing list. Paul also mentioned that he is continuing with the Exec Profiles on the web

and asked those who had not already done so to send him their info.

Brett requested that Exec and staff email addressed should be published on the website.

Martin closed the meeting and said that planners would be circulated for a meeting early in the new year and that he would contact Rustam regarding the election results.