



Meeting 2019B of the BHPA Executive Council

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Meeting held on Saturday 9th June 2019 at the BHPA Office, 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, commencing at 10.30am.

Present

Marc Asquith
Martin Baxter
Bill Bell
Paul Dancey
Angus Langford
Angus Pinkerton

In attendance:

Ian Curren
Michelle Lanman
Joe Schofield
Dave Thompson

Apologies:

Ed Cunliffe
Martin Heywood
Mark Meadows
Mark Shaw
Richard Shaw
Adrian Thomas
John Welch

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Ed Cunliffe, Martin Heywood, Mark Meadows, Mark Shaw, Richard Shaw, Adrian Thomas and John Welch.

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous Exec meeting, held on Saturday 2nd March 2019, were approved.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES

The minutes from the AGM, held on 2nd March 2019, were approved with minor amendment.

ITEM 4: MATTERS ARISING

2017 – A4	Continuing
2018 – B1	Continuing
2018 – B2	Continuing
2018 – B9	Continuing
2018 – C13	Closed
2019 – A1	Closed
2019 – A2	Continuing
2019 – A3	Closed. Action completed by Martin Baxter

2019 – A4	Closed
2019 – A5	Closed

ITEM 5: EU TANDEM IPPI CARD

Marc Asquith outlined recent EHPU changes which included the introduction of a management committee who were beginning to undertake a number of projects. One of these being the introduction of an EHPU IPPI card – an EPPI.

IPPI cards are currently issued by FAI. Two years ago, CIVL reviewed them and with APPI input the levels were amended. We were not involved in the discussions and consequently they are no longer in line with our rating system.

Work has commenced on introducing an EHPU IPPI card, but approval is needed from all European countries to proceed.

Approval was granted.

ITEM 6: EHPU AGM: ALLOWING NON EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICPATE AS OBSERVERS

Marc Asquith explained that the funding of the secretariat to WG6 (provided by AFNOR) is paid by the EHPU. Historically this was funded by the French, however, once the first European Standard had been achieved, they

pulled out.

To assist with the funding in the future Marc was proposing that America, New Zealand and Canada were invited to observe the EHPU and make a modest financial contribution. Marc had already been approached by these countries and asked to attend their meetings. He suggested that longer term it could be possible to establish a world-wide version of the EHPU which would create greater funding and thus enhance the EN Certification Scheme.

The meeting was in agreement.

ITEM 7: AMENDMENT: EHPU LINK TO BHPA WEBSITE

Marc Asquith explained that the EHPU currently have a flag for each country on their website which, when clicked, takes the user to that countries home page. The EHPU were seeking approval to amend this so that the link instead went directly to the Flight Safety Rules page.

After discussion it was agreed that the most suitable page to link to on the BHPA website was that for visiting pilots.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – B1) Marc Asquith to advise the EHPU to link to our 'Overseas Pilots Visiting the UK' page from their website.

ITEM 8: EAS

The current Standard European Rules of the Air state that pilots should not fly below 500 feet unless on take off or landing. Stein Pulson (Denmark) has been tasked with making a representation to SERA that an exemption be granted for slope soaring craft. We have an exemption in place in the UK, but this is not the case in the rest of Europe and does have an impact on our members.

It is a complicated matter to address and by attending EAS and involving the EHPU management committee we should be able to solve it.

ITEM 9: JOE THOMPSON UPDATE

Marc Asquith gave an update on the work being carried out by our solicitors in regard to the land charge we have on Joe Thompson's property.

They have discovered that the land charge has now lapsed and in order to re-register it we need a copy of the original paperwork, which we are unable to locate. Marc was reluctant to engage solicitors to track this down as it could incur huge costs. He was hopeful that he might locate a copy in his archives at home. Angus Langford suggested that if Marc was unsuccessful, we could explore alternative methods i.e. employing a law student, which were less expensive.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – B2) Marc Asquith to review his archives for paperwork relating to the Joe Thompson land charge and report back.

ITEM 10: BARCLAYS BANK ACCOUNT

Marc Asquith explained that when the BHPA was formed we retained a bank account with a small balance in under the BHGA name. This was to prevent anyone else using the name.

Over time the paperwork relating to this account had been lost, however whilst reviewing his archives Marc had come across a statement giving the bank account number and sort code. Now we have the details the account can be reinstated, and the money reclaimed.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – B3) Marc Asquith to speak to Barclays Bank about the dormant BHGA bank account.

ITEM 11: SKYWINGS FUNDING

Angus Langford reported that he had been asked by Paul Dancey for an increase in the Skywings budget. He was happy to approve this but wanted the decision to be ratified by the Exec.

Paul Dancey clarified that his aim is always to spend less than his budget if able. An increase in the cost of advertising had also been implemented however, because of pre-booking, this would take a while to have any effect.

The increase in budget was approved.

ITEM 12: REPORTS

12.1 Finance

Angus Langford had circulated his finance report prior to the meeting. The draft accounts for March 2019 show a surplus of £11k, which was slightly lower than expected.

12.2 FSC

12.2.1 Angus Pinkerton gave an update on the PDS Scheme. Progress is slow as it is proving difficult to get members to supply content, the gaps are having to be filled by the technical team. Judith Mole has stepped down which has also left a huge hole in terms of support. However, the hope is that as new members come join us, they will get used to using the system from day one and it will become second nature to them.

12.2.2 There have been several fatal incidents recently, which have taken up a considerable amount of the technical team's time.

12.2.3 A Trainers Conference is being planned for 2020 with the AGM to run alongside. This will take place at Lilleshall with provisional dates of 28th/29th February 2020.

12.2.4 The technical team are currently reviewing the CP STRB to incorporate a mountain variant.

12.2.5 Martin Baxter raised the issue of Airspace and explained that after discussions it had been agreed that Mark Shaw would be the main point of contact. Marc Asquith asked for approval to pay an invoice from the BGA for GA Alliance support. This was granted.

12.2.6 Dave Thompson gave an update on the work being carried out by Matt Wilkes on parachute deployment. Matt is planning on producing a video to be circulated on his findings. However, on the back of the work it was already apparent that we need to include more practical work on deployment in our STRB's.

12.2.7 Marc Asquith gave an update on the production of a PPG code which we had agreed to do for the CAA. Mark Shaw had produced the content however the CAA's quote from their in-house team to create the design this was too high. Marc approached Colin Fargher whose quote was much more competitive. He will produce the leaflets and we have agreed to distribute them.

12.3 Insurance

12.3.1 Marc Asquith reported that a meeting is planned for the 20th June 2019 to meet the new under writer.

12.3.2 There are some concerns over a current claim, he will report back once more is known.

12.3.3 Bill Bell asked whether the increased weight limit on microlights would affect the insurance. Marc explained that it would not. Ian Curren asked if we planned to offer hull cover. Marc explained that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get this, we would not be in a position to offer it.

12.4 Sites

Martin Baxter's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He briefly summarized the main points.

12.5 Skywings

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Angus Pinkerton asked whether we have looked at using alternatives to Royal Mail to cut costs. Paul confirmed that he has had discussions previously but would revisit the issue.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – B4) Paul Dancey to review Skywings carriers for cost savings.

12.6 Website

Paul Dancey's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Dave Thompson raised concerns that when on the website a flag indicates that the certificate is not secure. On investigation it became apparent that when using https, the site is secure but using http it is flagged as not secure. It was agreed to set up a redirect.

FOR ACTION: (2019 – B5) Paul Dancey to set up a redirect from http to https to ensure the certificate on the website reads as secure.

12.7 Competitions

Bill Bell's report had been circulated. He summarised the main points and highlighted that he would be looking for an inflationary increase in the level of grants given next year.

Marc Asquith added that he had been speaking to the Human Powered Flying Club about providing funding to them. His intention is to attend the Icarus Cup and have a meeting with them there to discuss further.

12.8 External representation

Marc Asquith had recently attended the RAeC awards.

When the EHPU AGM comes to the UK Marc indicated that he was considering running a chairman's dinner alongside. His intention is to send out feelers to see who would be interested in attending. Exec approved this preliminary step.

12.9 School Liaison

No report available.

12.10 Paramotor Liaison

No report available.

12.11 Admin

Michelle Lanman reported back on the slow progress of the project to introduce digital membership cards. Obtaining support from our Filemaker developer is proving difficult.

ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Dave Thompson raised concerns that we were allowing visiting pilots to take out trial memberships. He questioned whether the insurance would cover them.

Marc Asquith confirmed that we would continue to offer this.

13.2 John Welch had asked that fixed dates be considered for future Exec meetings. After discussion it was agreed that this was not feasible.

13.3 The office had received a request for the gender of a member to be held as 'male to female trans gender woman'. Currently the database only allows the choice of female or male.

After discussion it was agreed that in the short term the request would be held in the members notes.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3pm.

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
Dave Thompson	2019 – A2	Dave Thompson to write a report covering the tandem accident.	Open
Marc Asquith	2019 – B1	Marc Asquith to advise the EHPU to link to our 'Overseas Pilots Visiting the UK' page from their website.	Open
Marc Asquith	2019 – B2	Marc Asquith to review his archives for paperwork relating to the Joe Thompson land charge and report back.	Open
Marc Asquith	2019 – B3	Marc Asquith to speak to Barclays Bank about the dormant BHGA bank account.	Open
Paul Dancey	2019 – B4	Paul Dancey to review Skywings carriers for cost savings.	Open
Paul Dancey	2019 – B5	Paul Dancey to set up a redirect from http to https to ensure the certificate on the website reads as secure.	Open