



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Limited will be held at the BHPA offices, 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester LE19 1RJ on Saturday 13th March 2021 at 11.00 am for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31 March 2020.
2. To elect by ballot five members to the Executive Council from the following five candidates:

M Asquith
G Bird
J Buck
E Cunliffe
A Pinkerton

3. To appoint Fortus Audit LLP as auditors and to authorise the Executive Council to fix their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

M. Heywood, Company Secretary.
8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ

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.

Candidates for Election

Marc Asquith

Over 2 terms, I have now served just over 13 years as Chairman of the BHPA. I have been on Exec. and BHGA Council before that almost continuously since 1989. I am a flying nut, Air Experience flights on Chipmunks as an Air Cadet in the mid-1970s, solo on gliders in 1975, PPL 1976, learned to HG in 1977 with the Swansea University HGC. Flew microlights and worked as an instructor in 1983/84. Learned to fly paragliders in the late 1980s, I still have a pristine Airwave Black Magic ! I obtained my PPG and PHG ratings in the mid 1990s, mostly flying my Doodlebug / Discovery combination in and around Snowdonia. I have been the BHPA delegate to Royal Aero Club since my first term as Chairman and became Chairman of the Royal Aero Club for a 3 year stint in the late 1990s. I am now an Honorary Vice President of the RAeC. As Chairman I attended the inaugural meeting of the European Hang Gliding and Paragliding Union in 1998 and have been the UK delegate during both my terms as BHPA Chairman. I am currently a member of the EHPU's Management Committee and will shortly take over as President. Over the years, I have served the BHPA as PR Officer, Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Admin Director, Treasurer and Chairman. Professionally I am a Barrister specialising in Aviation Law. I am married with 3 children, Maria aged 15 and the twins, Daniel and Andrea aged 5. If re-elected I am willing to continue to serve as Chairman until my planned retirement as Chairman in 2022 (Unless Covid-19 sabotages that plan as well !).

Gareth Bird

I am a 4th generation pilot who grew up around aviation and have been flying for over 20 years on a variety of military and civilian, fixed and rotary wing aircraft. I began PG and miniwing flying a couple of years ago and have flown many sites here and in Europe. The UK has some of the most congested and complex airspace in the world. As an airline pilot and a CAA approved instructor and examiner for the commercial drone industry, I understand how airspace is designed and the requirements for integrating with other air traffic. If elected, I will focus on three main areas:

- Firstly, using my experience as a professional aviator, I will work to ensure that the PG and HG community is fairly represented during the upcoming CAA airspace reforms.
- Secondly, that mandated Electronic Conspicuity is both achievable and appropriate.
- Thirdly, having recently learnt to PG, I would like to see free flight promoted more widely and access made even more simple for those wanting to join our wonderful and unique community.

Jenny Buck

I joined the BHGA at the age of 15 back in 1989. Ever since then I have been a member of the BHGA and the BHPA. I hold an Advanced Pilot, Hill Rating, for hang gliding, Pilot Rating, Hill and Tow, for Paragliding and I am a lapsed sailplane pilot, Having previously been an active competition pilot, for the last 6 years I have served as Meet Director for the British Open Hang Gliding Series, UK Nationals and GB HG Team Manager.

Professionally I serve in the Military Medical Services, previously as an Army Major, transferring in 2018 to the Royal Navy as a Commander. During that time, I served as Treasurer of the Army Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association and upon transfer as Chair of the RNHPA for 2 years.

As an Officer in the Royal Navy Medical Services , I have benefitted from the experiences and responsibility gained during daily duty and operational tours. This has given me an appreciation of the need for coherence, team work, effective decision making and risk management.

I am seeking election to the Exec in order to represent the membership with broad experience, leadership, pragmatism and humour; I am willing to be flexible in role as the nature of my employment demands it. My journey through our sport has been long with a huge variety. Our flying community is one I feel a strong bond with; this is a community that I would be proud to represent.

Ed Cunliffe

Paramotor pilot, Paraglider pilot, lapsed microlight pilot, occasional competition pilot, accuracy pilot, club coach, and proud to be chairman of the Yorkshire Owls Paramotor Club. Originally co-opted to BHPA Council in early 2006, and formally voted in at the 2006 AGM. It is essential that the paramotoring community has representation on the BHPA Committee and I hope you can vote me back on board in 2021. I commit to represent UK paramotoring to the best of my abilities.

Angus Pinkerton

I am both a hang glider and paraglider pilot, first flying hang gliders in 1979, and starting paragliding in 2005. I have been Chairman of the Flying and Safety Committee since the formation of the BHPA and I believe that during my time we have significantly developed our training systems. There is still more to be done to complete the implementation of our structured approach to developing Pilot skills after gaining CP (Novice). As well as the FSC, I also chair the CEN Working Group (WG6) that is responsible for developing European Paragliding Standards, for wings, harnesses and parachutes.



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 11:00 am on Saturday 13th March 2021 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 2020 be approved.

FOR	AGAINST

Resolution 2. That five members be elected by ballot and appointed to the Executive Council from the following five candidates (indicate with an X up to five candidates only):

- M. Asquith
- G. Bird
- J. Buck
- E. Cunliffe
- A. Pinkerton

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Resolution 3 That Fortus Audit LLP be appointed as auditors and the Executive Council be authorised to fix their remuneration.

FOR	AGAINST

Signature _____ Dated this _____ day of _____ 2021.

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.