

# British Parachute Association

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## The Council

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the year 2011 Council held on  
**Saturday 22 January 2011 at 1210**  
in the Coventry Suite at the Coventry Hilton

**Present:**

Paul Applegate  
Adrian Bond  
Kieran Brady  
Alex Busby  
Richard Head  
Ian Marshall  
Paul Moore  
John Page  
Craig Poxon  
Steve Saunders  
Martin Soulsby  
Weed Stoodley

**In attendance:**

Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag
Tony Butler	-	Technical Officer
Debbie Carter		
John Hitchen	-	NCSO
Trudy Kemp	-	PA to TO/NCSO
Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General
John Smyth MVO	-	Immediate-past Chairman

**Observers:**

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## Item Minute

**01/11 Election of Officers, etc**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

Tony Butler took the Chair for the election of a Chairman. He invited nominations. Craig Poxon proposed, and Steve Saunders seconded, a motion to elect Martin Soulsby as Chairman of Council. Martin Soulsby said he was willing to accept the nomination. Tony Butler asked if there were any other nominees, and there were none.

**Martin Soulsby elected Chairman of Council**

Martin Soulsby took the Chair.

**1.2 Election of Vice Chair**

The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Weed Stoodley proposed, and Kieran Brady seconded, a motion to elect Craig Poxon as Vice Chairman of Council. Craig Poxon said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no further nominations.

**Craig Poxon elected Vice Chairman of Council**

### **1.3 Election of Treasurer**

The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Weed Stoodley proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to elect Debbie Carter as Treasurer. Debbie Carter said she was willing to accept the nomination if no elected Member of Council wished to be Treasurer. The Chairman asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none.

**Debbie Carter elected as Treasurer**

### **1.4 Election of Chair of STC**

The Chairman invited nominations for the office of Chair of STC. John Page proposed, and Steve Saunders seconded, a motion to elect John Hitchen as Chairman of STC. John Hitchen said that, as a member of BPA staff, he was both duty-bound and pleased to accept the nomination. The Chairman asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none.

**John Hitchen elected as STC Chairman**

### **1.5 Election of Chair of the Communications Committee**

The Chairman invited nominations for the office of Chair of the Communications Committee. Weed Stoodley proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to elect Adrian Bond as Chairman of the Communications Committee. Adrian Bond said he was willing to accept the nomination. The Chairman asked if there were any other nominations and there were none.

**Adrian Bond elected as Communications Chairman**

### **1.6 Election of Chair of the Development Committee**

The Chairman invited nominations for the office of Chair of the Development Committee. Weed Stoodley proposed, and Alex Busby seconded, a motion to elect Craig Poxon as Chairman of the Development Committee. Craig Poxon asked if there was any reason why, as Vice Chairman of Council, he should not also chair the Development Committee. Paul Applegate confirmed there was not: only the Chair of Council should not also be Chairman of a Committee of Council. Craig Poxon then said he was willing to accept the nomination. The Chairman asked if there were any other nominations and there were none.

**Craig Poxon elected as Development Chairman**

### **1.7 Election of Chair of the Competitions Committee**

The Chairman invited nominations for the Chair of the Competitions Committee. Richard Head proposed, and Adrian Bond seconded, a motion that Steve Saunders should be elected as Competitions Chairman. Steve Saunders said he was willing to accept the nomination.. There were no other nominations.

**Steve Saunders elected as Competitions Chairman**

### **1.8 Election of Delegate to RAeC**

Ian Marshall proposed, and Steve Saunders seconded, a motion that John Smyth be elected as BPA Delegate to RAeC. This carried unanimously.

**John Smyth elected as BPA Delegate to RAeC**

### **1.9 Election of Alternate Delegate to RAeC**

Steve Saunders proposed, and Craig Poxon seconded, a motion that Jim Crocker be elected as BPA Alternate Delegate to RAeC. This carried unanimously.

**Jim Crocker elected as BPA Alternate Delegate to RAeC**

### **1.10 Co-options to Council**

The following were co-opted to the Council, each in a non-voting capacity.

<b><u>Co-optee</u></b>	<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Secunder</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
John Hitchen (STC Chairman)	Ian Marshall	Richard Head	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
Debbie Carter (Treasurer)	Paul Moore	Weed Stoodley	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
John Smyth MVO (Delegate to RAeC) & Jim Crocker (Alternate Delegate to RAeC)	Ian Marshall	Richard Head	<b><u>Carried</u></b>

Army Parachute Association	Paul Moore	Alex Busby	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
RAF Sport Parachute Association	Ian Marshall	Adrian Bond	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
Rhine Army Parachute Association	Paul Moore	Steve Saunders	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
British Collegiate Parachute Ass'n	John Page	Craig Poxon	<b><u>Carried</u></b>

**02/11 Dates for Council meetings 2011**

Council agreed the following meeting dates for 2011, as suggested on the agenda, with STC meeting dates for information.

*(STC dates in 2011)*

*(Thursday 10 February)*

*(Thursday 7 April)*

*(Thursday 9 June)*

*(Thursday 4 August)*

*(Thursday 29 September)*

*(Thursday 24 November)*

**Council dates in 2011**

**Tuesday 22 February**

**Tuesday 19 April**

**Tuesday 21 June**

**Tuesday 16 August**

**Tuesday 11 October**

**Tuesday 6 December**

**03/11 Election of John Smyth MVO as Vice President and Life Member**

In recognition of his contribution to Council for over 18 years, and Chairman for over three, Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Moore seconded, a motion that John Smyth MVO, immediate-past Chairman of Council, be elected a Vice President of the Association.

**Carried unanimously**

Richard Head then proposed, and Kieran Brady seconded, a motion that John Smyth be elected a Life Member.

**Carried unanimously**

John Smyth thanked the Council for this honour.

**04/11 Composition of Committees**

The following composition of voting members was agreed.

**Communications Committee** (quorum: 2): Paul Applegate, Adrian Bond (Chair), Kieran Brady, Alex Busby, Craig Poxon.

**Competitions Committee** (quorum: 4): Richard Head, Ian Marshall, Paul Moore, Steve Saunders (Chair), Weed Stoodley.

**Development Committee** (quorum: 3): Paul Applegate, Adrian Bond, Kieran Brady, Alex Busby, Craig Poxon (Chair), John Page.

**05/11 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester.

The meeting closed at 1235.