

BPA PILOTS' SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coventry Hilton Hotel, Paradise Way, Walsgrave Triangle
Coventry, CV2 2ST
22nd January 2011

Present:

Kieran Brady	-	Chairman
M P Westwood	-	Skydive Weston/JSPC(W)
P Dewey	-	BPS, Langar
G Thomas	-	BPS, Langar
J Swallow	-	Target Skysports
James Hallam	-	Silver Stars
G Watkins	-	NLSC
Jane Buckle	-	Headcorn
Dick Kalinski	-	NWPC/Peterlee
Tony Knight	-	UK Parachuting
Angela Hickling	-	BPS, Langar
Grant Richards	-	UK Parachuting
Ken Broomfield	-	Exit Para Team
Paul Moore	-	Peterlee

In Attendance:

Lawrence Hay	-	CAA
Tony Butler	-	Technical Officer

Observers: Kirstie Watson, Mal Richardson, Dave Jelly, P Marsden,

ITEM

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from; Marc Morin, Bob O'Hara, Gordon Cooper, Dave Ibbotson, Dave Bray, Mike Carruthers.

2. MINUTES OF THE PILOT'S MEETING OF THE 16TH JANUARY 2010

It was proposed by Paul Moore and seconded by Grant Richards that the Minutes of the Pilots' Sub-Committee Meeting of the 16th January 2010 be approved.

Agreed by those present

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PILOT'S MEETING OF THE 16TH JANUARY 2010**

Page 1 (Item 3, Matters Arising – TAWS). The Chairman stated that at the last meeting the Committee were informed that the UK CAA had extended the exemptions until EASA had decided what the requirements would be. At this time nothing has changed.

Page 2 (Item 4, Incidents/Accidents – Nomad Incident). The Chairman informed the meeting that the report from the Working Group formed to consider flying requirements for pilots of foreign registered aircraft had been completed towards the end of 2010 and had been sent in draft form to Club Chief Pilots and Pilot Examiners for comment. The final report went to STC for consideration. The AAIB report was published around the same time.

The report recommended changes to the BPA Operations Manual with regard to pilot qualifications to fly foreign registered aircraft, which STC agreed to and the Operations Manual was duly amended.

Page 4 (Item 6, GASCO). The Chairman stated that he had attended all but one of the GASCO meetings in 2010 on behalf of the Association and was able to update the meeting regarding areas of relevance. He stated that at this time GASCO were taking on more responsibilities and will be possibly be looking at safety information on behalf of the CAA. He informed the meeting that they will be putting greater emphasis on their Safety Evenings.

4. **INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS**

The Chairman gave the meeting brief details of the incidents/accident reports received during the year:

- a. 11th June A Dornier G-92 suffered damage to the inboard port flap when the lower fabric surface separated from the flap in flight. The jumpers exited the aircraft individually at approximately 4,000ft, all landed uneventfully on the PLA and the aircraft made an uneventful (flapless) landing.
- b. 24th July A report was received of an unidentified aircraft flying down a parachute centre runway at approximately 50ft shortly after a parachutist had landed. This incident was reported to the CAA.
- c. 4th August After dropping parachutists, a Cessna 182 landed and hit bushes at the side of the runway, spun into a field, damaging the wing.
- d. 2nd September An AFF Instructor deployed his canopy by 2,500ft and encountered a helicopter that flew directly underneath him. The incident was reported to the CAA.

- e. 28th November On take off an Airvan failed to gain height and made an emergency landing in an adjacent field. There were eight parachutists on board and the pilot, who broke his leg on landing. Other than very minor injuries, no one else was injured. However, the aircraft was a 'write-off'. The parachutists had to evacuate out of the pilot's door as the damage to the aircraft prevented the side door from opening. The Chairman of the Pilots Committee and the Technical Officer initially started an investigation, but because the accident is being investigated by the AAIB, the BPA investigation has been put on hold until the AAIB have completed their investigation.

5. EASA

The Chairman introduced Lawrence Hay from the CAA who updated those present on the current situation regarding EASA from a CAA perspective. He gave the meeting a brief history of EASA and its workings. He gave the meeting details of the rule structure, including details of the Basic Regulations, the Organisation Requirements and the Operation Requirements. Details were included on a handout, which are attached to these minutes. Lawrence also informed the meeting that the trend is not for EASA to make large changes to current regulations and that the CAA will keep the parachuting community informed of relevant proposed changes.

Tony Knight then made a short presentation regarding the work he is doing on the Association's behalf and gave details of parachuting's current position within EASA. Tony stated that he would be writing a report for the February Council meeting, which will also be distributed to Clubs.

6. GASCO MEETINGS

This item was dealt with under item 3 (Matter Arising from the Previous Meeting).

7. NATS Airspace plans for London Olympics 2012

Mike Westwood attended a NATS/GA Partnership meeting in London on the 10th December on the BPA's behalf. Mike was at the meeting and was able to brief the Committee on NATS plans for the London Olympics in 2012. Mike's report is attached to these minutes.

8 **A.O.B.**

- a). Since the last meeting there have been 5 Pilot Examiner ratings had been issued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pilot Examiner No.</u>
Andy Goodall	255
Arthur Gibson	256
Grant Richards	257
Moore Campbell	258
James Hallam	259

- b). The Chairman gave the meeting details of a CAA Airworthiness Communication regarding the Management and Recording of Aircraft Defects. The paper gives details of EASA requirements and includes a sample Deferred Defect Record Sheet. The Chairman stated that Clubs should start using this sheet or a sheet that incorporates a minimum of what is included on the sample sheet. He stated that the communication would be sent to all Clubs and that if anyone had any queries, to contact him: 07836 201 953.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Provisionally; 2nd or 3rd Saturday in January 2012,
Reebok Stadium, Bolton, Lancs.

25th January 2011

Tony Butler
Technical Officer

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