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Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 16 August 2005 at 1630
at the BPA Offices, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Present: Kieran Brady Chairman
Chris Allen Chairman of Council (from item 29.2)
Adrian Bond
Tony Goodman
Eddie Jones
John Page

In attendance: Paul Applegate Technical Officer (from item 29.2)
Tony Butler Financial Administrator (from item 29.2)
Jon Gretton Insurance Subcommittee
David Hickling NCSO
John Hitchen Secretary-General
Martin Shuttleworth

Apologies for absence: Ralph Fielding
Elizabeth Stoodley Media Co-ordinator

Item Minute

27/05 Minutes

Eddie Jones asked that an additional sentence should be added to the end of the first paragraph of minute 23.3 Wind tunnels, as follows: "Eddie Jones then asked that anyone present with a financial interest in either of the planned wind tunnels should declare that interest and not remain for the discussion of this item. No interest was declared."

Tony Goodman then proposed, and Eddie Jones seconded, a motion that the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Tuesday 14 June 2005 be approved as a correct record.

Approved

28/05 Matters arising

28.1 Freely manual (minute 23.1)

A draft by Paul Floyd had been circulated, covering FF1 and FF2. It would now be passed to STC for formal consideration for approval. The Chairman would send a letter of appreciation to Paul Floyd to thank him and other contributors for their work. The Chairman also thanked Elizabeth Stoodley for her role in liaison over the manual.

Action: Chairman

28.2 Change of website hosts (minute 23.2)

The BPA website had been transferred to new website hosts. The transfer had gone smoothly, and the site appeared to be functioning satisfactorily with the new hosts.

Completed

28.3 Wind tunnels and the BPA (minute 23.3)

Eddie Jones had continued to liaise with the owners of the two planned UK wind tunnels. The Bodyflight tunnel in Bedford was understood to be nearing completion and Paul Mayer, the operator, had said he would be happy to distribute literature about skydiving. Eddie Jones therefore proposed, and Tony Goodman seconded, a motion that the BPA should send 200 copies of the *Freedom of the Skies* brochure for distribution from the Bodyflight wind tunnel.

Carried unanimously

Eddie Jones said he had sent a letter to Simon Ward of the Airkix (formerly Sky Venture) wind tunnel in Milton Keynes, but had not yet had word back from him.

28.4 Contract with the BPA Shop (minute 23.5)

Tony Knight of UK Parachute Services Ltd was liaising with Chris Allen, BPA Chairman, to prepare a draft contract for the franchise of the BPA Shop. There were a few issues to be resolved, revolving around the definition of 'parachute equipment'.

Ongoing

29/05 Reports on areas of responsibility

29.1 Central Council of Physical Recreation

Adrian Bond reported that a new Chairman and Chief Executive had been appointed by CCPR.

29.2 Insurance

David Hickling reported that insurance was still an ongoing issue with the Bad Lippspringe Drop Zone (Council minute 26/05 refers). A letter to the BPA dated 31 July from Paul Moore, Commandant of RAPA, had suggested a possible way forward and this was currently being considered by the BPA's insurers. Meanwhile, the BPA should still consider itself to be under threat of legal action by a firm of German solicitors.

29.3 Media

Elizabeth Stoodley had reported in a note (circulated) that she had offered to assist the Clubs & Centres hosting the Nationals with publicity, as had been requested through the Competitions Committee, but to date none had responded.

30/05 Development Action Plan: 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

30.1 Publish a BPA web page for Members to make the most of the media

Elizabeth Stoodley was preparing an article to go in *Skydive Magazine*, which could then be used as the basis for a summarised version on the BPA website.

Action: Elizabeth Stoodley

30.2 Research the potential of re-launching the BPA Affinity Credit Card

Adrian Bond reported that the BPA Credit Card had recently been re-launched. He hoped to have the first statistics for the next meeting.

Action: Adrian Bond

30.3 Support and encourage Clubs & Centres to run safety evenings

Kieran Brady said he would prepare a suggestion for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: Kieran Brady

31/05 Dates of future meetings in 2005

Tuesdays at 1630 at the BPA Office, Leicester: 11 October and 6 December.

The meeting closed at 1715.