

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION**  
**SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**BPA OFFICES, 5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER**  
**THURSDAY 31 MAY 2007**

**Present:**

John Hitchen	-	Chairman STC
Kieran Brady	-	Skydive Strathallan
Pat Walters	-	Tilstock
Steve Thomas	-	Cyprus
Stuart Meacock	-	Peterborough
Ray Armstrong	-	Skydive Bridlington
Steve Scott	-	Skydive Weston
Dave Wood	-	Cornish Parachute Club
Dane Kenny	-	Pilgrims
Mike Rust	-	NLPC
Nigel Allen	-	JSPC (N)
Jason Thompson	-	UK Parachuting
Ian Roseninge	-	Peterlee
Paul Hollow	-	Target Skysports
Phil Cavanagh	-	Black Knights
John Page	-	Skydive London
Pete Sizer	-	Headcorn
Dave Hickling	-	BPS, Langar
Doug Peacock	-	Hinton Skydiving
Paul Applegate	-	Chairman Riggers Committee

**Apologies:** Alan Wilkinson, Steve Jelf, Carl Williams, Mike Bolton, Jason Farrant, Andy Montriou.

**In Attendance:**

Tony Butler	-	Technical Officer
Trudy Kemp	-	Assistant to NCSO/TO

**Observers:** Mark Bayada, Nick Johnston, Alec Flint, Dave Major, Colin Fitzmaurice.

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**ITEM**

**1. MINUTES OF THE STC MEETING OF THE 29 MARCH 2007**

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Dave Hickling that the Minutes of the STC Meeting of the 29 March 2007 be accepted as a true record.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE STC MEETING OF THE 29 MARCH 2007**

**Page 1, Item 2 - Matters Arising – (Dunkeswell)**. The Chairman advised the meeting that the Dunkeswell Aircraft Accident Working Group Report had been completed in draft form, but as part of the AAIB recommendations that consultation with the CAA takes place. He stated that the draft Report had been sent to the CAA and should be available for the next meeting.

**Page 2, Item 4, Fatality – Bridlington**. The Panel of Inquiry following the Bridlington fatality was a main agenda item.

**Page 4, Item 5, Incident/Injury Reports – (ix).** It was stated that a G92 aircraft was involved in an incident, but this was incorrect, it was an SMG92 Turbo Finist aircraft.

**Page 9, Item 7, Updated Injury/Incident Forms)** The Technical Officer reported that the new updated Injury/Incident Books had now been produced and had been sent to Clubs. He stated that the Injury Books did not include a space for the type of injury and he asked CCI's if they would include details of the injury in the 'Description of Injury' section. He also stated that the new Incident Books did not include a space for the type of jump and he asked CCI's to include details of the type of jump in the 'Description of Incident' section.

**Page 10, Item 9, Permissions (b).** The Chairman advised those present that the request by Steve Thomas to have a number of foreign Tandem Instructors evaluated in Israel had not been taken up.

**3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RIGGERS' SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 29 MARCH 2007**

Paul Applegate had been unable to attend the last meeting, therefore the Chairman of STC had chaired the meeting. The Chairman referred to a decision made by the Riggers Committee at the previous meeting to end the 'grandfather' rule relating to Advanced Packing Certificate.

The Chairman advised the Committee that an e-mail from John Carter opposing this decision had been received a copy of which had been circulated to those present.

Paul Applegate advised those present that the Riggers Committee had discussed a number of issues relating to the current system involving Advanced Packing. He stated that the Committee had been concerned to note that there had been some instances where Advanced Packer Certificate holders were getting signed up by Advanced Instructors who were not qualified to do so. There had also been instances where new types of equipment had been added to packing certificates, which was also against the rules. Paul stated that the Committee was also concerned that some Advanced Packing Certificate holders may be behind with latest modifications and manufacturers recommendations.

Paul Applegate stated that the Riggers Committee wished to bring all packers in line with one system, hence the proposal at the last meeting to end the Advanced Packing Certificates.

Some members present could see no valid reason to take the grandfather rights away from Packing Certificate Holders. Some were only interested in packing their own equipment, but they did agree that that new equipment should not be allowed to be added to their Packing Certificates.

Following further discussion on this matter, it was proposed by Phil Cavanagh and seconded by Dane Kenny that the Minutes of the Riggers Sub-Committee Meeting of the 29 March 2007 be accepted, but without the proposal concerning the ending of the Advanced Packing Certificates.

For: 11

Against: 5

Abstentions: 2

**Carried**

Paul Applegate wished it to be noted that Advanced Instructors signing up an Advanced Packing Certificate Holder on the BPA membership renewal form for someone packing under the grandfather clause system must be qualified to pack that equipment themselves. Also that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 holders of Advanced Packing Certificates must not have new equipment types/reserve canopies added to their Advanced Packing Certificates.

#### 4. **FATALITY – SHROPSHIRE**

The Chairman reported that unfortunately a parachuting fatality occurred on a display on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

At approximately 16.00 hours on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007, Iain Peter Firkins boarded a Jet Ranger helicopter at Chetwynd Park, Shropshire, the site of the proposed parachute display, along with three other parachutists, including the Display Team Leader who was the Jumpmaster.

The helicopter climbed to approximately 2,000ft AGL, where WDIs were released, in order to ascertain the parachutists' exit point.

The helicopter then climbed to approximately 3000ft AGL and 'ran in' over the top of the arena, (which measured approximately 72 metres by 123.5 metres, with good overshoot areas on all sides). Once the helicopter was near the exit point the parachutists commenced their exit procedures. All four parachutists exited in pairs close together, after which they formed a landing stack formation. All parachutes deployed normally.

The parachutists then flew their parachutes in a 'stack' type of formation, in order to stagger their landings.

The first team member to land was the team leader, he landed successfully near the centre of the arena. He was followed shortly after by another team member, who also landed successfully in the arena. At about this time Iain was seen to be flying his canopy cross wind near the edge of the arena. He was then observed to initiate a radical right turn, impacting with the ground after about a 120-degree turn.

The remaining team member landed in the arena without further incident.

The BPA were informed and a Board of Inquiry was instigated, which consisted of John Page, Vice-Chairman of STC and Instructor Examiner and Mark Bayada, Instructor Examiner. They arrived at the site within three hours.

The Conclusions of the Board are that Iain Firkin made an uneventful free fall descent, deployed his main parachute at a suitable altitude, remained 'up wind' of the intended landing area until he commenced the final 'down wind leg' of the descent. At a low altitude, probably below 150ft AGL he initiated a radical 120-degree right turn in order to face into wind for landing. He then struck the ground at high speed before the parachute was able to recover from the turn.

The Board do not know why Iain made such a radical turn so close to the ground.

It was noted that this descent may have been only the fourth Iain had made as a display parachutist. Logged descents indicate he had not fulfilled the requirements for currency according to the BPA Operations Manual.

The Recommendations of the Board are that parachutists should be reminded of the dangers of performing radical manoeuvres close to the ground, and that Team Leaders are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure team members meet the currency requirements prior to making a display descent.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Stuart Meacock and seconded by Ray Armstrong that the Board of Inquiry Report into the death of Iain Firkins, including the Conclusions and Recommendations be accepted.

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (J. Page – Board Member)

**Carried**

The Chairman advised those present that following the fatality, the Team Leader had his Team Leaders' rating suspended, until this meeting. This was because Iain Firkins' currency was not up to the minimum requirements of the BPA Operation Manual. He stated that the Team Leader was abroad until tomorrow and had sent his apologies for this evening.

It was proposed by Paul Hollow and seconded by Mike Rust that the that this rating remains suspended until the Panel of Inquiry's report has been presented to STC.

For: 17                      Against: 0                      Abstentions: 1 (J. Page – Board Member)

**Carried**

The Chairman reported that a Panel of Inquiry had just been formed and consisted of Reg Green, Jason Thompson and Steve Scott. Their report would be sent to STC members, once their inquiry had been completed.

**5. INCIDENT/INJURY REPORTS - RESUME**

- i) There had been 12 Student landing injury reports received since the last meeting. 6 male and 6 female. All on ram-air canopies. The reports include a Student who was making his second jump and the canopy spiralled in from approximately 200ft, causing severe injuries.

Mark Bayada gave the meeting details of this incident and stated that the military were conducting a Board of Inquiry into this incident. Mark stated that this incident had caused a great deal of concern and had raised a number of questions with regard to the way entanglement drills are currently taught. The Chairman asked if the BPA could be supplied with a copy of military report into the incident once it had been completed. He stated that STC might need to consider setting up a working group once the findings of the Board are known.

- ii) There had been 18 injury reports received for 'A' Certificate or above parachutists. 11 male and 7 female. 2 of the injuries were on exit, one was on deployment, the rest were on landing.
- iii) Since the last meeting there had been 9 Student Parachutist Malfunction/Deployment Problems reported. All male.
- iv) There had been 34 reports of Malfunction/Deployment Problems to 'A' Certificate parachutists and above since the last meeting. 27 male and 7 female.
- v) There had been 11 Tandem Injury reports received since the last meeting. 4 male and 7 female. The majority of which were minor injuries.
- vi) There had also been 12 Tandem malfunction/deployment problem reports received since the last meeting.

The Chairman stated that he believed the majority of these incidents were packing related.

- vii) There had been one report of an AAD firing. A Student carrying out an AFF consol jump had an altimeter malfunction and deployed low. The Cypres AAD fired at the same time. He landed without injury.
- viii) A report had been received of an incident where an experienced parachutist was exiting a Skyvan and caught her leg strap on the tailgate hook, even though a wooden block

had protected the hook. She was able to eventually release herself and deployed and landed without further incident.

Dave Hickling gave the meeting details of this incident and a number of photographs of the tailgate hook in question were circulated to those present. Dave advised those present that it is standard practice at his Centre to retract the hooks on the Skyvan. On this particular jump however, the jumpmaster had been advised that the hook did not need to be retracted.

Dave stated that in his opinion, anyone getting into a Skyvan must retract the hooks even if they are told otherwise. He asked everyone to please heed this warning.

- ix) One report had been received of a canopy collision and one of a canopy hitting another.
- x) Four reports had been received of 'off landings' 3 at Clubs and one on a display.
- xi) Two reports had been received of parachutists losing equipment, a helmet and shoes, in freefall.

## **6. BRIDLINGTON – PANEL OF INQUIRY**

This item was held in camera and all observers with the exception of the Panel members present and CCI involved were asked to leave the meeting room.

The Chairman advised those present that the Panel of Inquiry formed following the Board of Inquiry into the fatality at Bridlington had now completed their report, a copy of which had been circulated to CCIs with the agenda.

The Panel was 'chaired' by Mark Bayada and the other members were Stuart Meacock and Gary Small.

The Panel found that a considerable number of breaches of the BPA Operations Manual had occurred.

The Recommendations of the Panel and proposed disciplinary action, were as follows:

### Recommendations

Following the fatality it was very difficult to confirm whether the individuals concerned had current BPA membership. This was due in to the fact that applications were not being sent to the BPA offices within a reasonable time.

It is recommended that clubs and centres ensure that all applications for BPA memberships, ratings etc. must be sent to the BPA office at the earliest opportunity and should be received within a maximum of twenty-eight days.

Drop Zone Operators must ensure that they are fully aware of their responsibilities.

### Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action should be considered against the following:

The CCI for failing to carry out his duties as Club Chief Instructor.

The CCI for failing to carry out his duties as Club Chief Pilot.

The Jumpmaster for failing to carry out his duties as a Flight Line Checker.

The Jumpmaster for failing to carry out his duties as a Jumpmaster.

The DZ Operator for failing to carry out his responsibilities as a DZ Operator.  
The Pilot for flying without the necessary license.  
The DZ Controller for acting as DZ controller without BPA membership.

Mark Bayada and Stuart Meacock were in attendance that evening and were able to answer any questions relating to their Report.

The CCI concerned was then invited to make any comments relating to the Panel Report. He brought up a couple of points relating to the Report, which the Committee felt he could refer to the Tribunal. He was then asked to leave the meeting, whilst STC further discussed this matter.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Paul Hollow and Seconded by Doug Peacock that the Panel's Report be accepted, including the Recommendations and proposed disciplinary action.

For: 14                      Against: 0                      Abstentions: 4

**Carried**

John Page asked for it to be noted that he abstained from the above vote because he believed it might be detrimental to his duties as Vice-Chairman of the Association.

It was noted that at the previous meeting that STC had agreed to a recommendation from the Panel that the Instructor ratings of the CCI and the suspension of the Jumpmaster from acting as jumpmaster remain suspended until the Panel report was completed and if appropriate a BPA Tribunal has made its recommendations. It was also recommended that the CCI not be permitted to act as Chief Pilot until this time, which was also agreed by STC.

Mike Rust asked whether STC would consider re-instating Nicky Johnston's Tandem Instructor rating.

Mark Bayada stated that he wished to make a number of observations about the disciplinary process bearing in mind that this was the first Panel of Inquiry involving a disciplinary matter since the introduction of the new BPA disciplinary tribunal procedures.

Mark referred to the time scale that a tribunal was likely to take, believing it was going to be a lengthy process. He stated that it had already been 2 months since the Panel of Inquiry had been instigated and now a tribunal must be convened, which could also take many months.

Mark Bayada asked whether the BPA Council would consider a mechanism for future disciplinary matters, which he likened to 'an out of court settlement' whereby STC could recommend the disciplinary action. If the person who was subject to that disciplinary action agrees with those recommendations and accepts the punishment then that is the end of the matter. However, if they do not accept the recommendations, then the matter is then referred to a tribunal.

The Chairman stated that he would approach the Council regarding Mark Bayada's request, which following a show of hands, was supported by STC members.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Pete Sizer that Nicky Johnston's Tandem Instructor rating be re-instated pending the conclusions of the tribunal.

For: 12                      Against: 2                      Abstentions: 4

**Carried**

All observers were then invited to return to the meeting.

## 7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BPA OPERATIONS MANUAL

a. The Chairman advised the Committee that following Ian Rosenvinge's proposals at the last meeting, Ian had re-submitted two proposals, which he had altered slightly, in light of the discussion at the last meeting. Details of Ian's proposals had been circulated with the agenda:

- i). That CSIs be permitted to dispatch post AFF Level 7 students on their consolidation jumps. (This did not include the AFF L8, which was not classed as a consolidation jump).

Ian Rosenvinge gave the meeting details of his request. He stated that there are some AFF students that are not ready to do Level 8 immediately after level 7. He would like those students to be able to do some consolidation jumps until they are ready to do their 'clear and pull' and he believed that a CSI who is well capable and qualified to dispatch post level 8 consolidation jumps can equally and safely dispatch pre- levels level 8 consolidation jumps.

A number of STC members present stated that they felt that AFF Students should be taught by AFF Instructors, Tandem Students by Tandem Instructors and Category System Students by CSIs.

Some members present stated that they had no problem with CSI dispatching post cat 8, but others felt that the status quo should remain, as the BPA AFF programme was an established system that worked well. They believed that Ian's proposal would lead to confusion.

Following considerable discussion, it was proposed by Ian Rosenvinge and seconded by Phil Cavanagh that the above proposed amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

For: 8                  Against: 8                  Abstentions: 2

**Not Carried**

- ii). With the outcome of the above vote, Ian Rosenvinge withdrew his second proposal.

c. The Chairman advised those present that a letter from Jane Buckle had been circulated with the agenda requesting that WDI's need not be thrown before static lines RAPS parachuting. She had requested that Section 8, Paragraph 2.3. Sub-para 2.3.3.(e) Operation Manual be changed to read:

- e. A WDI must be thrown before the start of Static Line 'round' Student jumping, or before the start of a parachute display.

Pete Sizer gave the meeting further details of this request and stated that for some time we have been able to calculate the winds from altitude successfully using meteorological forecasts for all freefall parachutists including AFF and RAPS freefall students, without reference to a WDI.

Some STC members also stated that they shared Pete's views on this and that they believed it do be a very practical proposal.

Tony Butler stated that that himself and the NCSO totally opposed this proposal. He stated that the proposal as it stood meant that that you could put out a RAPS student on first lift of day a not have to throw a WDI.

The TO stated that there's no better way of determining the ideal opening point than throwing a wind drift indicator.

Some members present agreed with the TO comments and some also felt that it was not a bad idea to throw a WDI on first lift of the day even if it was not for a RAPS student and comments were made on why change a system that has worked for years.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Doug Peacock that the above proposed amendment to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted

For: 5

Against: 9

Abstentions: 4

**Not Carried**

Ian Rosenvinge wished it noted that he had abstained from this vote because the proposal had not included the first lift of the day. If it had, he stated that he would have voted in favour of the proposal.

- d. The Chairman advised those present that a paper by the Technical Officer had been circulated with the agenda, stating that at the last STC meeting a number of small changes were made to the Operations Manual, one of which involved the changing of the wording 'Permission & Exemption' to 'Permission'. There are several other areas that need changing from 'P & E' to Permission:

- i). **SECTION 9 (FLYING), Paragraph 3 (Aircraft Clearance and Documentation), sub-para 3.3.6. change to read:**

3.3.6. Any Permissions issued by the CAA relevant to the intended flight.

- ii). **SECTION 9 (FLYING), Paragraph (Flying Operations), sub-para 5.7.2. change to read:**

Persons (such as television camerapersons) who are carried under the terms of a variation to a Permission.

- iii). **SECTION 13 (DISPLAY PARACHUTING), Paragraph 2 (Team Registration), sub-para 2.2. change to read:**

2.2. Display teams must also complete CAA form CA2237 applying for a CAA Permission. This completed form must be sent to the BPA, who will then forward it to the CAA.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above proposed amendments to the BPA Operations Manual be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

**8. INSTRUCTOR COURSE REPORTS**

The Chairman reported there had been three Instructor courses held since the last STC meeting:

- a. The first was an AFF & Tandem Instructor Course held at British Parachute Schools, Langar, from the 16 – 18 April. The Association was grateful to BPS for hosting the Course. A copy of the Course Report had been circulated with the agenda. There was one recommendation to be voted on:

‘That Katie Woods be given a six-month extension to her AFFBI rating.’

It was proposed by David Hickling and seconded by Ray Armstrong that the above recommendation be accepted.

For: 17                  Against: 0                  Abstentions: 1

**Carried**

- b. The second Course was a Tandem Instructor Course held at the Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Club, which took place from the 30 April – 4 May. The Association wished to thank the Club for hosting the Course.

A copy of the Course Report had been circulated with the Agenda and was for information only.

- c. The third Course was Course 2/2007, which took place at Strathallan from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May. The Association wished to thank Skydive Strathallan for hosting the Course.

The Course Report had been circulated to those present and was for information only.

The Chairman stated that some candidates were still arriving at Instructor Courses with incomplete paperwork. He stated that there was nothing worse than having to send someone home due to their paperwork not being in order.

**9. PERMISSIONS**

- a. A request from Nigel Allen had been circulated with the agenda requesting a ‘one-year’ (as opposed to the usual 6 months) extension to the CSBI rating of Ian Shaw.

Nigel Allen gave the meeting details of his request and stated that Ian would shortly be deployed overseas and on his return he must complete a trade course, which would not finish until June 2008. He therefore requested a one-year extension to Ian Shaw’s CSBI rating, so he would have the time to prepare for his CSI course.

It was proposed by Nigel Allen and seconded by Kieran Brady that the above permission be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

- b. A request from Steve Scott had been circulated with the agenda requesting a 6-month extension to the CSBI rating of Kris Sheppard. Kris had a skydiving accident last year, which had put back his training somewhat.

It was proposed by Steve Scott and seconded by Dane Kenny that the above permission be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

- c. The Chairman advised the Committee that Steve Scott had also asked for an extension to the CSBI rating of John Dunn. He stated that John had not been able to attend a CSI Course due to work commitments and extended periods out of the UK. Steve’s request had been circulated with the agenda.

It was proposed by Steve Scott and seconded by Mike Rust that the above permission be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

- d. Circulated to those present was a letter from Reg Green requesting permission to carry out a display in an arena, which falls outside the BPA requirements. The proposed display was due to be held at the Epson racecourse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The DZ had a total area of 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> (5000m<sup>2</sup> BPA Requirement), with the width outside the recommended size laid down in the BPA Operations manual of 50 meters, the width for this display will be 30m. Reg's letter had also stated that the team had just returned from the USA after completing a training camp where each member completed a minimum of 60 training jumps all without incident. Before the display each member will have completed a further 20 training jumps and 10 live demos.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Team Leader had imposed the following restrictions for the display:

15 knots crosswind limit in the arena for all jumpers.  
No landing of any CF in the arena.  
No flags with suspended weight bags.

It was proposed by John Page and seconded by Nigel Allen that the above permission with the above stated restrictions be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

- e. Circulated to those present was a letter from Pete Sizer requesting that John 'Dave' Hartley be granted a six-month extension to his CSBI rating. Pete advised the meeting that Dave had completed his CSBI in November 2005 and had been granted one six-month extension. He stated that Dave had been a regular weekend jumper and Instructor and this current request would allow Dave to attend the CSI course in August.

It was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Ian Rosenvinge that the above permission be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously**

- f. Circulated to those present was an e-mail from Paul Hollow requesting a permission against the rule that AFF or RAPS Students are required to wear a ground to parachutist radio for at least their first 3 descents. Paul intended to carry out the AFF training and jumping a deaf Student, Mohammed Shihoun and Paul required the permission for him.

Paul gave the meeting details of his request and stated that he only intended going ahead with the above training once he had ascertained Mr Shihoun's suitability.

It was proposed by Paul Hollow and seconded by Ray Armstrong that the above permission be accepted.

For: 17

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

**Carried**

- g. Circulated to those present was an e-mail from Alan Wilkinson requesting a Permission against the 'ram-air reserve' and 'AAD' rules for a water display into Anstruther Harbour on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Alan had asked for this Permission on a number of occasions in the past.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Alan Wilkinson (proxy) and seconded by Pete Sizer that the above request be accepted.

For: 17 (incl 1 x proxy)                  Against: 0                  Abstentions: 2

**Carried**

- h. Circulated to those present was an e-mail from Steve Scott requesting that Andrew Ewing, who had just obtained his CSBI in Scotland, be permitted to attend the CSI Course after only three months.

Steve Scott advised the Committee that Andrew was on the full time staff at JSPC Weston on the Green and as such worked with students most of the working week. He also takes one of the syndicates for ground school, which were conducted most Mondays. This of course he did under supervision. Steve also stated that there was also a staff shortage situation looming here midweek due to service requirements and it would be really helpful for JSPC Weston to have Andrew fully qualified in the shortest time scale possible.

Steve Scott stated that he realised that Andrew only just met the time in sport and jump numbers required to become a CSBI but on the basis he was working with students full time, he felt he would very quickly meet the required standards to take an exam course.

A great deal of concern was expressed by those present with regard to this request and they felt if this proposal was agreed may set an unacceptable precedence.

Following further discussion, this request failed to find a seconder.

**10. A.O.B.**

- a. The Committee was advised that Nigel Allen had withdrawn his request that had been circulated with the agenda requesting an exemption from the 6 month rule on usage of alternative Parachute Landing Areas (PLA).
- b. The Chairman advised those present that a letter from David Johnston had been circulated with the agenda requesting that his Advanced Instructor rating be reinstated, in order that he may return to the UK, where he would wish to reapply for the appointment as CCI at British Skysports. The Committee was advised that Dave's letter had stated that due to ill health, he was forced to allow his ratings to expire three years ago.

The Committee discussed Dave's proposal at some length. They considered that anyone who had been out of the sport for 3 years needed to attend an Instructor Course for assessment before any of their ratings could be re-instated.

Following further discussion, a counter proposal was tabled by Ian Rosenvinge and seconded by John Page that Dave Johnston attends a Pre-Advanced Instructor Course and sits the written examination paper. He is then assessed by the Examiners on the Course for the re-instatement of his Advanced Instructor rating. Dave must also meet the requirements to attend a Pre-Advanced Course.

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

**Carried**

Dates of next Meeting: Thursday 2 August 2007  
BPA Offices, Glen Parva, Leicester  
at 7.00 p.m

6 June 2007

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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE BPA OPERATIONS MANUAL**

At the STC Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007, the following Sections of the BPA Operations Manual were amended as follows:

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