

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 12th May 2026

Present:	Mark Bignell	MB	Chairman
	Andy Webster	AW	Secretary
	Arthur Bentley	AB	Classic Representative
	Liz Lawrence	LL	Rules Officer
	Dave Crowhurst	DC	Classic Squad Manager

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from WL, CM & CJ.	
1.2	MB advised that Judith Freeman keeps trying to attend the meetings.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 2 nd April 2026 were proposed by LL and seconded by AB.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	MB advised that he would add the points about the financial year and the nationals to the May Exec report, and issue it. But he didn't want to add that the accuracy panel has no control over the BAPA, and some / most panel members consider the BAPA to be undermining what the panel is doing as Bill Bell had previously advised that reports should be positive. AW believed that a positive report only applied to the AGM report, and interim reports should be honest.	MB
3.3	<p>MB made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current panel arrangement is not working as the accuracy numbers have got smaller and smaller, and it is up to the panel to get away from history and work together to make things work. - Other BHPA panels have similar arrangements to the BAPA, however, it was acknowledged that these panels have control over their respective set-ups. - Accuracy coaches are required in BHPA clubs. - People are not listening to each other even though they are 100% in agreement with each other. 	
3.4	<p>Further to Andy Shaw's WhatsApp post dated 07/04/2026, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed to change the Accuracy Chat WhatsApp name to BHPA Accuracy Chat. - An AGM will be held in January. - CM has prepared a sponsorship document template, and this is on the website. - MB is looking into team kit. - MB to advise the agreed overseas Cat2 funding for 2026. - BB has advised that there is no further money available for accuracy with regard to the Thailand competition. <p>MB to advise the above on the BHPA Accuracy Chat WhatsApp group.</p>	MB
4	AGM Proposal	
4.1	The following comments were made on the draft AGM wording:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominees should familiarise themselves with a role, and state in writing what they will bring to a role one month in advance of the AGM. - Reports should be provided in advance of an AGM. - Paperwork should be published on the website behind the login. - The meeting will be online in January. - The panel and working group roles need to be formalised. - People can join working groups without being voted on to them. <p>AW to update the wording and issue to Myrianthe Ewington for comment.</p>	AW
5	Treasurer	
5.1	MB to claim the 2026 paragliding nationals sanction fee, and CM has still to claim for the brochures.	MB
5.2	Funding claims are expected for the recent Cat 2 competitions.	
5.3	The revised 2026 budget based on running down the reserves at £1,000 compared to last year was agreed. It was agreed that the team kit will come out of the Cat1 element of the budget.	
6	Secretary	
6.1	MB advised that he now understands how to view the rsvp, but he cannot see who has registered and wondered if an email could be triggered to the squad manager when someone registers. DC advised that Ben Woodcock had shown him how to see who had registered, and felt a 'How to view registered pilots guide' would be useful. AW to investigate with Ben Woodcock.	AW
7	Media & PR	
7.1	No comments	
8	Classic Accuracy	
8.1	AB advised that the South Cerney flying restrictions had been lifted. DC expressed concern that flying had been stopped after an annual fee had been paid.	
8.2	It was agreed that the entry fee for the nationals should be £70 as per the budget prepared by AW. AW to prepare the entry forms.	AW
8.3	<p>AB advised the following on the classic nationals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be practice flying on the Friday if there are a minimum of five pilots. - The Birdwings winch and Scout Land Rover will be available for towing at the usual reimbursement rates. - AB to ask the military if they could waive the airfield fees. - The Scouts will do a BBQ on Saturday evening. - Justine Bentley will run a bar on Friday and Saturday evening. - AB to arrange the low cost Portaloos. - AB to investigate showers, pack lunches and large tents with the military. - AB to ask Chris Haynes if he wants to be Meet Director. - LL to organise the judges. - AW will do registration. - Chris Haynes and Gary Ounsworth will be the launch marshals. - The Vehicle drivers are expected Simon Sykes and possibly Del Lazell. - The winch operators are expected to be Arthur Bentley, John Lawrence and possibly Andy Tillsley. 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB AB</p> <p>AB LL</p>

9	Classic Accuracy Squad	
9.1	The next training camp will be 30th/31st May at South Cerney which is also a scout weekend. It was noted that the weekend clashes with the Buttermere Bash.	
9.2	DC cannot make the 6/7th June training camp that will be held at South Cerney.	
9.3	DC advised that only four pilots had registered for the classic squad, and this would cause problems for eligibility for funding for the French Grand Prix. DC to chase up non registered pilots who will be attending the French Grand Prix. PMN DC advised on 14th May that six pilots had now registered.	DC
10	Paragliding Nationals	
10.2	It was agreed that the event will take place on the back-up weekend of 26/27 th September. LL to amend the EMS system. This will mean that the Birdwings competition will now take place on 24/25 th October.	LL
11	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
11.1	MB proposed to hold the June squad training at Green Dragons, and it was noted that some people will not attend because of the venue. It was noted that this will split the joint training camp as the classic squad will be operating at South Cerney.	
11.2	MB to review the number of pilots and gender combination to be sent to Romania. There is the possibility of only sending three pilots to Thailand due the expensive flights. LL raised a concern about the potential impact on women's development if teams don't need to include a female pilot.	MB
11.3	The latest selection league is on the website.	
12	Rules / Judging	
12.1	LL to review classic rules in France with other EPAC members.	LL
12.2	It was noted that the owed fees rule will need to be different for paragliding and classic once paragliding selection changes to WPRS. LL to review the wording.	LL
	Meeting closed at 21:49	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 4 th June 2026.	

Treasurer report from Sue Britnell for meeting on 12th May 2026

Bank:

Bank Balances: £10,055.15

Squad Training Fees:

None outstanding.

Debtors

None

Creditors

From emails and reports I understand Arthur is to be partially reimbursed for BHPA membership, and Cherry is still owed for Brochure costs and also some postage. Please send your claims for reimbursement.

Only Sue Britnell claimed for Cat II funding for Italy competition to date. Five pilots attended Vlore, Albania, and Green Dragons have been attending other competitions but no claims have been received yet.

Reserves Position

Following my email on 31st March regarding 2026 opening reserves, additional claims have been made as follows:

Dutch Grand Prix (Katie & John)	£100
Judges BHPA Memberships (Nikki & Dennis)	£93
Vlore Pilot claim (Will still to submit claim)	£100
Accrue ¼ website fee	<u>£135</u>
Total additional costs re 2025/26	£428
Previous 2025/26 Excess	£1,561
Remaining 2025/26 excess	£1,133

Submission to BHPA

Bill Bell has advised we will again receive £7,000 this year. Accounts to be finalised to 31st March and submitted to him before payment will be made – **Action SB / AW**

BAC / BAPA

Hopefully the panel will be given sight of accounts in due course.

2026 revised budget

Based on a £7,000 grant for this year and running down the reserves at £1,000 compared to last year, the 2026 budget is as follows:

£637 EPAC Calais meeting (7%)

£500 Classic squad training (5.5%)

£500 Classic Grand Prix funding (5.5%)

£112 AB Flying membership minus non flying membership (1.2%)

£119 Half South Cerney DIO fee (1.3%)

£500 Paragliding squad training (5.5%)

£2,000 Paragliding Overseas Cat 2 funding (21.9%)

£3,783 Paragliding Cat 1 competition (41.4%)

£248 Judges non flying membership (2.7%)

£600 Electronic pad (6.6%)

£135 Website hosting fee (1.5%)

£9,133 Total (100%)

Secretary Report May 2026

April meeting actions:

4.1 AGM wording issued to panel for review. Will send to Myrianthe Ewington after panel review.

5.8 Removed the judges development funding from the Operating Procedures.

7.1 Discussed website RSVPs with Ben Woodcock, and passed information on to MB.

7.2 Waiting for leaflet review before publishing leaflet on the website.

Future Skywings:

May – Italy World Cup

June – Berati Open Air, BAC 2

July – Spain, Vlore, Kosovo

August - Macedonia WC

Proposal – Classic Nationals entry fee

£70 entry fee based on estimated budget

£10 fee based on estimated budget

Rules Officer report May 26

Actions from April minutes

- 9.1 - DC's owed fees proposal was discussed, and it was felt that a 2-month debt period may be more appropriate. It was agreed that LL will re-word proposal 1 for discussion with DC, before panel review.

I was going to do this but I think it will need more discussion and more extensive re-writing as the sanctions are suspension from squad activities and loss of squad points. With the move to selection by WPRS the proposal in its current form will soon become redundant for the paragliding squad. We cannot easily apply the sanctions as we cannot prevent pilots entering cat 2 comps (although we can remove funding for this) and we cannot discount the results obtained during suspension as we have no influence over the WPRS calculations. The new system is likely to result in fewer unpaid fees as pilots may not attend squad training but it removes a sanction for other debts e.g. unpaid contributions to vehicle hire etc at comps.

- 12.1 – Local rules for French comp drafted by Arthur and discussed with Liz. Some suggested changes will be deferred to next year as they need discussion with panel and EPAC. Rules still not published as changes were suggested that are outside the scope of what was agreed at EPAC and Jacques has not yet confirmed agreement (Ed has done so). The process for updating rules, creating local rules and timely publication of rule changes in advance of competitions does not seem to be working as it should.

Judging

- No activities requiring judging since last meeting
- All judges who volunteered for Paragliding Nationals have been informed of postponement and will be contacted in due course about availability for the fallback date
- Confirmation of judges for classic nationals to commence at French competition

Rules

- Hoping to have initial discussion of proposals for changes to Classic rules for next year in France so that issues raised can be clarified while they are fresh in our minds.
- Local rules for Paragliding Nationals already include information relevant to fallback date.
- As of the morning of 12 May the new versions of S7C and Judging Code are not on the FAI website (all other documents in Section 7 are now the updated 2026 versions)

Equipment

- No action needed.