

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 4th June 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.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 12 th May 2026, with amendments, were proposed by DC and seconded by LL.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	MB advised that he had sent the accuracy panel report off to the Exec, and had requested that a competitions page be set up on the BHPA website to clarify what groups are affiliated to the BHPA.	
3.2	It was noted that MB and AW had attended the Buttermere Bash to promote accuracy. Pilots had landed on the target on two days at separate venues. MB advised that there were some parachutists who had expressed an interest in parascending. MB to find out which club the parachutists were from.	MB
4	AGM Proposal	
4.1	Further to LL's request for clarification on the working group members wording, it was agreed that working group members would not have a vote on any panel matters, and were not required to be voted into a position, but would be the responsibility of a panel member. AW to update the wording.	AW
4.2	AW advised that Myrianthe Ewington had suggested that all roles should be up for election in January 2027, and that proposals could be submitted right up to the meeting due to the one month deadline occurring during Christmas. It was agreed not to include either suggestion as per previous discussions. AW to write back to Myrianthe with reasoning.	AW
5	Treasurer	
5.1	It was noted that Bill Bell had issued the 'Competitions Panel Expenses Policy' to all panels. AW believed that we operate in compliance with the principles to be followed.	
5.2	AW advised that he had reviewed the final accounts, and was happy with them. It was agreed that the accounts had panel approval.	
6	Secretary	
6.1	It was noted that AW had given website admin rights to MB and DC so that they could see the Subscribers. However, it was noted that this only showed who had logins, and not pilot details. It was believed that details could be downloaded on to a excel spreadsheet. LL to contact CM and Ben Woodcock about the spreadsheet, and also if a notification could be set up every time someone registers.	LL
7	Classic Accuracy	

7.1	AB advised that flying is back on a South Cerney with certain restrictions, thanks to help from Tom Hardie, and a request to fly will have to be made for every flying weekend.	
7.2	AW advised that all classic nationals forms are on the website for panel members to check.	Panel
7.3	AB advised that an event will be taking place on South Cerney airfield after the classic nationals, however, items will be placed on the airfield up to four weeks before the event which could cause obstacles to flying. It was noted that North Luffenham could be made available, but camping would have to be off site. Also enquiries had also been made about the use of Abingdon via the military. AB / DC to keep making enquiries.	AB, DC
8	Classic Accuracy Squad	
8.1	DC advised that there would be no June squad due the weather and low pilot availability. DC to announce on WhatsApp.	DC
8.2	DC advised that he had contacted squad members who had competed in France and can claim funding.	
9	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
9.1	MB advised that the selection league is up to date, and some new squad members had registered recently.	
9.2	Team selection for the Euros is at the end of the month, therefore the last chance to get any points is at the June training camp and any June Cat 2 competitions. MB advised that there are five pilots per team, and he will be the team manager as a natural carry over from the squad manager duties. MB to advise that pilots that they can fly as individuals, and will need to be self-funded.	MB
9.3	MB advised that the team kit designs had been well received, and he intended to order six sets of team kit for five pilots and a manager that will come to approximately £500. Orders with Decathlon needed to be placed 12 weeks in advance which means sizes may have to be guessed to place an order in time. It was noted that there was a possibility to buy extra that could be used in the future. DC to advise who British Skydive use as kit suppliers. MB to get a quotation of Decathlon, and find out who are the most likely pilots to be in the team. There was general consensus that team kit should not be available to squad pilots as team pilots had earned their right to be in the team.	DC MB
9.4	MB suggested that the UK only sends three pilots to Thailand with no manager to allow more money to be provided to individual pilots.	
9.5	MB to report next month on how the squad will operate following the transition to WPRS selection.	MB
10	Rules / Judging	
10.1	LL advised that the new Section 7C rules have been published.	
10.2	The 'Owed fees' wording was reviewed with the following confirmed: - It only applies to training camp fees. - Suspension only applies to training camps and not other activities. - There will be no days grace after the two-month warning. - Pilots will still be able to fly with the local club while a training camp is taking place, but will not receive any coaching. - For paragliding, the ineligibility for selection for the remainder of that selection year will remain. - The wording will be in a standalone document that is referred to in the selection criteria.	

	LL to revise the wording.	LL
	Meeting closed at 21:38	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 2 nd July 2026.	

Treasurer report from Sue Britnell for meeting on 4th June 2026

Bank:

Bank Balances: £8,966.20

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.

Funding for 2 x Cat IIs each has been paid to 3 x Green Dragons pilots.

Submission to BHPA

Bill Bell has advised we will again receive £7,000 this year. Finalised Accounts to 31st March are attached for panel confirmation for approval, and need to be submitted to Bill before payment will be made.

Secretary Report June 2026

April meeting actions:

4.1 Updated the AGM wording for the Operating Procedures, and issued to Myrianthe Ewington for comment.

6.1 I have asked Ben if he can prepare a 'How to view registered pilots guide'.

8.2 Classic Accuracy Nationals entry forms prepared and published on website.

Future Skywings:

June – Berati Open Air, BAC 2

July – Vlore, Kosovo

August - Macedonia WC

MONTHLY REPORT - PARASCENDING -JUNE 2026

1. French Grand Prix 16-17 May 26

UK had 2 teams participating, Surrey Scouts and Birdwings.

The conditions were very challenging with heavy showers falling on the site throughout the weekend.

The French organisers did a great job by 'standing down' 5 minutes whenever the rain was about to start, and returning to the competition site

as soon as the rain stopped.

After 7 rounds the winners were GIPs, with Surrey Scouts (John L, Katie and Simon Sykes) in 2nd place and Birdwings (Dave C, Richard B and Gary O) in 3rd.

2. SOUTH CERNEY - At the time of writing, there is still a restriction on our flying at South Cerney. The BHPA Executive Committee have become actively involved and are speaking with the authorities involved to resolve the issue.

3. CLASSIC NATIONALS - All of the Key roles have been filled. Liz / Nikki will be organising the Judging requirements and I will be dealing with the logistics required for the duration. (Packed lunches, Tentage, Generators etc).

I have been notified today that USAF from RAF Fairford are having use of the airfield 2 or 3 weeks AFTER 11/12 July and will be preparing the field for it in advance, which will include the dates of our comp weekend.

I have arranged a meeting with Ian Cooper tomorrow morning (Wed 3 June) to establish if this will create a problem with the organising or holding of our competition.

Feeling Stressed.

Regards,

Arthur

PA squad report June 2026

No squads since March due to activity at Fairford. May was to go ahead, but when contact was made with Brize Norton by Arthur, he was told they couldn't amend a Notam (This doesn't appear to be in line with the notification). The May squad was therefore cancelled.

A representative of BHPA is met with representative last Firady and is also attending a meeting Tuesday 2 June with CAA, etc. to try and resolve the effect this is having on flying activities due to this 'temporary' Notam, which from information received will no longer appear to meet the requirements of temporary (the end date being stated as 'until further notice').

DC to contact KS, JL, RB, GO as all attended France as PA squad pilots and are entitled to claim as per criteria

Accuracy safety:

Nothing to report

Near misses:

Nothing to report

Regards

Dave

Rules Officer report June 26

Actions from May minutes

- Responded re accuracy of minutes and to revised AGM wording
- 8.3 – Judges contacted re Classic Nationals
- 10.2 – EMS updated for backup date of paragliding nationals. Local rules updated.
- 12.1 – Some discussion of rules, plus reversal of one change accepted at EPAC meeting took place in France. Notes made of possible changes for next year to be looked at before next EPAC meeting. Request made for LL to attend next EPAC meeting.
- 12.2 – Owed fees rule redrafted, circulated and amended in light of feedback (latest version attached)

Judging

- 2 UK judges present in France (plus pilot assistance).
- Judges for Classic Nationals: Currently have Nikki, Liz, Jayne and Denis plus 1/2 (TBC) Dutch judges. Judith is checking her availability. Hanna and Parki unable to attend. Josie agreed to pass on an invitation to all BAC judges – no takers to date. BHPA membership may be a barrier. With a core team and pilots assisting this should be sufficient (it's potentially more than we had in France) although extras would be welcomed. Would also be good to have someone responsible for capturing video evidence.
- Beginning to contact judges for Paragliding Nationals backup

Rules

- Classic Nationals rules updated and added to website
- Classic rules templates updated and added to website
- Local rules for Paragliding Nationals added to website (in addition to EMS)
- Rules for Dutch leg of EPAC in draft to be sent to Ed when site confirmed.
- Latest S7 is now available on FAI website (effective 1 June).

Equipment

- No action needed although will confirm with Chris before nationals that actions previously agreed have been completed and there are no equipment issues.