

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 3rd August 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
	Judith Freeman	JF	Safety Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from WL via LL.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 2 nd July 2026, were proposed by LL and seconded by AB.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	No comments.	
4	Treasurer	
4.1	JF advised that she had resubmitted her expenses claim for the classic nationals.	
5	Secretary	
5.1	It was noted that there would be no October DC in Skywings.	
6	Safety Officer	
6.1	JF advised that she had not been receiving panel related emails, and will advise another email address to use. PMN – judith.freeman.home@gmail.com	JF
6.2	It was noted that the safety officer's role is to deal with safety incidents and be the safety officer at the national championships. There is no need for a regular safety slot on the panel meeting agenda, and it would be up to JF to advise if she wanted a safety agenda item.	
7	Classic Accuracy Nationals	
7.1	Regarding the re-run budget prepared by AW, AB advised the following: - A waive of the airfield fees could not be guaranteed for the re-run*. - Toilets cost £84 for the weekend. - Officials' lunches were approximately £40 per day (£3.08 each). *It was agreed that if the airfield fees had to be paid, then this money could come out of the squad training budget that is currently underspent. AW to update the budget with the revised figures for panel approval of the re-run fees.	AW
7.2	It was noted that if the Dutch Grand Prix is validated then the Dutch will not be attending the classic nationals re-run, and it was agreed that the Dutch can be given a 25-euro refund. AW to give the refund at the end of the Dutch Grand Prix if applicable.	AW
7.3	JF will advise if she can attend the event to do the scoring.	
7.4	The panel is to advertise the event.	Panel

8	Classic Accuracy Squad	
8.1	DC advised that there is enough squad pilots to operate on the 8/9 th August weekend, however, there would be no points as one months' notice could not be given. AB to make a Facebook post.	AB
8.2	AB advised that the height restrictions at South Cerney had been increased to 600'.	
8.3	AW to resend the latest selection to DC for checking.	AW
9	Paragliding Accuracy Nationals	
9.1	MB advised that he was concerned about numbers looking at those who had registered so far. It was noted that the previous suggestion for attendance at the nationals to be a mandatory requirement for UK team selection had been rejected, as it could penalise someone who genuinely could not attend. The panel is to advertise the event.	Panel
9.2	It was noted that JF cannot attend the nationals, so AW will become the default Safety Officer.	
9.3	MB advised that he will be at the event to do the scoring.	
9.4	LL to check the FAI documentation.	LL
10	Paragliding Accuracy Team	
10.1	MB advised that the team kit had been ordered, and AW advised that the expenses claim had been authorised. It was noted that only team members will get the kit.	
10.2	MB advised that he fought very hard to get Ehab Albisani a place at the Championships, and was assisting with his visa application.	
10.3	Sue Britnell has had her place confirmed as an individual.	
10.4	MB advised that a squad meeting took place at the BAC3 event.	
10.5	MB to re-issue the NAC form in the flying order sequence once Ehab Albisani's situation is known.	MB
10.6	With regard to arrangements, MB advised that most pilots are flying into Sibiu, and he is travelling with Nina. MB to keep pilots informed on arrangements.	MB
10.7	MB will be the manager for all team and individual pilots.	
10.8	MB to clarify the team funding following deduction of the entry fees and team kit from the budget.	MB
10.9	It was agreed that the individual pilots could claim the full 2 x £100 annual cat 2 payments if not already done so for the Euros, subject to Myrianthe Ewington claiming the full allowance last year. MB to check with SB.	MB
11	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
11.1	MB to advise the squad that there is flying at South Cerney on 8/9th August weekend.	MB
12	Rules / Judging	
12.1	No comments on LL's report.	
13	AOB	
13.1	JF advised that she can attend a Thursday panel meeting, and it was agreed to continue with the Thursday meetings.	
13.2	It was agreed that the 2026 Nigel Legg award should be awarded to Ed Hilleveld in Holland. AW to bring the trophies, and LL to prepare some words and hand over the trophies.	AW LL

	Meeting closed at 21:30	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 3rd September 2026. DC advised that he will be in Slovakia, so may not be able to get a meeting connection.	

Treasurer report from Sue Britnell for meeting on 3rd August 2026

Bank:

Bank Balances: £14,358.42

Squad Training Fees:

No training.

Debtors

None

Creditors

From emails and reports I understand Arthur is to be partially reimbursed for BHPA membership. Please send your claims for reimbursement.

Judith has submitted a claim for Classic Nats which at time of writing I have had to query as it referred to 2023.

Classic Nationals

Entry Fees	£1,050
Camping banked	£90
Trophy spend	-£138
Packed Lunches	-£77
Total	£925

European Championships, Sibiu, Romania October 2026

Spend to date:

Entry fees	£ 2100.15 (5 pilots & 1 x TL)
Team Kit	£471.30
Total	-£2,571.45
Budget	£3,783 (per July 2026 minutes)
Balance	£1,211.55

Sue Britnell has self funded – fees have been paid and reimbursed.

Secretary Report August 2026

July meeting actions:

- 5.1 Updated the AGM proposal wording for the longest serving panel members.
- 7.7 Agreed to use Chris Haynes's scoring software at the classic nationals.
- 7.8 Updated the classic nationals Meet Director's risk assessment, and issued to Chris Haynes.
- 9.5 Paragliding Nationals risk assessment to do.

Future Skywings:

August – French Grand Prix, Classic Nationals, UK Team

September – BAC3

October – No DC

November – Dutch Grand Prix, BAC4

Classic Nationals re-run costs proposal

I have calculated the following costs as per the 2026 classic nationals re-run budget spread sheet:

Classic Nationals only:

- £41 additional cost for pilots who attended the July event
- £70 cost for UK pilots who did not attend the July event
- Give 4 Dutch pilots a £23 refund

Grand Prix:

- £31 additional cost for pilots who attended the July event
- £70 cost for pilots who did not attend the July event

As we won't know whether the re-run is a Grand Prix or not until after the Dutch event, and need to announce costs soon, I would suggest the following:

- £35 additional cost for pilots who attended the July event
- £70 cost for UK pilots who did not attend the July event
- Offer Dutch pilots a £23 refund at the Dutch event if it is validated

Classic Rep August Report

1. BZN ATC have advised me that currently, Birdwings do NOT need to submit a detailed request, a week in advance, for the following weekend's Parascending. It will be sufficient to call them on the day, just before commencement of towing and at the end of the day's operation. I think that this could change again as Trump is now threatening to increase the bombing of Iran.
2. The 3rd scheduled Grand Prix comp is scheduled for the weekend of 12 September. If the competition is validated, the 2026 Grand Prix series will be completed, but if not validated, it be re-run at South Cerney during our scheduled fall-back weekend in Oct. I will be required to take £10 x number of competitors who competed in our July Nationals competition. The NL accommodation site is the same as previous years (Terheijden), and the competition site is close to the accommodation site. The Saturday BBQ will be at the same location as in previous years. Arthur

PA squad report August 2026

No squad in July, lack of numbers and poor forecast.

Accuracy safety:

Nothing to report

Near misses:

Nothing to report

Regards

Dave

Rules Officer report Aug 26

Actions from July minutes

- 1.2 - spoke to Judith at Classic Nationals. She does wish to be a panel member. She was unaware that meeting follow a schedule of first Thursday of the month – now she is aware she may be able to plan round this although Thursdays are not ideal.
- 7.8 – tuffet target risk assessment updated and sent to AW
- 9.6 – paragliding target risk assessment will be updated before the competition

Judging

- 4 judges plus scorer attended classic nationals. One unavailable at the last minute. So far 4 judges have confirmed availability for the re-run.
- 5 judges have indicated they are available for paragliding nationals. Judith will not be available but Becky may be coming with Sue to do wind and scoring. Need a safety director.
- 3 UK judges have said they will be attending the Dutch competition. Ed has been informed.

Rules

- Grand Prix webpage created and rules for Dutch comp uploaded by AW
- It has been clarified that there is no rule preventing us awarding the Nigel Legg trophy to Ed

Equipment

- Equipment all OK for classic nationals except for one missing number on one of the pads.