

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 3rd September 2026

Present: Mark Bignell MB Chairman
 Andy Webster AW Secretary
 Arthur Bentley AB Classic Representative
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer
 William Lawrence WL Vice Chairman

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from DC. It was believed that JF was busy with a scout activity.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 3rd August 2026, were proposed by LL and seconded by AW.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	MB advised that the BHPA Exec had a new competition director, Andy McDonald, but he has not had chance to speak to him yet.	
3.2	MB advised that he had pressed on the Panel Chairmans group about the BHPA competitions website issue.	
4	Treasurer	
4.1	MB to pay back an accidental double payment.	MB
4.2	AW to check if AB's recent payment included for the August squad training fees.	AW
5	Secretary	
5.1	No comments.	
6	Media	
6.1	It was noted that both nationals need publicising.	
7	Classic Accuracy	
7.1	The August flying at South Cerney was an unofficial squad weekend.	
7.2	AW to take the UK Grand Prix subs to Holland.	AW
7.3	The Autumn weather forecast is not looking good for either nationals.	
7.4	AW to send wording on the team trophy to WL.	AW
8	Classic Accuracy Squad	
8.1	No comments.	
9	Paragliding Accuracy Nationals	
9.1	Panel members to discuss equipment arrangements with Chris Haynes and his availability if BAC4 is re-run at the Dutch Grand Prix.	AW, AB, LL
9.2	DC to confirm if he can still be Meet Director.	DC
9.3	AB agreed to be the Safety Officer.	
9.4	MB, with computer, will be available to do results and update pgscore.	
9.5	AB to order portaloos closer to the competition date. AB understood the portaloos could be cancelled as late as Friday.	AB

9.6	It was noted that it had previously been agreed to provide sandwiches for competitors. AB advised that sandwiches need to be ordered with the military by the Thursday before the competition. An initial estimate of 16 sandwiches was agreed. AB to place an order for the sandwiches nearer the competition date.	AB
9.7	It was agreed that a large military tent was not required, and there was the option to use the military dining room in bad weather.	
9.8	MB has the PATpad and will check if he has the mat and rope circles.	MB
9.9	LL advised that she has the national champion returnable trophy, and will bring it to the competition.	LL
9.10	The meet director and target equipment risk assessments recently submitted by AW and LL respectively were approved.	
9.11	AW to send an early bird reminder one week before the deadline.	AW
10	Paragliding Accuracy Squad / Team	
10.1	MB wanted it recorded that he was not happy with team pilots paying for their team kit out of the Cat 1 budget despite running the reserves down at £1,000 per year. The kit is due for delivery in about two weeks, and MB will provide a photo of the kit for SB.	MB
10.2	MB will request team pilots send their bank details to SB for the funding. MB advised that he will forgo his funding to give a bit more money to the team pilots. It was agreed that Ehab Albisani and SB can use the Euros to claim their full amount of Cat 2 funding.	MB
10.3	MB advised that he has the flying order, and will re-submit the NAC form in this order.	MB
10.4	MB advised that the team had booked their flights and accommodation.	
10.5	MB advised that Ehab Albisani has applied for his Schengen visa, and Jobin Sebastian is still applying.	
11	Rules / Judging	
11.1	MB to enquire if Jess and Molly can attend the paragliding nationals.	MB
12	AOB	
12.1	AW to draft wording for the AGM to go on the website. AW to also update the Operating Procedures with the agreed AGM wording.	AW
	Meeting closed at 20:53	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 1 st October 2026. MB will be at the Euros, but assumes he can get an internet connection.	

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

Bank:

Bank Balances: £13,201.99

Squad Training Fees:

August unofficial joint training at South Cerney: attended by 6 pilots, £267 income, £463 costs (currently unpaid), net cost £196.

Debtors

I have identified (today 2/9/26) that Mark has been paid twice for the 2025 team t-shirts, and I have requested repayment of £103.93. Apologies for error on my part.

Creditors

Birdwings for August Training £463 – please submit claim!

Refund due to Ehab of balance for Euro entry fees £3.87 (I have asked MB to request bank details for repayment.

Classic Nationals

Entry Fees	£1,050
Camping banked	£90
Trophy spend	-£158
Packed Lunches	-£74
Total	£908

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 and Ehab have both self funded – fees have been paid and reimbursed.

Secretary Report September 2026

August meeting actions:

7.1 Classic Nationals budget updated, and a re-run entry fee of £35 agreed for those who attended the July event.

8.3 Resent the latest selection to DC for checking.

Future Skywings:

September – BAC3

October – No DC

November – Dutch Grand Prix, BAC4, Paragliding Nationals

December – Euros, Classic Nationals

Classic Rep Report September 2026

A quiet period during the last few weeks so nothing to report since the last meeting.

The last scheduled European Accuracy Grand Prix is being hosted by Sky Rebels at their Terheijden site NL during the weekend of 12-13 September. If the the competition is NOT validated, the Grand Prix will be rescheduled for the same weekend as the UK Nationals at South Cerney over the weekend of 17/18 Oct.

Arthur

Rules Officer report Sept 26

Action from Aug minutes

- 9.4 – check FAI documents - done
Official Roles that cannot be carried out by a competing pilot include Meet Director and Safety Director (Section 7 Common 4.5) to prevent competing officials being able to affect scores or results. As this is a cat 2 competition we may be able to mitigate this by getting agreement of all pilots to AW acting as safety director and ensuring that decisions made during the competition are the responsibility of non-competing officials and the safety committee.

Action from July minutes

- 9.6 – paragliding target risk assessment updated and attached for approval.

Judging

- No events requiring panel judges since last meeting.
- Liz, Nikki, Jayne, Parki, Denis currently listed as available for paragliding nationals

Rules

- No actions (except for matter arising, above).

Equipment

- No action needed. If Chris not attendance at paragliding nationals arrangements will need to be made to get all electronics to the competition.