Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 1st October 2026

Present:	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	No apologies were received. MB advised at the last meeting that he would be at the Euros.	
1.2	The meeting was not quorate, so no decisions could be made. It was queried if sleeper members should be included in the quorum calculation of more than 50% members.	
2	**Signing off last meeting minutes**	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 3rd September 2026 were proposed by LL and seconded by DC.	
3	**Chairman**	
3.1	No report.	
4	**Treasurer**	
4.1	Regarding the team kit the following was noted: - It was felt that the kit costs of £471 was a reasonable amount to spend on clothing for the team, - Invitation letters advising £272 funding, that was above the agreed Cat 1 funding amount, were sent after agreement of the Cat 1 budget. - MB had forwarded a complaint about the funding via WhatsApp, but it was not believed that a formal complaint had been sent to the panel.	
5	**2027 AGM**	
5.1	The following timescales were suggested for the AGM: 13/12/26 – Deadline for nominations and proposals 20/12/26 – Publish nominations and proposals on the website 28/01/27 – AGM	
5.2	It was noted that there was no specific deadline to publish wording about the AGM on the website, as the AGM occurs every January. AW to update his proposed website wording to include the above dates, and also state that nominations and proposals should be returned to both MB and AW.	AW
6	**Media**	
6.1	No report.	
7	**Classic Accuracy Nationals Re-run**	
7.1	CH will be the Meet Director.	
7.2	LL to chase up judges who have not confirmed attendance yet.	LL
7.3	AW to check entries and chase up potential outstanding competitors.	AW
7.4	AW to update the programme and publish on the website.	AW

7.5	It was agreed to use the Classic Nationals 2026 WhatsApp group set up in July for the event.	
7.6	AB & LL to arrange the Saturday meal at the The Old George.	AB, LL
7.7	AB to arrange military pack lunches for officials, noting the Thursday deadline.	AB
7.8	AB to arrange one Portaloo.	AB
7.9	There will be no practice flying on the Friday.	
7.10	Simon Sykes Jnr will be bringing the Scout Land Rover	
7.11	DC advised that Jamie Robe had accepted that he can't fly at the nationals without BHPA membership.	
7.12	AB advised that a local caterer had shown interest in attending the nationals, but there were concerns raised about the amount of sales from a low attendance and especially if military pack lunches are to be used. It was agreed to discuss at a future date. **Post meeting note**: Chris asked LL at the Nationals if Arthur had raised this with the panel. I told him yes but it was too short notice for this year and advised that it would be helpful for our discussions about next year if he could find out what would be the minimum weekend takings that would make it worth his while. Chris noted that the caterer is a flier so keen to support paragliding events and would do a good deal on panel-paid packed lunches as well as providing all day catering.	
8	**Classic Accuracy Squad**	
8.1	No comments on DC's report.	
9	**Paragliding Accuracy Nationals**	
9.1	It was noted that the eight round event had been a success.	
10	**Paragliding Accuracy Squad / Team**	
10.1	MB to advise on the 2027 Worlds and 2028 Euros selection cut-off dates.	MB
11	**Rules / Judging**	
11.1	LL advised that Chris Haynes had repaired the pad with the missing number. It is believed that the panel has three pads, and one needs high pressures to activate a score.	
11.2	LL's proposal for EPAC rule changes is going to be tabled by AB at the next EPAC meeting.	AB
12	**AOB**	
12.1	It was noted that there won't be parachuting competition clash with the 2027 August bank holiday. AB to propose the August bank holiday for the classic nationals to EPAC.	AB
12.2	It was noted that the 2027 paragliding nationals should not clash with the BAC events or the Albania Open. Date and venue to be further discussed.	
	Meeting closed at 21.15	
	Date of next meeting	
	5th November	

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

Bank:

Bank Balances: £13,201.99

Squad Training Fees:

August unofficial joint training at South Cerney: attended by 6 pilots, £267 income, £463 costs, 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

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 October 2026

September meeting actions:

4.2 Checked that AB's recent payment included for the August squad training fees.

7.2 Handed over UK Grand Prix subs in Holland.

7.4 Classic Accuracy Nationals team trophy wording sent to WL.

9.11 Issued Paragliding Accuracy Nationals early bird reminder on social media.

12.1 Draft AGM wording for the website below.

Future Skywings:

October – No DC

November – Dutch Grand Prix, BAC4, Paragliding Nationals

December – Euros, Classic Nationals

2027 BHPA Accuracy Panel Annual General Meeting wording for website

As per the BHPA Accuracy Panel Operating Procedures, an online Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on xx January 2027 following the agenda below.

1. Welcome and meeting rules.
2. Review of the past year and future goals.
3. Review nominations for officer roles.
4. Election of officers.
5. Ratification of officers who joined mid-term.
6. Discussion of proposals.
7. Open floor discussion.

The following roles are up for election:

- Secretary
- Parascending Representative
- Paragliding Representative
- Paragliding Squad Manager

Nominations to stand for election must be received by the panel chairman Mark Bignell by xx December 2026. The nominations must be accompanied with a written statement explaining what the nominee (new and current officers) will bring to the role, and these will be published on the website behind a login. New nominees should familiarise themselves with the panel role descriptions in the Operating Procedures, and can attend panel meetings leading up to the AGM or join working groups.

Only BHPA members who attend the AGM can vote on the officer elections, and proxy votes will not be allowed. In addition to the above elections, Judith Freeman's mid-term appointment as Safety Officer is required to be ratified by a vote.

Proposals must be submitted to the panel chairman Mark Bignell by xx December 2026.

SEPTEMBER REPORT – CLASSIC

1. The final leg of the 2026 Grand Prix was hosted by Sky Rebels at their site at Terheijden NL during the weekend of 12/13 September.
2. Three rounds were completed on Saturday but the rain prevented any towing on Sunday so the presentation was brought forward to Sunday morning.
3. The results of the weekend competition are:

TEAM RESULTS – Winners – BIRDWINGS (Dave C, Andy W and Gary).

2nd place – GIPs 'A' (Alex P, Simon Basso, Sander Van Proolen).

3rd place – Scout Rebels (John L, Jeroen Klein, Pil3 Scout).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS – Winner - Dave C

2nd place - Andy W

3rd place – Alex P

2026 GRAND PRIX RESULTS

Individual winner DAVE C

2nd place Alex P

3rd place John L

Winning Team GIPs -

2nd place Birdwings –

3rd place Scout Rebels

Another well organised and enjoyable competition

Arthur

PA squad report October 2026

No squad in September, the published date clashed with EPAC NL.

Accuracy safety:
Nothing to report

Near misses:
Nothing to report

Regards
Dave

Rules Officer report Oct 26

Action from Sept minutes

- 9.1 – action completed
- 9.9 – returnable trophies (and FAI trophies) given to AW

Judging

- UK provided 4 judges (Nikki, Liz, Jamie and Dave W) for the Dutch EPAC competition.
- Liz, Nikki, Jayne, Parki, Jamie and Dave W judged at Paragliding Nationals assisted by Willow and Becky (recording scores, wind and video evidence).
- Dave W is now qualified as a cat 2 National Judge.
- So far 5 judges are available for classic nationals and one more may be.

Rules

- No actions take
- Proposal that we move closer to the FAI rule change process, which enables full discussion I advance, when making changes to the classic rules. Suggested sequence:
    - Rule change proposals prepared in writing to include reason for proposal, proposed new wording and potential consequences of implanting it (positive or negative)
    - For UK, our proposals are agreed at panel meeting
    - All proposals shared with the other nations in advance of the EPAC meeting
    - Any French or Dutch proposals are discussed at a panel meeting before the EPAC meeting
    - Proposals are discussed and agreed/rejected by delegates at EPAC meeting
    - Agreed changes communicated to panel. Rules Officer updates template and (where requested) individual competition rules.
    - Updated rules circulated within EPAC and panel. No further changes at this point except to correct errors.

  If the panel agrees with this proposed process and it could be quickly put to Jacques and Ed we may be able to use it this year.

Equipment

- Some issues with pads at Paragliding Nationals, which Chris is aware of, need to be resolved. Suitably sized board for under the pad still outstanding. Suggested sourcing yellow acrylic paint pen for renewing 2cm dots. All other target equipment in working order. Mat and rope circles are currently in the trailer.