



**Agenda for a meeting of the  
Development Committee  
on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 15:00  
at the BPA Office  
5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF**

**Car parking**

Please do not park in the car parking spaces opposite the BPA Office as these belong to our neighbours, All Weather Windows, who have asked us not to use their spaces during the daytime.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** Brian Cumming
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes**  
To note that the minutes (circulated) of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2015 have already been approved by the Committee, ratified electronically by the Council, and published on the BPA website [bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/](http://bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/)
- 4 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**
  - 4.1 Minute 20.1 - Online provisional student memberships - IT Strategy Group (see item 10)
  - 4.2 Minute 20.2 - Database specification for tender, by Graham Spicer
  - 4.3 Minute 20.4 - IT budget - IT Strategy Group (see item 10)
  - 4.4 Minute 23.5 - Meetings outside British Summer Time (Dec/Feb) at weekends - item held over until the August meeting at the request of Brian Cumming
  - 4.5 Minute 27 - BPA Shop - Contract expired but website bpashop.co.uk was still up on 27 May
  - 4.6 Minute 31 - Data protection enquiry from an Affiliated PTO - Secretary
  - 4.7 Any other matters arising not listed above.
- 5 **Liaison with official agencies for sport**
- 6 **Insurance**  
Tony Butler, Chief Operating Officer, to update orally.
- 7 **DZOs Specialised Interest Group meeting, autumn 2015**  
To confirm a location and date. Suggestion - date: Tuesday 17 November, to avoid clash with instructor courses scheduled for Monday 2 to Friday 13 November inclusive; venue: Leicester Hilton.
- 8 **Consultation with Affiliated PTOs on the proposal to remove the limit on the number of temporary memberships an individual may take out**  
Responses listed in paper circulated - possible item for discussion at DZO SIG (item 7?)
- 9 **Independent election administration services**  
Quotes from (i) Mi-Voice and (ii) Democracy Counts (circulated). ERS's charge for the 2015 election was £3,228 (inc VAT).
- 10 **Indoor skydiving**  
Tony Butler, Chief Operating Officer, to update orally on consultation with operators of UK wind tunnels.
- 11 **IT Strategy working group**  
To consider the notes to follow on the meeting held on Tuesday 26 May.
- 12 **Development Committee Action Plan 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015**  
To review progress at the Action Plan year end.
  - 12.1 Draw up a 'sectoral map' of the skydiving sector (organisations and their purposes) - Secretary **Published for consultation in April Mag - no response**
  - 12.2 Produce 'BPA Approved' signs for display by Affiliated Drop Zones **Completed**
  - 12.3 Investigate participation rates by women in skydiving - Brian Cumming **Ongoing**

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- 12.4 Further investigate broadcasting BPA meetings over the Internet **Referred to SFWG**
- 12.5 Explore arrangements for elected members to participate in meetings via the Internet when they could not be present in person **Completed**
- 13 Development Action Plan 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016**
- 13.1 Order a trial run of 100 units BPA-branded multifunctional headgear (snoods) - Chair
- 13.2 Research the future options for membership cards (plastic/virtual/photocards/bar codes, etc)
- 13.3 Commission an external expert on sports development to prepare report on possible need, and if so options, for a development/performance plan for skydiving (possible budget £2K).
- 13.4 Research the positives and negatives of seeking Investors in People status for BPA - Secretary
- 14 DZOs Specialised Interest Group meeting, autumn 2015**  
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- 15 BPA Archive Project** - update (paper to be circulated)
- 16 Any other business** - to be notified to the Secretary by no later than noon on Friday 12 June.
- 17 Dates of meetings for the remainder of 2015**
- Tuesdays 11 August & 6 October at 15:30
  - Saturday 5 December at 12:30
- at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF.

**Responses to consultation with Affiliated PTOs on the proposal to remove the limit on the number of temporary memberships an individual may take out**

1 Brucie Johnson, Skydive London :

*"Makes monitoring individuals [by] BPA a bit of a nightmare."*

2 Jane Hopkins, Skydive Headcorn :

*"My only reservation with this proposal would be keeping track of expiry dates. We have an annual check on BPA memberships and this is easy to record on our online manifest system. Constantly having to change expiry dates I feel would sooner or later lead to someone jumping without BPA membership. Also would this apply to individuals who were not full members in the previous year or would it be available for anyone? Does this mean that a student can take out a temporary membership and then keep taking them out even though he/she has never been a full member?"*

3 Colin Fitzmaurice, Skydive Tilstock:

*"It's kind of a vague proposal without seeing exactly what you have in mind but, in principle, I have no problem with it."*

4 Philip Bell, Cyprus Parachute Centre:

*"I agree with the proposal to allow an unlimited number of temporary memberships, it does no harm to the BPA financially and can help individuals who for one reason or another, cannot skydive regularly enough to justify a full membership. The same principle is applied to P6 provisionals, I see no reason why it cannot be applied to temporary memberships also. This is only my personal opinion as the administrator and manager of the Cyprus Parachute Centre, the CCI may well disagree."*

5 Ian Roseninge, Skydive Academy:

*"I was looking at no limit for the number of temporary memberships that a student parachutist may take out but accept that might not be what we all at Council/Development wanted."*

6 Noel Purcell, Skydive Hibaldstow:

*"Please could you forward me the paper from Ian R. to see his reasoning for the temporary membership proposal to change to unlimited?"*

7 BPA membership services:

*"We should like to be involved in the discussions about this."*