



The Council

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of Council 2015 held on

Saturday 24 January 2015 at 12:22

at East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RJ

Present:
Martin Soulsby
Paul Applegate
Gordon Blamire
Adrian Bond
Jack Bradford
Brian Cumming
Jason Kelleher
Mike Lewis
Gavin McLeod
Ian Marshall
Yassi Molazadeh
Craig Poxon
Ian Roseninge
Brian Vacher

In attendance:
Tony Butler - Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Debbie Carter - Treasurer
John Hitchen - Vice President
Trudy Kemp - PA to COO/STO
Tony Knight - Aviation Adviser
Helen Lucas - Administration Secretary
Jeff Montgomery - Safety & Technical Officer (STO)
Martin Shuttleworth - Secretary-General (Secretary)
John Smyth MVO - Vice President

Apology for absence: Adam Mattacola

Observers: 6

Item Minute

01/15 Election of Officers, etc

1.1 Election of Chair

Tony Butler, COO, called for the election of a Chair. He invited nominations. Craig Poxon proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to elect Martin Soulsby, who said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no other nominees.

Martin Soulsby elected as Chair of Council

Martin Soulsby took the Chair.

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Adrian Bond proposed, and Gavin McLeod seconded, a motion to elect Craig Poxon, who said he was willing to accept the nomination.

Craig Poxon elected as Vice Chair of Council

1.3 Election of Treasurer

The Chairman called for nominations for Treasurer. Paul Applegate proposed, and Mike Lewis seconded, a motion to elect Debbie Carter, who said she was willing to accept the nomination, and she outlined the nature of the role. There were no other nominations.

Debbie Carter elected as Treasurer

1.4 Election of Chair of STC

The Chairman invited nominations for Chair of STC. Paul Applegate proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to elect John Hitchen, who said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations.

John Hitchen elected as Chair of STC

1.5 Election of Chair of the Communications Committee

The Chair invited nominations for Chair of the Communications Committee. Craig Poxon proposed, and Ian Rosenvinge seconded, a motion to elect Adrian Bond, who said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Adrian Bond elected as Communications Chair

1.6 Election of Chair of the Development Committee

The Chair invited nominations for Chair of the Development Committee. Adrian Bond proposed, and Jason Kelleher seconded, a motion to elect Craig Poxon, who said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Craig Poxon elected as Development Chair

1.7 Election of Chair of the Competitions Committee

The Chair invited nominations for the Chair of the Competitions Committee. Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to elect Brian Vacher, who said he was willing to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Brian Vacher elected as Competitions Chair

1.8 Election of Delegate to RAeC

The Chair invited nominations for BPA Delegate to RAeC. Craig Poxon proposed, and Adrian Bond seconded, a motion that John Smyth MVO be elected as BPA Delegate to RAeC. John Smyth said he was willing to accept. There were no other nominations.

John Smyth elected as BPA Delegate to RAeC

1.9 Election of Alternate Delegate to RAeC

The Chair invited nominations for BPA Alternate Delegate to RAeC. Mike Lewis proposed, and Jack Bradford seconded, a motion that Craig Poxon be elected as BPA Alternate Delegate to RAeC. Craig Poxon said he was willing to accept. There were no other nominations.

Craig Poxon elected as BPA Alternate Delegate to RAeC

1.10 Co-options to Council

Ian Marshall proposed, and Mike Lewis seconded, a motion to co-opt the following to the Council, in a non-voting capacity: Debbie Carter (Treasurer), John Hitchen (STC Chair) and John Smyth (UK Delegate to IPC).

Co-opted

02/15 Composition of Committees

The Chair invited the Committee Chairs to form their Committees immediately after this meeting. No Committee could have a majority of voting members on Council (more than 7 voting members). The Secretary asked Committee Chairs kindly to advise the relevant Committee Secretary of the composition of their Committees as the copy date for the February issue of *BPA Skydive the Mag* was imminent. Mike Lewis volunteered to serve on the Stronger Future (Governance) Working Group. The Chair regretted he was unable to take up this offer because the Working Group was already had one more member than had originally been planned.

03/15 Dates of Council meetings 2015

STC meeting dates in 2015 (for info)

Thursday 5 February

Thursday 2 April

Thursday 4 June

Thursday 30 July

Thursday 24 September

Thursday 19 November

Council meeting dates in 2015

Saturday 21 February

(by a vote of For:- 5, Against - 4, Abstain - 4
in relation to an alternative date of the preceding Tuesday)

Tuesday 14 April

Tuesday 16 June

Tuesday 11 August

Tuesday 6 October

Saturday 5 December

Agreed

04/15 Council skills matrix and Director induction and training

The Chair outlined recommendations of the Stronger Future (Governance) Working Group, which had met twice via Skype. An updated draft Council skills audit sheet was being prepared, and the Group's recommendation of a day's training course for Council members would be coming to the February meeting for consideration.

05/15 Date of next meeting

Saturday 21 February 2015 at 1500 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF.

The meeting closed at 1355

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