



Riggers' Subcommittee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 26 July 2018 at 1600

at BPA HQ, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF

Present: Paul Applegate - Chair
Josh Clark (AR)
Rick Boardman (AR)
Gary Stevens (AR)
Noel Purcell (AR)
Pete Sizer (RE)

Key:

AR = Advanced Rigger

RE = Rigger Examiner

Apologies: John Curtis, Karen Saunders

In Attendance: Tony Butler - Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Jeff Montgomery - Safety & Technical Officer (STO)
John Hitchen - Vice Chair STC
Trudy Kemp - Assistant to COO/STO

ITEM

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair stated that any member with any personal, financial or material interest in any item/s of business on the agenda for this meeting should state any declaration of interest. These would be declared at the relevant item.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RIGGERS' SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF 31 MAY 2018

Page 1, Item 2 – Tandem Mods Website & Supporting Documentation. The Committee felt that this item should be deferred until this project could be progressed.

Page 1, Item 2 – Vigil AADs. There had been no further reports received relating to Vigil AAD units where the attachment to the control unit was found to be snapping.

Page 2, Item 2 – Velocity Risers Update. There had been no further reports received regarding Velocity Risers with phosphate hardware.

Page 3, Item 6 – Equipment Inspection Policies Working Group. There had been no meeting of the Equipment Inspection Policies Working Group held this afternoon. Rick Boardman stated that he had received no further information from manufacturers at this time.

There being no further matters arising, it was proposed by Rick Boardman and seconded by Gary Stevens that the Minutes of the Riggers' Subcommittee Meeting of 31 May 2018 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE STC MEETING OF THE 31 MAY 2018

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF RIGGING LOFT FOR HOSTING AP COURSES

A proposal from Rick Boardman had been circulated with the Agenda requesting that the facility at Rhomech Rigging, Tilshead, Salisbury, Wiltshire be accepted for the hosting of AP Courses.

Rick Boardman had reported that he had inspected the facility and had determined that although well equipped, its physical size of the facility was only suitable to instruct one candidate at a time.

Following consideration, it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Noel Purcell that the facility at Rhomech Rigging be accepted to run AP Courses but that it be limited to one AP candidate per Course.

For: 4 (incl. 1 proxy) Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 (Rick Boardman & Gary Stevens, pre-declared)

Carried

5. ANDREW HILTON REQUEST

A proposal from Andrew Hilton had been circulated with the Agenda requesting an exemption to allow him to renew his Rigger Examiner rating for the 2018/2019 BPA membership year.

Due to work commitments, Andrew had been unable to run an Examination course in the previous 2 years, as per the currency requirements. However, he would still like to maintain his RE rating.

The Committee understood Andrew's situation due to the infrequency of Rigging Courses and considered it reasonable to grant one exemption on this occasion. However, it was felt by those present that Andrew should be encouraged to attend the next available Rigging Course. The Committee did not wish to see this become the normal route for RE's wishing to renew their rating.

Following consideration, it was proposed by Pete Sizer and seconded by Noel Purcell that the above request be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

6. EQUIPMENT RELATED INCIDENT REPORT RÉSUMÉ

There had been no equipment related incident reports had been received since the last meeting.

7. ADVANCED PACKER (AP) COURSE REPORTS

The following AP Courses had been held since the last meeting, and the respective Course Reports circulated to those present:

- i) Karen Saunders had run an Advanced Packers Examination Course at Skydive Langar from the 12 – 13 June 2018.

The Course was attended by Nick Robinson, Ryan Garner and Ben Mitchell. All candidates were successful and awarded Advanced Packer (Grade S) status.

- ii) George Panagopoulos had run an Advanced Packers Training Course at Netheravon from the 18 – 21 June 2018. The Course was attended by Andy Clark who was

advised to attend the Examination phase of the Course once he had completed a number of supervised reserve pack jobs.

- iii) George Panagopoulos had run an Advanced Packers Training Course at Netheravon from the 2 – 5 July 2018. The Course was attended by Henry Mole and Alex Dale. Both candidates were advised to attend the Examination phase of the Course once they had completed a number of supervised reserve pack jobs.
- iv) Noel Purcell had run an Advanced Packers Examination Course at Skydive Hibaldstow from the 9 July 2018. The Course was attended by Braden Dimmock who was successful and awarded Advanced Packer (Grade S) status.
- v) George Panagopoulos had run an Advanced Packers Tandem Upgrade Course at Netheravon from the 16 – 17 July 2018. The Course was attended by William Steele and Gary Chapman. Both candidates were successful and awarded Advanced Packer (Grade T) status.

8. BPA SAFETY NOTICES/INFORMATION BULLETINS

There have been no BPA Safety Notices or Safety Information Bulletin issued since the last meeting.

9. MANUFACTURERS' SAFETY NOTICES/INFORMATION BULLETINS

Since the last meeting, a Product Service Bulletin (PSB 2018-01) had been issued by Parachute Systems.

A small quantity of new D-Bags (Main Parachute Deployment Bags) were produced by Parachute Systems in the second quarter of 2018 with removable bridles. Their standard D-Bags have the bridle sewn directly onto the bag. Anyone that has one of these D-Bags, with a removable bridle, with a soft link retaining the bridle to the D-Bag, are to replace the soft link with a number 5 Rapid Link (French Link) before next use.

A copy of the Bulletin would be attached to the Minutes for information (Appendix A).

10. A.O.B.

Rick Boardman asked the Committee if they could start considering ideas / topics for the various presentations at the BPA Riggers' & Advanced Packers Personal Development Day to be held at EMCC Nottingham, on Friday 25 January 2019. Rick stated that he would prepare a paper to go out with the next Agenda.

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursdays, 13 September and 15 November
at 1600 at BPA HQ

1 August 2018

PAPERWORK FOR CIRCULATION WITH THE NEXT AGENDA MUST REACH THE BPA OFFICE BY MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2018

Distribution:

Chair Riggers' Subcommittee, All CIs, All Riggers, APs, Council, CAA, Editor – Skydive



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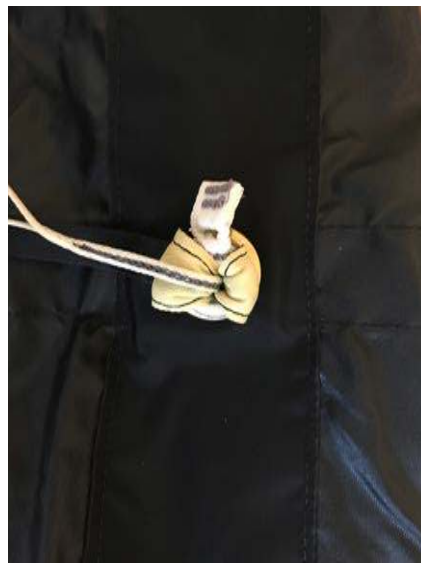
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PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN 2018-01 (PSB # 2018-01)

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE NEXT JUMP

ISSUE DATE: 19th July 2018

A small quantity of new D-Bags (Main Parachute Deployment Bags) were produced by Parachute Systems (Pty)Ltd in the second quarter of 2018 with removable bridals. Our standard D-Bags have the bridal sewn directly onto the bag. **If you have one of these D-Bags, with a removable bridal, as pictured below, with a soft link retaining the bridal to the D-Bag, please strictly follow the instructions of this bulletin before next use.**



BACKGROUND:

A single case has been brought to our attention where the soft link pulled through the grommet during deployment of the main parachute leading to a pilot chute in tow.

SUBJECT: D-Bag with removable bridal on Vortex Harness Containers produced second quarter 2018.

STATUS: **Soft link needs to be replaced by a number 5 Rapid Link (French Link) before next use.**



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IDENTIFICATION:

If your bridle is retained by a soft link it needs to be replaced by a number 5 Rapid Link (French Link) as illustrated in the below images.





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1. All registered owners affected by the Service Bulletin.
2. All Parachute Systems Dealers.
3. PIA
4. Company Social Media Pages

We apologize to all our customers who are affected by this. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at support@parachutesystems.com. Please be assured that customer safety is our most important concern and we assure you of our best attention at all times.

Authorizing Authority

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Dales", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

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