



## 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 Appleby
- Geoffrey Blackmore
- Alan Bond
- Jac Braithwaite
- Brian Cunniff
- Jonathan Deller
- Mile Lewin
- Gravin McLeod
- Ian Marshall
- Yasir Mola
- Craig Poxon
- Ian Pennington
- Brian Pether

**In attendance:**

- Ton Butler - Vice Chair
- Debbie Carter - Treasurer
- John Hitchen - Vice President
- Tru - PA & CST
- Ton - Aviation Adviser
- Helen Lucas - Administration Secretary
- Je - Sales & Technical Secretary
- Martin Soulsby - Secretary
- John - Vice President

**Apology for absence:**

Alan Maracola

**Observers:**

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### Item Minute

#### 01/15 Election of Officers, etc

##### 1.1 Election of Chair

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

***Martin Soulsby elected as Chair of Council***

Martin Soulsby took the Chair.

##### 1.2 Election of Vice Chair

The Chair then called for nomination of Vice Chair.

Alan Bond proposed, and Gravin 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 Chair then called for nomination of Treasurer. Paul Appleby proposed, and Mile Lewin 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 Chair then invited nomination of Chair of STC. Paul Appleby 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 Marshall recon'd, a motion of elec. 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 Hellebaker recon'd, a motion of elec. 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 Chair of the Competition Committee. Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Appleby recon'd, a motion of elec. 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 AeC. Craig Poxon proposed, and Adrian Bond recon'd, a motion for John Smyth to be elected as BPA Delegate to AeC. 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 AeC. Mike Lewin proposed, and Jac Brauer recon'd, a motion for Craig Poxon to be elected as BPA Alternate Delegate to AeC. 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 Lewin recon'd, a motion of co-opt the following to the Council, in a non-voting capacity: Debbie Carter (Treasurer), John Hadden (TC Chair) and John Smyth (Deleg to IPC).

**Co-opted**

**02/15 Composition of Committees**

The Chair invited the Committee Chair of our other Committees to meet and discuss the issue. No Committee could have a majority of voting members on Council (more than 7 voting members). This created a problem for the Committee Chair in finding a viable relevant Committee structure to the composition of our Committees and the copy of the February issue of BPA Skydive the Mag was intended. Mike Lewin volunteered to serve on the S&P or Future Governance Working Group. The Chair's resignation was unable to be put up for because the Working Group was already a one more member than an official 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 meetings in 2015

Saturday 21 February

(b a vote of For: 5, A gain: 4, Abs: 1 - 4  
in relation to an alternative to the precepting 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 the recommendations of the S&P or Future Governance Working Group, which was twice via S&P. An update via Council will also be being prepared, and the Group's recommendation of a day's training course for Council members would be coming in the February meeting for consideration.

**05/15 Date of next meeting**

Saturday 21 February 2015 at 1500 at the BPA office, Len Parva, Leicester LE2 0TF.

The meeting closes at 1355

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