

British Parachute Association

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Annual General Meeting 2019

Saturday 26 January 2019 at 10:48

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

Platform party: Martin Soulsby Chair

> Debbie Carter Treasurer Craig Poxon Vice Chair

Members present: Approximately 500

including staff: Tony Butler Chief Operating Officer

Jeff Montgomery Safety & Technical Officer

Other staff in attendance: Sue Allen Membership Services

Trudy Kemp PA to COO/STO

Joy Ledger Competitions & Awards Co-ordinator

Helen Lucas Administration Secretary Martin Shuttleworth Secretary-General (Secretary)

Speed Skydiving rep (at IPC Apologies for absence: Mikey Lovemore

meeting)

Vice President (at IPC meeting) John Smyth MVO

The Chair was sad to report the recent passing of Jim Crocker, our longest-serving Vice President

Item Minute

1 **Minutes**

A motion that the minutes (circulated) of last year's AGM held on Saturday 27 January 2018 be approved as a true record was proposed and seconded.

Carried unanimously

2 **BPA Review of the Year 2018**

The Chair presented highlights of 2018 (a document had been published on the BPA website last week). In the membership year to 31 March, there had been 6,010 full members (2016/7: 6,463), a year-on-year decfrease of 7%. The new trading name British Skydiving had yet to be introduced, pending formulation of a 'brand personality' from which a visual identity could be developed, which would be put out to tender, open to members and non-members.

3 **BPA Annual Report & Accounts to 30 June 2018**

The BPA Annual Report & Accounts for the financial year to 30 June had been circulated as an insert to the December 2018 issue of BPA Skydive the Mag and posted on the BPA website. Adoption of the report was proposed and seconded.

Carried unanimously

4 **Auditors**

A motion to confirm the re-appointment of the auditors, Haines Watts, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration, was proposed and seconded.

Carried unanimously

5 Subscriptions: 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Council recommended to the AGM a full member subscription of £101.33 (comprising a BPA element of £63.06 and an insurance element* of £38.27), a year-on-year increase of £1.84; and a provisional member subscription of £16.60 (comprising a BPA element of £7.29 and an insurance element* of £9.52), a year-on-year increase of £0.21.

The new subscription rate was proposed and seconded.

Carried unanimously

* insurers' quotations are subject to their being no significant new claims before the start of the new membership year

6 **Elected Council Members (Non-executive Directors)**

The AGM received the result of the membership's online election of three Elected Members (nonexecutive directors). Mark Bayada, Sam Lee and Tash Higman had been elected unopposed for three years.

Received

7 **Appointment of Independent Council Member (Non-executive Director)**

Under Article 12, the Nominations Committee of Council had put forward Nick Bunting for appointment as an independent non-executive director (Council Member) for three years, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Nick Bunting's biography had been published with the agenda. He had joined the Council as an independent director in 2017. The re-appointment of Nick Bunting for three years was proposed and seconded.

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 11:37 (duration 49 min)

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