



## Minutes

Attendees in person:

Marc Asquith (MA)	BHPA 2022-23 President	UK
Ewald Kaltenhofer (EK)	ÖAeC	Austria
Angus Pinkerton (AP)	BHPA	UK
Urs Frei (UF)	SHV	Switzerland
Christian Boppart (CB)	SHV	Switzerland
László Szöllösi (LS)	HFFA	Hungary
Bernd Boeing (BB)	DHV	Germany
Robin Friess (RF)	DHV	Germany
Helmut Bach (HB)	DHV	Germany
Valentin Popa (VP)	AZLR	Romania
Jean Louis Coste (JC)	FFVL	France
Thomas Senac (TS)	FFVL	France
Miroslav Fejt (MF)	LAA	Czech Republic
Bojan Žižmond (BZ)	SFFA	Slovenia
Trond Nielsen (TN)	NLF	Norway
Jean-Yves Squifflet (JY)	FBVL	Belgium
Rodolfo Sacconi (RS)	FIVL	Italy
Sanne Both (SB)	KNVvL	Netherlands
Antonio Fernandes (AF)	FPVL	Portugal

Mark Shaw (MS) EHPU General Secretary

Joining remotely:

Sanne Røhe	DHPU	Denmark
Karl Slezak (KS)	DHV	Germany

Guests:

Andrea Anesini (AA) EAS President

Documents referred to in these minutes shall be uploaded to the AGM folder on the EHPU Internal site with these minutes, once approved by the Management Committee.

Item	Points	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	
1.1	Marc Asquith opened the meeting and referred to his President's Address (contained in the delegates' information packs).	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Method of conduct for the hybrid meeting.</b>	
2.1	Mark Shaw informed the delegates of the meeting protocols for the hybrid meeting.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Welcoming new EHPU countries.</b>	
3.1	The delegates unanimously approved the acceptance of Fisfélag Reykjavíkur (Iceland) and Eesti Lennuspordi Föderatsioon (ELF) (Estonia) as new EHPU members according to the process in the EHPU Statutes. The two federations were welcomed as new members.	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Delegates' Introductions.</b>	
4.1	The delegates attending in person introduced themselves and welcomed Sanne Røhe and Karl Slezak joining online.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Budget report and approval of proposed expenditures.</b>	
5.1	Thomas Senac discussed his budget spreadsheets and thanked Margrit Brabon (SHV) for her work in administering the EHPU account.	
5.2	TS noted that some expense allowances had not been used during the most recent budgeting period. He noted that the normal outgoings - the running expenditure - was greater than the income. To correct this, an increase in fees from federations was required. This was outlined in the "increase for balance" of the Budget Proposal Spreadsheet, circulated to delegates before the AGM.  The delegates unanimously approved the previously circulated budget, expenditures, and the proposal to increase member fees - to be formally adopted for 2023 (refer to the Treasurer's reports included in the reports section of the AGM 2023 folder on the EHPU Internal drive).	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Statute amendments.</b>	
6.1	Marc Asquith presented his statute amendments that had previously been circulated to the delegates.	
6.2	The amendment to item 7.4 was approved by over two thirds of the present members and is therefore to be incorporated in to the statutes.	
6.3	The amendment to item 11 (the proposal for Presidents of Honour) was not approved.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Elections.</b>	
7.1	Ewald Kaltenhofer (representing Austria) confirmed he would take over the Presidency of the EHPU for the coming period until the next AGM (2024).	
7.2	Thomas Senac was re-elected as Treasurer.	
7.3	Marc Asquith, Robin Friess, Rodolfo Saccani and László Szöllösi were elected to the Management Committee.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Management Committee report.</b>	
8.1	Mark Shaw noted that eight Management Committee meetings had been held since the 2021 AGM. Steen Poulsen had stepped down from the Management Committee due to his resignation from DHPU. MS noted that 27 actions had been raised, and 23 of these actions were subsequently completed and closed. MS reminded delegates of the Management Committee minutes which are stored on the EHPU Internal database, accessed via delegates' private login details. MS requested that delegates contact him individually if they did not have access.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>General Secretary's report.</b>	
9.1	Mark Shaw read his General Secretary's report to the AGM.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Europe Air Sports delegate's report and nomination of an EHPU delegate to EAS board.</b>	

10.1	Marc Asquith referred to his President's report, in which he discussed EAS matters from his point of view as EHPU's EAS delegate.	
10.2	An opportunity had arisen for an EHPU delegate to be put forward for election to the Europe Air Sports Board. Details of this voluntary position were summarised by Andrea Anesini. Andrea noted that he regarded it was now time for EHPU to be represented officially at EAS board level, primarily because of the risks to our activities from the Europe-wide adoption of Electronic Conspicuity. He noted that hang gliders and paragliders are a large proportion of the pilots and aircraft that EAS represent. Whilst microlights and sailplanes have representation on the EAS board, hang gliders and paragliders currently do not.	
10.3	Rodolfo Sacconi was nominated by the delegates to stand for election to EAS Board.  <b>ACTION:</b> Mark Shaw to contact Andrea Anesini by email to formally propose Rodolfo's nomination for election to EAS Board.	MS
<b>11.0</b>	<b>EAS report.</b>	
11.1	Andrea Anesini (Europe Air Sports) presented his report. In addition to the points covered by his slides he noted that historically EHPU had felt it was paying the bill for membership but derived little benefit from this. He felt that this situation had now changed and EHPU was observing the benefits of its membership. He noted that the slides he presented were the those to be used for upcoming presentations to both EGU and DGAC.	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Airspace Officer's report.</b>	
12.1	Helmut Bach presented his slides to the meeting.  It was noted that DHV had paid a substantial sum to obtain a legal opinion concerning conservation areas. Robin offered a copy of this document (in German) to EHPU delegates.  <b>ACTION:</b> Mark S to upload legal opinion document to EHPU Internal drive (once received from Robin F).	RF/MS
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Thomas Senac – Zones de Sensibilité Majeures (ZSM) presentation</b>	
13.1	Thomas presented his slides on Zones de Sensibilité Majeures and the need for delegates to advise their pilots travelling to France to fly about these environmental protection areas. Thomas informed the meeting that the information about these areas will be available on the FFVL website, and is possibly going to be available in English.	
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Thomas Senac – “Paracheck ®” presentation</b>	
14.1	Thomas presented his slides on an initiative for paraglider equipment service centres in France to comply with an FFVL standard. He noted that workshops outside France could in the future apply for Paracheck ® conformity. The PMA will publish a voluntary standard (possibly in 2024).	
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Airworthiness Officer's report.</b>	
15.1	Angus Pinkerton presented his slides on the work carried out by Working Group 6. He explained that the budget estimate for the 2023 secretarial work by AFNOR had increased from 8000 Euros (+ tax) in previous years to 11800 Euros (+ tax). He proposed that the 8000 Euros approved in the budget for	

<p>15.2</p>	<p>2023 is used to procure work by AFNOR and additional work is undertaken by WG6 subgroups, relieving the need to increase the commitment to AFNOR. This was agreed by the delegates.</p> <p>A discussion followed on the naming principle for paragliders certified under EN 926-2 (currently EN-A, B, C, D). The proposal selected by ESTC for the split of the B class is “EN-B low” and “EN-B high”. Robin noted that the DHV had concerns with this naming philosophy - he considered it a political decision (rather than a technical decision), and because EHPU funds a part of WG6’s work, the proposal should therefore be taken into consideration by WG6’s in its adoption of a class naming strategy. This received the support of several delegates. The philosophy suggested by DHV is that by making five classes rather than four classes (with one split in two), it may result in more pilots flying an EN-B when they thought they were buying an EN-C. The current suggestions are illustrated below:</p>																			
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	<p>There was discussion amongst the delegates and strong concerns were raised about pilots’ possible confusion between gliders classified under the old and new class naming regimes. It was agreed that a recommendation be made to WG6 to consider a proposal based on the DHV’s suggestion, considering the concerns raised.</p>																			
<p>16.0</p> <p>16.1</p> <p>16.2</p> <p>16.3</p> <p>16.4</p> <p>16.5</p>	<p><b>ESTC Chair’s report.</b></p> <p>Sanne Both presented her ESTC report.</p> <p>ESTC will approach CIVL to discuss IPPI tasks and levels following the CIVL plenary in March 2023.</p> <p>There will be an ESTC online meeting in March or April.</p> <p>Sanne requested that delegates ask their technical advisors to consider design limitations on EN A and EN B class paragliders following the request from WG6 presented to ESTC at its meeting last year.</p> <p>The subject of the EPI rating on members’ membership cards was discussed. Sanne will consult ESTC members for their opinions at the ESTC meeting planned to take place in June in the Netherlands.</p>																			
<p>17.0</p> <p>17.1</p>	<p><b>EHPU Accident Database report.</b></p> <p>The DHV’s Karl Slezak gave a talk online about the EHPU Accident Database. Work has now finished on the new database which offers major improvements on the existing database, for example a better platform for integrating data from other sources, manufacturers’ access, better data interrogation tools and increased security. Karl stated the goal is to launch the database in May.</p> <p>The delegates discussed the issue of whether the existing database is retained alongside the new one, or whether existing data can be transferred to the new system. There will be a substantial cost in transferring the data. This will be discussed by the Management Committee.</p>																			

	<b>ACTION:</b> Management Committee to discuss the data on the existing accident database and the implications involved in incorporating it into the new database.	All MC
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Modern Stakeholder Management “Swiss Airspace Evening” – Urs Frei</b>	
18.1	Urs Frei presented his slides on the “Swiss Airspace Evening”, the objective being to promote airspace knowledge amongst SHV members and to spread knowledge to professional bodies. Urs noted that the events enabled SHV to be perceived as a ‘serious player in the room’ amongst aviation bodies, and encouraged other federations to take a similar initiative.	
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
19.1	Urs Frei noted that between 30 <sup>th</sup> August and 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2024 there will be a celebration of 50 years of the SHV, held in Interlaken, Switzerland.	
19.2	Christian Boppart informed the meeting that there would be a proposal put forward at the CIVL Plenary in Porto about Category 2 events, and he invited EHPU delegates to suggest to their CIVL delegates vote against the proposal. There was general approval amongst the delegates to support this.	
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Handing-over ceremony.</b>	
20.1	The presidency was officially handed over to Austria and Ewald Kaltenhofer accepted the President’s gavel from Marc Asquith. Ewald thanked Marc for his extended presidency.	
	The meeting closed at 16:00	