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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee

Tuesday 17th November 2026, Online via Zoom – 5.30pm

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 5.32pm.
2. There were no absentees.
3. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
4. Reports

   Each officer was thanked for their reports. There were a few updates since they had been submitted ahead of the meeting.

   - BB updated the Exec on some improvement to a meeting with the [redacted]
   - NG reminded everyone that reports were available to the membership so it was important to detail activity undertaken since each last exec meeting.
   - CK expanded on the precarious financial situation though improvements to the balance are predicted with membership fees due and by not having the AGM in person though expenditure will be very carefully monitored next year with possible further membership fee increases necessary in the future.
   - MH recommended [redacted] be made full members following successful completion of the development programme. This was approved.

   [redacted] HDT announced [redacted] and the [redacted] was noted and discussed. [redacted]

   Action Points

   NG to write to [redacted] as usual.

   NG - see agenda item 5 and related Action Point

5. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 2025 and matters arising. These were accepted as a true record. There was one outstanding action point not covered later in the agenda.

   Action Points carried over:

   NG to create agenda for [redacted]

6. MH gave a detailed account of his experience adjudicating at the recent Red Admiral entertainment contest. It was agreed that the best way [redacted] we have done recently.

Action Points

HDT/SB to publish positive messages on social media emphasising the USPs of AoBBA, especially the adjudicator development programme. (ADP)

7. MH, as per his report, suggested a list of 6 'approved' contests for those on the ADP to complete. After discussion and questions, it was agreed this list may be expanded to include a wider geographical spread. It was also agreed that on completion of the development programme, a much more detailed 'CV' of the successful newly made full member, detailing who they had been mentored by and at which contests, would be published. The first of these will be [redacted]

Action Points

MH to work with HDT/SB on the first of the expanded press releases as above.

MH to detail all the positive changes to those on the Contest Controllers Forum (CCF).

NG to create the agenda for the CCF.

8. BB updated the Exec on a recent mtg with a third party from [redacted] AP (as leader of the working group on adjudication) and NG were both also at the online mtg.

Action Point

NG has included [redacted] to the CCF to demonstrate. She will be on the agenda and will have a 30 min slot.

9. NG updated the Exec on the plans for the CCF. There are, so far, 10 contest controllers who have signed up to the CCF in the New Year.

10. Discussion was held regarding the proposed update to membership requirements, specifically in regard to [redacted].

NG update the Exec on correspondence held with [redacted] With guarantees in place ensuring [redacted], the Exec approved [redacted] do this work in conjunction with [redacted]

Action Points

NG to circulate the updated draft for further comment.

NG to attend [redacted] as described and report back at the next Exec.

11. AP introduced the first draft of the survey on adjudication to help steer her working party's focus as part of the three year development plan next year.

Action Point

AP to undertake the survey as planned.

NG to add this to the agenda for the next Exec Committee Meeting.

12. SB has confirmed [redacted] attendance on the panel for [redacted] for CPD.

Action Point

SB to update NG on the additional professional involved.

13. With regret, it was agreed [redacted] will be removed as a member following no contact regarding CPD despite much encouragement and chasing to do so.

Action Point

NG to remove [redacted] from the website (completed, 18.11.26), write to him as such and request his DD of fees to be stopped.

14. [redacted] application to the Development Programme was approved. [redacted] application to the Development Programme was not approved but he will be invited to take part in an Adjudicator Experience Day. [redacted] application to re-join was approved, subsequent to undertaking a refresher session with MH.

Action Points

NG to write to all as usual.

15. NG updated the Exec on correspondence from [redacted] sessions on [redacted] AGM of Jan 2027 and 2026. This was broadly approved. BB asked for a written proposal to be submitted.

Action Points

NG to continue correspondence with both.

16. The date of the next Exec Comm. Mtg will be set after the AGM.

17. In AOB, AP suggested providing members with DBS checks. It was agreed this was not financially possible at the present time. SL re-emphasised the need to share good work with the wider banding public, which was agreed.

18. BB closed the meeting at 7.23pm.