



**Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting
held at UWIC, Cardiff, Friday 18th May 2006**

1. Apologies for absence

Dr Leon Culbertson (Committee Member); Prof Graham McFee; Arno Mueller; Dr Jim Parry (Secretary); Keith Thompson; Margaret Whitehead.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved.

3. Officers' reports

a) Chair (Mike McNamee)

i. *Progress of the Association*

The Chair thanked the Executive Committee for all their work over the previous year. It was noted that although BPSA is a national association, 10 countries were represented in the 2006 conference programme. It was noted further, however, that BPSA is not in competition with the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS), nor the soon to be launched European association. BPSA reports to the IAPS Executive as a 'standing item' at their annual meeting.

ii. *IAPS update*

85 papers were submitted to IAPS for the annual meeting to be held at Niagara, Canada, in September 2006. 60 have been accepted into the programme. Members of BPSA will be presenting papers. It was noted that the IAPS conference in 2007 would be in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

iii. *'Proceedings' from 2004*

Publication date for the edited (Sheridan, Howe & Thompson) volume of papers drawn from the 2004 conference: '*Sporting Reflections: some philosophical perspectives*', published by Meyer & Meyer (Germany), is estimated to be Autumn 2006.

b) Vice-Chair (Stephen Mumford)

The Vice-Chair reported that he took every opportunity to promote the Association throughout the year. He supported the Chair as and when required. He commended the Chair's democratic approach to decision-making within the Association.

c) Secretary (Jim Parry)

No matters to report.

d) Treasurer & Membership Secretary (Heather Sheridan)

i) Level of membership and fees structure

Membership currently stands at 30. Of these, 7 are from overseas (up 3 from 2005), and 5 are students (same as 2005).

It was requested that members paid their fees promptly (due 1st January each year). In order to make this easier, it was suggested that members with a UK bank account completed a standing order mandate.

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the membership rates increase in 2007 to £30 for a standard membership (from £20) and £20 for students / unemployed / retired (from £10). This is to cover the costs of the new journal in 2007.

Action: T & MS to post out standing order mandates to UK based members before the end of 2006.

ii) Financial statement

Income for 2005/6 £1582.36. Expenditure for 2005/6, £44.38. Current BPSA bank account balance, £2303.75

It was suggested that if any member had an idea of how some of the funds could be spent, e.g. student bursaries to present a paper at the annual meeting, they should put their proposal to the Chair and /or T & MS.

e) Website / Publicity/Marketing (Jerry Bingham)

i) It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the website be revamped as soon as possible. Possibilities include: making it easier to navigate; promoting the new journal; more regular updates of news/views; providing more information; making the 'hits' counter visible, and; changing the logo design.

Action: Publicity/Marketing to liaise with Website Manager to research options/possibilities and report back to Executive Committee by the end of 2006.

ii) It was reported that the Annual Meeting at UWIC had received good publicity in the local media (radio and newspapers). Furthermore, the symposium, 'What would a "good" Games look like in 2012', had been videoed.

Action: Carwyn Jones to email newspaper items, radio links, and symposium links to Website Manager.

4. Journal Editor's Report 'Sport, Ethics and Philosophy' (Mike McNamee)

The Chair thanked Andrew Edgar and Stephen Mumford for helping him negotiate the contract with Routledge. The journal will be launched early in 2007. There will be two issues per year (Spring and Autumn) and one special issue (single authored monograph) in the Summer. The journal abstracts will be published in Chinese, German and Spanish. The Chair asked members to contact him if they wanted to contribute to the upcoming special issue on adaptive physical education.

5. Philosophy of Sport Study Group (Mike McNamee)

It was reported that there had been no meeting this year. Chair requested that if anyone would be interested in hosting a Study Group day in 2007 to contact him or Leon Culbertson. The Chair offered to approach Ian Henry and Paul Downward, both at Loughbrough University.

Action: Chair to contact Ian Henry and Paul Downward.

6. BPSA and European Association (Lev Kreft)

Discussion is currently focused on the name of the new association. There is some support for naming it 'European Association of Philosophy of Sport and Moving Culture' and some support for 'European Association for the Philosophy of Sport'.

Action: T & MS to ask Lev Kreft for minutes of the European association latest meeting.

The Chair thanked Lev Kreft for his work in heading up the working party for the setting up the European association.

7. BASEM & BPSA links with sports medicine

Anyone interested in presenting a paper at the 2007 BASEM conference is requested to contact Mike McNamee or Andy Miah.

8. Conferences (Mike McNamee)

i) 2006 conference

The Chair formally thanked Carwyn Jones, ably assisted by Lisa Edwards, for hosting an excellent conference.

ii) 2007 conference

It was proposed that Jim Parry host the 2007 conference at Leeds University. Dates to be decided.

Action: Chair to contact Jim Parry.

iii) 2008 conference

Possibilities included a British or a European venue, with the further possibility of hosting the BPSA conference in conjunction with the soon to be established European association. One possibility is Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

8. AOB

None.

Heather Sheridan
20.5.06