

British Philosophy of Sport Association
Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting
held at the
Louisa Centre, Stanley, County Durham

Friday May 13th 2005

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Tony Skillen (Vice-Chair), Keith Thompson (Secretary), Jerry Bingham (Publicity), Dr Paul Davis (Committee Member), Karen Llewellyn.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved.

3. Officers' reports

a) Chair

i. *Progress of the Association*

The Chair stated the need to carry on the momentum of recent years by encouraging more people to join in the UK, Europe and beyond. Every member has a responsibility to promote the association whenever and wherever they can in order to develop a critical mass. One way of achieving this is to try and ensure that the profile of the Executive Committee is evenly balanced between those broadly working in philosophy of sport/sport departments and those working in 'mainstream' philosophy departments. The nominations for election this year reflect that aim.

ii. *Elections*

Tony Skillen stood down as Vice-Chair
Keith Thompson stood down as Secretary
Dr Paul Davis stood down as Committee Member
Prof Stephen Mumford stood down as Committee Member

Dr Mike McNamee re-elected unanimously as Chair
Prof Stephen Mumford elected unanimously as Vice-Chair
Dr Jim Parry elected unanimously as Secretary
Dr Heather Sheridan re-elected unanimously as Treasurer & Membership Secretary
Dr Andy Miah re-elected unanimously as Web Manager
Dr Leon Culbertson re-elected unanimously as Committee Member
Dr Andrew Edgar elected unanimously as Committee Member
Dr Carwyn Jones elected unanimously as Committee Member

iii. 'Proceedings' from 2004

The Chair formally thanked Heather Sheridan, Leslie Howe & Keith Thompson, co-editors of the impending publication (Spring 2006) of an edited volume of papers drawn from the 2004 conference: '*Sporting Reflections: some philosophical perspectives*', Germany, Meyer & Meyer.

The Chair asked that anyone interested in being involved in the co-editing of a volume of papers from the 2005 conference to contact either Leon Culbertson or Andy Miah. The Chair thanked LC and AM for taking it on.

Action: LC and AM will also use the association listserv and membership email list to invite anyone interested in getting involved to contact them.

iv. New journal with Routledge (Taylor & Francis)

The new journal will be called '*Sport, Ethics, Philosophy*'. It will not compete with the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport. The scope of the new journal will be more catholic to include papers on coaching, sports medicine, physical education, etc. There will be 2 issues per year (circa 92-110pp) plus one special issue. It is estimated that the first issue will be in 2007. There will be an editorial board of circa 17 members. The Chair asked that anyone interested in applying to become the Review Editor to contact him.

Action: The Chair will also use the association listserv and membership email list to invite anyone interested in applying for the position to contact him.

Those present at the AGM voiced their thanks to the Chair for all his efforts in putting the journal together.

v. Thanks to Officers standing down

The Chair thanked those officers who stood down this year for all their hard work whilst in office, namely Tony Skillen (Vice-Chair), Keith Thompson (Secretary) and Paul Davis (Committee Member).

b) Vice-Chair

No matters to report.

c) Secretary

No matters to report.

d) Treasurer & Membership Secretary

i) Level of membership and fees structure

Membership currently stands at 29. Of these, 4 are from overseas (all Europe), and 5 are students.

Membership rates are £20 for a standard membership and £10 for students/unemployed/retired. Membership rates will remain the same for 2006.

Stephen Mumford asked whether the current rates would be sufficient to cover the costs of the new journal. For 2006 at least this is not an issue since the estimated publication date of the journal will be sometime in 2007.

ii) *Financial statement*

Income for 2005, £445. Expenditure for 2005, £23.81. Current BPSA bank account balance, £1023.15

iii) *Need for a European Agent*

European members currently have to pay a hefty bank charge to transfer money to the association bank account. If we had a European agent, i.e. someone who trades in euros, then this might encourage new members to join and existing members to continue their membership.

The Treasurer & Membership Secretary asked if any European members present at the AGM would like to consider becoming a European agent for the association to contact her.

Action: The Treasurer & Membership Secretary will use the listserv and the membership email list to invite anyone interested in becoming the European agent to contact her.

e) *Web Manager / Publicity/Marketing*

i) *Use of Philosophy of Sport URL*

The Web Manager asked everyone to send him appropriate weblinks to ensure the association website is disseminated as widely as possible.

Action: The Web Manager will also use the listserv and the membership email list to ask members to forward appropriate weblinks to him.

The Web Manager proposed the website be upgraded. Possibilities include: making it easier to navigate; setting up a blog; providing more information; making the 'hits' counter visible, and; changing the logo design.

The consensus was that it would be a good idea to explore these possibilities.

Action: Web Manager to research options/possibilities and report back to Executive Committee in 6 months.

Action: Chair to schedule Executive meeting before end of 2005.

The Chair thanked AM for all his work.

4. *Philosophy of Sport Study Group (LC)*

Leon Culbertson reported a poor response from members to the January 2005 Study Group day. Possible reasons included the time of year i.e. post Christmas, and that the theme may have been too broad.

Chair and LC asked if anyone would be interested in hosting a Study Group day in 2005 or 2006 to contact them.

Geoff Parsons suggested it might be a good idea to run a Study Group day alongside an existing event.

Paul Downward suggested it might be possible to get ESRC funding for a Study Group day.

Action: LC to liaise with both Geoff Parsons and Paul Downward.

Action: Chair to pursue possibility of Loughborough University hosting a Study Group day.

Action: LC will use the listserv and the membership email list to invite anyone interested in hosting a Study Group day to contact him or the Chair.

5. European Association (MM)

Discussion focused on the possibility of a merger between the BPSA and a European Association. Chair raised possibility of continuing to host the conference in the UK but perhaps every 3rd or 4th year relocating to Europe for one year only. The two associations would not coalesce but would cohere.

The Chair asked Prof Lev Kreft to speak. LK thanked the BPSA for the opportunity. He suggested that any development of a European association ought to work in conjunction with the BPSA, not rival it. He proposed that an international committee be convened in 2006 - a 'working party' of 5 or 6 people - to take things forward. It would be important to have a fully European association. Thus a key challenge would be to find a way to accommodate different traditions - national, philosophical and sport. Two immediate aims would be to draft a constitution and build a network. LK asked if the BPSA would be willing to host this committee until a European association was up and running. LK expressed he would be happy to Chair the working party.

6. 2005 Conference issues (MM)

- i) The Chair formally thanked Steve Howell for hosting an excellent conference.
Stephen Mumford asked if it would be possible to have a day rate at future conferences. The consensus was that this would be a good idea.
Action: Carwyn Jones to incorporate day rate into 2006 conference fees structure
- ii) **2006 conference UWIC, 18-20 May, 2006**
The consensus was that UWIC would be the most appropriate venue for the 2006 conference. The Chair thanked Carwyn Jones for taking on the role of conference organiser in 2006.
- iii) **2006 conference Leeds University potential**
Possibility remains open to host 2007 conference at Leeds University which received Executive support.
- iv) **2007 conference University of Northumbria? Other potential hosts?**
Possibility remains open to host 2007/8 conference at University of Northumbria.
- v) **Filming papers**
Leon Culbertson suggested it might be a good idea to film papers and post them on the website, particularly the keynotes in the first instance.

Stephen Mumford suggested it might be a good idea to develop an audio-visual archive on the website.

Action: LC to liaise with Web Manager to explore possibilities.

7. AOB

None.

Heather Sheridan

18.5.05