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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 1300**

at the BMFA Office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

<b>Present:</b>	Steve Saunders	-	Chairman
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (from item 61.3 to item 65.3)
	Elizabeth Warner	-	Deputy Judges Coordinator
<b>Observers</b>	A competitor from	-	
	the 2011 World Cup	-	to item 60.2
	Ian Hodgkinson	-	Team <i>Satori</i> (to item 62.1.2)
	Alastair Hodgson	-	Team <i>Airkix Freestyle</i> (to item 62.1.2)
	Pixie Hodgson	-	Team <i>Airkix Freestyle</i> (to item 62.1.2)
	Daniel Parker	-	Team <i>Volare</i> (to item 62.1.2)
	Maria Russell	-	Team <i>Brit Chicks</i> (to item 62.1.2)
<b>Apologies</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP

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### Item Minute

#### 59/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2011 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

#### 60/11 Matters arising from the minutes

##### 60.1 Apology by the Chair to Mark Skarratts

To note the Chair had offered an unequivocal apology which Mark Skarratts had accepted.

**Noted**

##### 60.2 Response to letters regarding the World Cup & European Championships, Saarlouis, Germany

This item was held in camera with all observers, except the competitor, leaving the meeting. Distributed via email before the meeting were a letter and character references from the competitor, in response to the Chair's letter regarding an incident at the World Cup. The competitor addressed the committee, seeking clarity to why the formal warning was given and stating that they felt their reputation had been tarnished. Paul Moore thanked the competitor for coming and said that after asking at another event it was believed by others that the GB delegations were first class ambassadors for the country, however the committee were duty bound to investigate such incidents. The committee understood that as the Brits had been the

only teams to offer an apology at the time of the incident, it was perceived by others that they were, by default, to blame. However the committee acknowledged that other nations were involved. Based on the evidence provided by those at the event, the Chair had sent the original letter as a reminder that the delegation should behave in an appropriate manner and accepted that the word 'formal' could have been confusing or taken out of context. The letter was not a disciplinary action but was a warning that disciplinary action may be taken if such actions reoccurred. Paul Moore proposed that as the competitor was not directly linked to the incident and could not be seen as to have brought the British delegation into disrepute that the Committee write to them to remind them of their responsibilities. After further discussion Paul Moore revised his proposal to include that the letter wording of 'formal warning' is removed from the letter and replaced with 'a reminder'. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried unanimously, Action: Chair**

The competitor accepted the action. The Chair said that he could only apologise on behalf of himself and Competitions committee of the content of the letter being in the wrong context. The wording of 'to accept the letter as a formal warning' was meant as 'please take this as a reminder that you are acting on behalf of the UK'. The competitor accepted the apology. The Chair thanked the competitor for coming to committee, and reiterated that there was no animosity to the competitors and that the incident would not be held against the competitors in consideration for future events.

The competitor then left the meeting.

An email had been received the morning of the meeting day from another competitor at the World Cup. Weed Stoodley proposed that the Chair re-issue the original letter with the wording of 'formal warning' removed and replaced with 'a reminder'. Seconded by Paul Moore.

**Carried unanimously**

## **61/11 Domestic Competitions 2012 – Bid forms for 2012 meets**

### **61.1 Nationals – CP**

Paul Moore stated that he had spoken to both centres that had shown interest in holding the event and reported that Dunkeswell intended to put in a bid by the February Competitions meeting, for the event to be held as late as September 2012. However Dunkeswell wanted to be sure the sloop pond would be in place before placing a bid. RAPA would be able to host the event at short notice should Dunkeswell be unable to do so.

### **61.2 Nationals – Classics**

Bid forms would be re-issued to all centres for completed forms to be received by the BPA office before the February meeting in 2012. Proposed by Weed Stoodley, seconded by Ian Marshall.

**Carried unanimously, Action: BPA office**

### **61.3 Grand Prix – Accuracy/CF**

The bid forms had been reissued to all centres but no completed bids had been received. The Chair reported that there was a possible bid which will be addressed at the February Competitions committee meeting.

Martin Soulsby entered the meeting.

The consensus of the meeting was that the bid forms were not to be reissued for Grand Prix event in Accuracy and CF, and the committee would wait for confirmation from a centre that had communicated verbally their interest to host the Accuracy event. Confirmation was to be received by the February Competitions committee meeting.

**Defer until next meeting**

## **62/11 International Competitions 2012**

### **62.1 FAI World Parachuting Championships Dubai 29 Nov-10 Dec 2012**

#### **62.1.1 Team Selection**

At this time teams attending would be Brit Chicks (FS 8-way), CFUK (CF 4-way & 2-way Rotations), Satori (FS 4-way open), Bodyflight Aerodyne (FS 4-way female), Airkix Freestyle (Freestyle), Volare and Kinetic (Freefly). Invitations had been sent to the CP competitors asking if they wished to attend the event. At this time there were no competitors for VFS and CF 4-way sequential.

### **62.1.2 Team Funding**

This item was held in camera with all non-committee members leaving the meeting. For clarification the funding criteria was that to be eligible the team/competitor must have a score equal to a realistic fourth place or better at the last World Meet, and of their medal winning potential. Teams were also required to bid for funding (Item 55.3 of the 7 December 2010 meeting minutes refer).

Under the above criteria it was agreed that Team *Satori*, Team *Volare*, Team *Airkix Freestyle* and Team *Kinetic* were eligible for funding.

The observers were then allowed back into the meeting.

The Chair informed Maria Russell, representing Team *Brit Chicks* who had tabled a funding application that they were not successful in their application at this time but that the committee would watch their future performances with great interest and to not let this stop them ever bidding again.

The committee then addressed the remaining team representatives individually, asking of their team's performances, roadshow commitments and medal winning potential, based on their tabled funding applications. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Paul Moore, that *Satori* re-submit their bid to include attendance at roadshows across the UK.

**Carried unanimously**

The meeting then moved in camera with all observers leaving.

An allocation of £1250 per person had been made towards entry fees and travel to the event (item 53.1.2 of the 11 October 2011 Competitions committee meeting refers) and is not included in the final breakdown of allocated funding below. No other funding would be available throughout the year as all potential funding had been allocated. On discussing each application individually, after considering training plans, roadshow commitments, performance and medal winning potential the available funds were allocated were

Kinetic	£5000
Volare	£20000
Airkix Freestyle	£15000
Satori	£11000*

\*As shown in Team *Satori*'s funding application that part of their funding would be used towards entering competitions. Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley, that £11000 be allocated to the team with a caveat that they must, as part of their training plan, enter at least one of their proposed training competitions (Shamrock or European), plus, as agreed at the previous meeting and re-confirmed as above, to re-submit their bid to include attendance at BPA road shows across the UK.

**Carried unanimously**

It was agreed, that as previously, funding for all teams could be used to cover jump fees, coaching fees and tunnel time.

A personalised confirmation letter and contract would be sent to each team individually, informing them of their requirements and of what the BPA can provide. Also to include a reference on how VAT may be claimed back and that all training fees must be supported with receipts.

All competitors thanked the committee who in turn thanked the competitors for coming along and making themselves available to support their bids.

All team representatives left the meeting.

### **62.1.3 Head of Delegation & Team Managers**

John Smyth had expressed his wishes to attend as Head of Delegation but would need to confirm with IPC that there were no conflicting roles.

As the event was held across 2 sites it would be likely that 1 or more Team Managers would be required therefore the committee called for those with World competition experience to apply and send in a CV to committee, to be addressed at the meeting in February.

## **63/11 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 Jul 2011 – 30 June 2012 (see appendix i)**

Weed Stoodley reported that all spends were within target. There was an outstanding payment to the British Team Fund from 1 centre which the discipline rep would follow up.

**Action: Discipline Reps**

Target 6 - The committee recognised the need to ascertain running costs of BPA National events, Paul Moore would progress.

**Action: Paul Moore**

Target 5 - Martin Soulsby asked the committee to decide at which events uniforms and t-shirts would be freely available.

**64/11 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

Mike Lovemore reported that he was no further forward in arranging a Speed coaching roadshow. The committee recommended writing a letter/email to all DZs which the BPA office could then forward, and to report back at the February meeting.

**Action: Discipline Rep – Speed**

**65/11 Judging Matters not already covered**

**65.1 Judges non-attendance at BPA competitions**

To note a letter of apology had been sent by the Judges Coordinator to the Judge and to inform the judge would be included on the nomination list to IPC.

**Noted**

**65.2 IPC Judges Nomination form**

The completed Judges Nomination List and Proposed Judges had been received by the BPA office the day before the meeting. The BPA Office would check the details and complete any missing parts before sending it to IPC before 31 December 2011.

**Action: BPA Office**

**65.3 Judging Criteria Form**

Weed Stoodley had forwarded the forms to the committee asking for feedback. The committee discussed the following points

- 1) Criteria to become a BPA judge
- 2) Maintaining a BPA judge's rating
- 3) Criteria for eligibility for inclusion on the IPC Judges Nomination List
- 4) Criteria for eligibility for free BPA membership

Liz Warner quoted extracts from the minutes of the Competitions Committee meeting of February 1999 – item 11 of the agreed criteria, at that time, for Free membership. Weed stated that the forms were 'minimum levels' and would require feedback from all judges. Weed would forward the forms to the Deputy Judges Coordinator to distribute via email to all judges for discussion at the Judges Forum, and Competitions Forum at the BPA AGM on Saturday 28 January 2012.

**Action: Deputy Judges Coordinator**

Martin Soulsby left the meeting.

The Committee noted that inappropriate comments had been made and misinformation given over social networking sites. The committee believed that all needed to work together to attain the same goals, and that any such comments should be brought to the Competitions meeting or to Council so that they can be discussed and resolved.

**65.4 Complete list of medallists to BPA for AGM**

The list of medallists had been received by the BPA office but it was believed that the CF results were still required.

[note: As of 15 December 2011 the list of medallists was complete]

**66/11 Any other business**

**66.1 Uniform for non FAI Cat 1 events**

An email had been received from Jeff Chandler requesting 25 t-shirts and tops for those wishing to take part in the World Pops meet in Holland. The committee stated that uniforms and t-shirts were available at no charge for those competing in FAI Category 1 events and are available for purchase by their accompanying persons. Weed Stoodley proposed that the committee offer free t-shirts to the 25 attendees, and that the uniform of a polo shirt and jacket be made available for purchase from the BPA office until such time they were available from the BPA Shop. Seconded by Ian Marshall. The Chair would reply to Jeff Chandler.

**Carried Unanimously, Action: Chair**

Emails had been received from some competitors from the Dubai 2011 event regarding the t-shirts, as their sizes had not been available. The BPA office explained that the Tour Collections t-shirt was no longer being made and that another style would need to be sourced, however this would take time to find a suitable replacement.

**Action: BPA Office**

**67/11 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting, for members of the Competitions Committee 2012, whose composition would be decided at the inaugural Council meeting on Saturday 28 January, would be held at the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE at 1300 on the day of the February Council meeting. This date would also be decided at the inaugural Council meeting, as would the remainder of meeting dates in 2012.

The Chair thanked the committee for their continued hard work and wished them every success in the forthcoming year. All wished Pete Sizer of Skydive Headcorn, who had been injured, well on his recovery.

The meeting closed at 1800.

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 11 to 30 June 12

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2011</b> double medal winning performance	<b>2012</b> Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011	£72431*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	<b>2011</b> Supported events	<b>2012</b> Continued support of events	Jul 2012	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	<b>2011</b> UK pool of 20 Judges	<b>2012</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all currency requirements under FAI rules</li> <li>• Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training</li> <li>• Supply judges to non-National UK events</li> <li>• Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings</li> <li>• Supply of Judges Jackets &amp; T-shirts</li> </ul>	£10,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2011</b> Current holding	<b>2012</b> Equipment stock in line with 2011 IPC changes	Jul 2012	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£8000
5. Delegation Uniform	<b>2011</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2012</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design</li> <li>• Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges</li> <li>• Supply Jackets, trousers &amp; polo shirts</li> </ul>	£5000**
6. Survey of Competition running costs	<b>2011</b> At no cost to BPA	<b>2012</b> Informed position of 'at no cost to BPA'	Jul 2012	To ascertain the costs involved in running a Nationals Competition	£500
<p>*Target 1: includes £28000 carry forward and CF B team coaching funding unused budget from 2010/11 as agreed  **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					



## Competitions dates 2012 *(as at 7 Nov 2011)*

### British Open Nationals 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	tbc	tbc
Canopy Piloting	tbc	tbc
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed	UK Parachuting, Sibson	Sat 8 – Sun 9 Sept 2012
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 11 - Mon 13 August 2012 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012
Artistic, FS 8-way & Speed Skydiving		Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012 Reserve: Sat 25 - Mon 27 August 2012

### UKSL & Grand Prix 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	tbc	
GP Canopy Formation	tbc	tbc
UKSL FS 4-way	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Sat 12 - Sun 13 May 2012
UKSL FS 4-way	BPS, Langar	Sat 9 - Sun 10 June 2012
UKSL FS 4-way	NWPC, Cark	Sat 14 - Sun 15 July 2012