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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 1300

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

Present:	Steve Saunders	-	Chair
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Mark Skarratts	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP (to Item 30.5)
Observers	Gavin McLeod	-	Team Member <i>PH36</i>
	Dougie Peacock		
Apologies for absence	Karen Bain	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Simon Brentford		

Item Minute

21/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

Noted

22/12 Matters arising from the minutes

22.1 Page 4, minutes 18.1 and 18.2

Weed Stoodley asked the committee if there was any further input into the forms of which there was none. The office reported that the draft forms had been prepared for publishing on the BPA website with Form numbers:

F218 Role Description of the BPA Judges Coordinator - Issue 3, June 2012

F277(i) Guide to becoming a BPA National Judge - Issue 1 June 2012

F277(ii) BPA Judges – Retaining Judge Status and beyond - Issue 1 June 2012

F277(iii) BPA – Judges Status and Progression - Minimum requirements - Issue 1 June 2012

23/12 Substitute Speed Rep

Mike Lovemore requested that the committee consider a replacement Speed Skydiving Rep in Simon Brentford, whilst Mike was away. After due consideration the committee agreed that for the 3 month period of Mike's absence, Simon would act as replacement Rep and be permitted to claim travel expenses when attending meetings of this committee.

Carried unanimously

24/12 **Competition Rules**

24.1 **CP**

To note the rules had been published on the BPA website.

24.2 **Accuracy**

Karen Bain, who was unable to attend the meeting, had circulated an email containing the rules and comments from various competitors. However the office was unclear as to whether the copy was the final draft for publishing. Kate Charters reported that the rules do not appear to have been changed and that the comments were irrelevant. The BPA office would confirm with Karen and publish the rules if appropriate.

Action: BPA Office

24.3 **Speed Skydiving**

Mike Lovemore, in an email circulated previously, recommended to Competitions Committee that, after discussion with the current National Speed Skydiving Champion and the current UK record holder, the committee consider removal of the imposed 500 jump rule, and an addition to Documentation paragraph 6f to include "A jumper may need to complete a qualification jump to prove they are competent and able to compete safely at CCIs discretion". After discussion of the following points

- Speed rules had already been published for 2012
- Possible safety issues
- Safeguarding CCIs decision
- Possible addition of wording "attendance at a Speed roadshow"

The committee decided that further input was required from the Discipline Rep. Paul Moore proposed that the 500 jump limit be retained for the 2012 Nationals, with there being plenty of opportunity to discuss any amendments for 2013. Seconded by Richard Head.

Carried unanimously

24.4 **CF**

To note the rules had been published on the BPA website. The committee asked that they receive paper copies.

Action: BPA Office

25/12 **Domestic Competitions 2012** - completed

25.1 **UKSL FS 4-way**

25.1.1 **Peterlee Parachute Centre 12 – 13 May 2012**

Feedback from competitors had been circulated before the meeting via email by the FS Discipline Rep. The centre acknowledged the issues raised, some of which were beyond the centre's control, but on the whole the competition had gone well.

25.1.2 **BPS Langar, 9 – 10 June 2012**

Richard Head reported that 32 teams, a record number, had attended. The competition was called after 5 rounds for the non-seniors, and after 6 rounds for the senior teams as the weather had been uncooperative. The manifest had been well run and the atmosphere good.

25.2 **Grand Prix**

25.2.1 **Accuracy, Skydive Headcorn, 12-13 May 2012**

6 senior and 4 intermediate teams attended the Meet. The Texair system had worked well and all enjoyed the event.

25.2.2 **Canopy Formation, Skydive UK Ltd, Dunkeswell, 9-10 June 2012**

Despite the unfavourable weather forecast 4 rookie teams and 7 new CF jumpers enjoyed 5 rounds. Mark Skarratts reported that senior jumpers and novices had combined and made up teams on the day to share experience.

25.3 **Domestic Competition Issues**

25.3.1 **Equipment**

Kate Charters and the BPA office stated that some centres had not requested equipment needed in good time, and had been left to the judges and office to arrange. The office reiterated that requests for equipment were to be made to the appropriate Discipline Rep in a timely manner.

25.3.2 Texair contract renewal

The 3 year contract was now due for renewal and the committee discussed the following points:

- Costs
- Storage
- Customer Service
- Price for Generator/Blower
- New contract was on the same rates and basis as previous contract
- Better display unit
- Re-built parts

Paul Moore proposed that both BPA and Texair renew the contract and accept for a 3 year period. Seconded by Ian Marshall

Carried unanimously

The BPA office would provide Karen Bain with Texair's contact details in order for her to liaise with Texair regarding costs and purchase of a generator/blower.

Action: BPA Office, Classics Discipline Rep & Texair

26/12 Domestic Competitions – yet to be completed

26.1 British Open Nationals

26.1.1 FS and VFS, Target Skysports 11-13 May 2012

FS 8-way, Artistic & Speed Skydiving, Target Skysports, 18-20 Aug 2012

No issues at this time

26.1.2 CF, 8-way Speed & Classics (accuracy only) UK Para, Sibson, 8-9 Sept 2012

No issue at this time

26.1.3 CP, RAPA, 29 Jun-1 Jul 2012

Paul Moore reported that all was going ahead as planned. The committee had offered £500 towards the cost of Christian Wagner's judging system, as used last year.

26.2 UKSL FS 4-way, NWPC, Cark 14-15 Jul 2012

No issues at this time

27/12 International Competitions 2012

27.1 18th FAI World Cup & 11th European Championships FS and 9th FAI World Cup & 8th European Championships Artistics. Prostejov, Czech Rep 26 Aug – 2 Sep 2012

27.1.1 Delegation

5 teams would be attending consisting of 3 FS 4-way Open teams – Satori, Dynamite Wolf Squadron & Qargis, and 2 Freely teams – Euphoria and Varial

27.1.2 Head of Delegation

No applications had been received. Weed Stoodley stated that, as Kate had indicated her willingness to attend and as no other persons had applied for the position, as requested in the last minutes (min 14.1.1 4 Apr 2012 refers), Kate Charters attend as Head of Delegation, which the committee supported. Kate Charters thanked the committee and confirmed her ability to attend. The Chair would recommend to Council that Kate Charters attend as Head of Delegation, should the IPC Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Chair of Council be unable.

Action: Recommend to Council at its meeting tonight

27.2 FAI World Parachuting Championships, 28 Nov – 9 Dec 2012, Dubai

27.2.1 CF Delegation

Gavin McLeod, in an email circulated before the meeting, stated that in the rules of the competition two CF 2-way sequential teams were able to attend, and questioned why the committee had only selected 1. The committee responded that the selection had been made on the information available at the time. Weed Stoodley proposed that team PH36 be invited to attend Mondial 2012 CF 2-way sequential in a self-funded capacity. Seconded by Richard Head.

Carried unanimously

27.2.2 Speed Skydiving Demo Event

No official invitation had been received from the organisers, and the office had no further news to report. Mike Lovemore, in an email circulated to the committee before the meeting, had suggested that Simon Brentford be considered to attend. Richard Head proposed that as there had been no official word, that this item be deferred until the next meeting. If news or an invitation was received before then the selection would be based on the results of the 2011 Nationals, provided they met the requested criteria. The invitee would attend on a self-funded basis and would be entitled to the GB uniform. Seconded by Paul Moore.

Carried unanimously

27.2.3 Para-ski Demo Event

Dougie Peacock believed that the 4-way Classics team had been invited or would be invited to attend the demo however no official invitation had been received by the office. The Chair stated that on further information when bulletin 1 was published the committee will need to check competitor's credentials before allowing them to compete.

[note: Bulletin 1 was made available on 20 June 2012]

27.3 World Games Test event, Cali Columbia 7-11 Aug 2012

Martin Reynolds reported that 2 competitors had initially shown an interest however as this was only a test event for the 2013 World Games, the interest had waned. Paul Moore believed there would be no UK delegation.

27.4 Competitor Insurance

Ian Marshall had expressed concern that travel insurance for skydivers was becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain for jumping outside of Europe. The committee sought confirmation from Jelf Manson of the competitor insurance, as provided historically, and to ask if those participating in the Demo events at the same Meet would be covered also.

Action: BPA Office

27.5 ESL 2012

Richard Head reported that 5 teams had shown interest in attending and asked that the teams be allowed BPA t-shirts. Historically the BPA provided t-shirts for up to 10 teams. The Chair agreed that the teams must approach the FS Discipline Rep to pass on their size requirements to the office.

27.6 Uniform

The office had received a quote from Workstuff for the Mens t-shirts which she would forward to the committee.

Action: BPA Office

The office informed the committee that on the quote for the jackets 3 of the jackets were for other BPA use and would not be paid for from the Competitions budget.

28/12 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012

All spends were within budget, and the targets of the Action Plan would continue for 2012/13. Teams had drawn on their funding; however allocated flight funds and entry fees remained in the account until such time as these were required to be paid.

29/12 Budget and Action Plan 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013 see appendix i

Subject to approval of Council the allocated amount to Competitions budget was £67500. Please see appendix i for Target budget allocations.

30/12 Skills Coaching Roadshows

30.1 CF

A roadshow had been planned at Dunkeswell but was cancelled due to the weather. On arranging another it was similarly washed out. The coaches had not claimed expenses and the Discipline Rep asked that as the roadshow was postponed could the coaches claim expenses when the roadshow went ahead, to which the Chair agreed.

The roadshow at Hibaldstow had been well attended with good weather. Feedback had been received from attendees which had been circulated via email to the committee before the

meeting. Places had been limited to 17 attendees, with 5 coaches. As only 2 coaches could claim expenses the Discipline Rep requested the committee consider allowing the 3 further coaches to claim their expenses. After due consideration Richard Head proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley, that on this occasion only all 5 coaches could claim expenses.

Carried unanimously

The Chair asked the Discipline Rep to consider pre-registration in order to limit the number of places to not stretch the coaches, and to allow for approximately 3 people per coach. Should more people wish to attend the Discipline Rep can then apply for more coaches.

30.2 Speed

All 3 roadshows received positive feedback and saw a number of participants that had never attempted Speed skydiving before. Mike Lovemore, in an email circulated before the meeting as he was unable to attend, believed that the L&B sponsorship had helped to increase attendance and he would work to maintain the relationship for the future.

30.3 Artistics

The Discipline Rep reported that 2 Artistic roadshows had been organised since the last meeting, both had poor weather forecasts. Tilstock had a low turnout but some jumps were made. The other at Peterlee, with bad weather and despite no jumping, a good base of attendees had received ground schooling. A discussion took place to the question of value for money of such events, especially at smaller DZs. The committee reiterated that roadshows were at grass roots level and should not just be organised at high profile centres that may have a higher attendance figure.

30.4 FS

Paul Moore expressed his disappointment that replacement coaches could not be found in time for the roadshow at Peterlee, given that it had been planned 6 months in advance. The roadshow was postponed until replacements could be found. The committee discussed the following points:

- 1000 FS coaches but not all may be suitable for roadshows
- Funded teams, who coach as part of their funding commitment, were currently in training for Mondial and not able to commit so readily
- Need for training for junior jumpers and novices
- Possibility of pairing rookie teams with experienced FS jumpers
- Advertising on the BPA for coaches capable of coaching FS 4-way

30.5 Coaches Expenses

Clarification was sought regarding the expenses claim amount which was believed by one committee member to be £50. Minute 24.2 of the 22 April 2009 Competitions meeting refers to the proposal put forward to Council, which was rejected at the time (Council min 31.2 22 Apr 2009 refers). The committee member apologised for the mistake.

The committee discussed that prices had risen since then and a more realistic amount may be required which may also attract more coaches. Weed Stoodley proposed that, given the time since the original proposal, to raise the subsistence allowance from £40 to £60.

Seconded by Ian Marshall. A counter proposal by Paul Moore was to raise the subsistence allowance to a realistic level of £75 per 24 hour period. Seconded by Richard Head. The vote for the counter-proposal was For: 4, Against: 1 (Ian Marshall), Abstain: 1 (Steve Saunders)

Carried, recommend to Council

31/12 Judging Matters not already covered

31.1 Judges t-shirts

The judges coordinator requested t-shirts and asked the BPA office to look into a supply from the supplier of the GB uniform. The office would enquire regarding cost of t-shirts with a small logo.

Action: BPA Office

31.2 FAI Judges Training Course

The FAI Judges training event, which may attract overseas judges, would take place at the Nationals at Hibaldstow on 17 August. Elizabet Pettersen would be attending and wished to advertise the event on the FAI website. The committee agreed that this was acceptable and to add that it was at no cost to the BPA.

32/12 Any other business

32.1 Head of Delegation/Team Manager Selection Guide

Weed Stoodley had prepared the document and had distributed to the committee via email before the meeting. The committee agreed the need to have such a document to give an open and transparent guide on the selection of HoDs/Team Managers. Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, to recommend to Council that the document as written be the committee's working document for the selection of HoD/Team Manager.

Carried unanimously

32.2 Team Managers – Mondial 2012, Dubai

Martin Soulsby, Chair of Council, asked the committee to consider the number of Team Managers required as there was to be only 1 take off point. The committee discussed that as there would be a minimum of 3 landing areas, one of which was 25 minutes away from the take-off site, in order to give the delegation the best attention a team manager would be required at each landing area. Paul Moore proposed 1 team manager per landing location in addition to the HoD. Seconded by Richard Head. Weed Stoodley counter-proposed 1 team manager per landing area or a minimum of 2 team managers to attend the Meet. This failed to find a seconder. The vote on the original proposal was For: 4, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

Carried

The committee had previously selected the Team Managers (min 4.1.2 refers) and would recommend to Council this and the above proposal.

Recommend to Council

33/12 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 1300 BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1715.

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 11 to 30 June 12

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2011 double medal winning performance	2012 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011	£72431*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2011 Supported events	2012 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	2011 UK pool of 20 Judges	2012 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to non-National UK events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings • Supply of Judges Jackets & T-shirts 	£10,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2011 Current holding	2012 Equipment stock in line with 2011 IPC changes	Jul 2012	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£8000
5. Delegation Uniform	2011 Delegation uniform	2012 Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets, trousers & polo shirts 	£5000**
6. Survey of Competition running costs	2011 At no cost to BPA	2012 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</p> <p>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 12 to 30 June 13

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2012 double medal winning performance	2013 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2014	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011	£37000
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2012 Supported events	2013 Continued support of events	Jul 2013	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	2012 UK pool of 20 Judges	2013 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to non-National UK events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings • Supply of Judges Jackets & T-shirts 	£10000
4. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2012 Not available Off year	2013 Coaching support	Jul 2013	Coaching support for National Champion 2012 teams of all disciplines moving to progress to higher event that meet the criteria of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having won Nationals in 2012 • Have 75% of their team (flexibility for Artistic) • Compete in 2013 Nationals at a higher level 	£6000
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Competitions dates 2012 *(as at 14 May 2012)*

British Open Nationals 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Canopy Piloting	RAPA	Fri 29 Jun – Sun 1 Jul 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
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed Classic – Accuracy Only	UK Parachuting, Sibson	Sat 8 – Sun 9 Sept 2012

UKSL & Grand Prix 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 12 - Sun 13 May 2012
GP Canopy Formation	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	Sat 9 – Sun 10 June 2012
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