

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2000, AT 6.45 PM

Present:	John Smyth	-	Chairman
	Tim Andrewes		
	Paul Applegate		
	Chris Clements		
	Dona Crum		
In attendance:	Chris Allen	-	Chairman (BPA)
	Roger Flinn		
	Ian Marshall		
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Jane Doughty	-	Secretary

Note: - The meeting was postponed until 6.45 p.m., as the Committee was not quorate.

ITEM MINUTE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Kate Charters, Mick Danby and Sharon Norris. There were also apologies for lateness from Chris Clements, Roger Flinn and Ian Marshall.

2. TO RECEIVE AN APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2000

Paul Applegate proposed that the minutes of the Wednesday 23rd February meeting, be accepted as a true record. Dona Crum seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Approved

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2000

Page 1, item 3 - The Chairman stated that he had spoken to Bob Card asking him if he would be happy to write an article for the Magazine. He reported to the Committee that Mr. Card had agreed to write an article, he went on to state that he would be liaising with Bob Card and Lesley Gale regarding this matter.

Action: Chairman

Page 4, item 6 - Chris Clements raised the issue of the location of the Regionals. There was some discussion on this matter. The Chairman pointed out to Chris Clements, that there was little the BPA could do if her preferred Club did not offer to host the Regionals. However, the Chairman asked Chris Clements to consider this issue (for next year as it

Dona Crum then raised the issue of communication within the Judging community, regarding the list of Judges on the FAI web site. She stated that some of the information seemed to have changed, and ratings that Kate Charters had not included in the list (as the Judges were not current in those disciplines) seemed to have been included.

There followed a great deal of discussion regarding this matter, the Committee felt that a Judge could not have ratings 'taken away', but that they should have them marked or highlighted as not being current.

The Chairman asked Dr. Flinn to give due consideration to his duties to the Association, and to keep the Association (via the Judges co-ordinator) informed of his ratings, log books etc.

4. **TO RE-DISCUSS THE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING FOR THE WORLD AIR GAMES - IN THE LIGHT OF OUR MATRIX APPLICATION TO SPORTS COUNCIL**

The Chairman briefed the Committee, drawing their attention to the relevant part of the Action Plan Matrix.

The Committee discussed this matter at length, several options suggested, but it was felt that no final decisions could be made until after Sports Council had delivered their deliberations on our action Plan Matrix.

The criteria for funding is to be advised.

5. **UPDATE ON THE PREPERATION OF THE RULES FOR THE 2000 NATIONALS**

The Committee went through each set of rules, making slight adjustments where necessary. The Chairman actioned the office to make these changes, and then to distribute the rules (with the amendments made) to the Committee.

Action: BPA Office

6. **TO DSCUSS THE SELECTION OF A COACH TO ATTEND THE FS YEAR 2000 NATIONALS**

Chris Allen had been asked to look into acquiring an FS Coach to attend the Nationals. He had a selection of Coaches for the Committee to look at. The Committee discussed these in detail.

Tim Andrewes proposed that the Association select Pete Allum as the FS Coach to attend the Nationals. This was seconded by Chris Clements and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Dona Crum (as FS Rep) was tasked with liaising with Pete Allum, to clarify with him, what this role would entail.

7. **TO DISCUSS FUNDING OMNISCORE FOR THE 2000 FS NATIONALS**

The Chairman briefed the Committee on what had happened regarding this matter the previous year, and what the situation was this year.

The Chairman asked the Committee to consider, recommending to Council, funding the hire of Omniscore.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Omniscore should be funded, and that Hibaldstow should forward the invoice direct to the BPA, and that it should be paid directly by the office.

Agreed

Chris Clements suggested to the Committee that perhaps the Development Committee could look at ways of getting the Omniscore onto the web site.

8. UPDATE ON THE CLASSICS WORLD MEET - JAPAN

Tim Andrewes briefed the Committee this matter. He stated that he had asked all competitors to contact Sharon Norris at the office, to let her know if they were going to attend, so that she could process their registration.

The Chairman actioned the office to ensure that the British Team elect receive a copy of the bulletin, and that they were informed of the registration deadline.

Action: BPA Office

9. TO DISCUSS ALISTAIR M^CCARTNEYS' REQUEST

The Chairman summarized Alistair M^CCartneys' request to the Committee. The Committee discussed this matter at length.

Tim Andrewes proposed that Alistair M^CCartney would not be permitted to attend the Classics World Meet in Japan. Paul Applegate seconded this proposal.

There was a counter proposal from Chris Clements, that there be an exception made in this case. Dona Crum seconded this proposal, and a vote was taken:

For: 2 Against: 2 Abstentions: 0

The committee then went on to vote on Tim Andrewes' original proposal:

For: 2 Against: 2 Abstentions: 0

The Chairman used his casting vote, and confirmed that he had voted in favor of Tim Andrewes proposal, and that Alistair M^CCartney would not attend the Classics World Meet in Japan, as he had not met the minimum criteria for attendance.

10. CF WORLD CUP IN FINLAND HAS NOW BEEN DESIGNATED (BY IPC) A WORLD MEET? TO DISCUSS OFFERING A PLACE TO LAST YEARS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS TO REPRESENT GB UNFUNDED

The Chairman asked Ian Marshall (as co-opted CF consultant) to brief the Committee on this matter.

Ian Marshall was actioned by the Chairman to discuss with the Rotations Team, whether or not they would like to attend this event, and to report back to the Committee.

Action: Ian Marshall/Next agenda

11. **TO DISCUSS SENDING TEAMS TO THE W.A.G. PRACTICE BETWEEN JUNE 26TH AND JULY 2ND 2000**

The Chairman asked John Hitchen, to explain why there had been a clash of events. Mr. Hitchen explained that these events had clashed because the other meets were not category 1 events.

The Chairman stated that with John Hitchens' explanation of the clash of events, the situation was out of the Associations control. He went on to state that the Committee understood the dilemma this created for competitors, and that the BPA would support their decision (unfunded).

12. **TO DISCUSS THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR THE W.A.G. 2001, TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

The Chairman informed the Committee, that this was not a decision that was made by the Competitions Committee, but that they needed to start discussion, and that the discussion would progress further at a Council meeting.

The Chairman stated that he had approached several people to see if they would be available. He informed the Committee of those people who were available for the role at that time:

Bob Card
John Hitchen
Chris Allen

The Committee agreed to suggest these three names to Council at the next meeting. Tim Andrewes, however, expressed reservations with the Bob Card nomination, as some of the (potential) competitors had expressed some concerns. The Chairman stated that these concerns would be discussed at the Council meeting.

13. **DOPING IN SPORT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BPA**

Chris Clements expressed her ideas on doping to the Committee, and they were discussed in detail.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed a letter from Bob Charters reference the 'Mountain Men' asking if the Team had been awarded 'Life membership' to the Association. The Committee confirmed that the team had been awarded this at a previous meeting. The Chairman actioned the office to contact the 'Mountain Men' to make them aware of the award. He also stated that Ian Marshall and Paul Applegate could be contacted for information on this matter.

Action: BPA Office

Chris Clements drew the Committee's attention to a letter from Esther Reynolds. The Chairman read the letter out to the Committee. The Committee felt that her letter reiterated the points raised by Alistair M^cCartney, and that her questions had been answered in item 9.

16. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was fixed at Tuesday 30th May 2000.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 11.15 p.m.

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