

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER
TUESDAY 30 MAY 2000, AT 6.30 PM

Present: John Smyth - Chairman
Chris Allen - BPA, Chairman
Tim Andrewes
Paul Applegate
Chris Clements
Dona Crum

In attendance: Kate Charters - Judges Liaison
John Hitchen - NCSO
Jane Doughty - Secretary

Observers: Bob Charters
Rob Colpus
Karen Hickaton

ITEM MINUTE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Mick Danby and Ian Marshall. There were also apologies for lateness from Chris Clements, who arrived at 6.45 p.m., and Dona Crum, who arrived 6.50 p.m.

2. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2000

Tim Andrewes proposed that the minutes of the Competitions Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12th April, be approved by the Committee. Paul Applegate seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Approved

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2000

Page 1 - item 3, Bob Cards article for the magazine. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had liaised with both Lesley Gale and Bob Card. He went on to inform the Committee that Bob Cards' article would be in the next issue of Skydive.

Page 1 - item 3, Location of the Regionals. Chris Clements had been looking into the location of the Regionals, and informed the Committee that the issue was ongoing.

Page 3 - item 6, Coaches attendance at the Nationals. The chairman informed the Committee that, as Dona Crum had not arrived, he would ask her to brief the Committee later in the meeting.

Page 4 - item 7, Omniscore for the 2000 Nationals. Chris Allen informed the Committee that the new Development Officer - Glen Turnbull, would be adding the Omniscore results from the Nationals to the BPA's web-site on a daily basis. He went onto inform the Committee that the Development Officer would also be contacting media agents to generate media coverage for the Nationals.

Page 6 - item 15, Life membership for the Mountain Men. The Chairman confirmed that Bob Charters was entitled to free life membership to the Association as he had been a member of the 'Mountain Men' - who had been awarded life membership by Council in a previous year.

4. **CLASSICS AND CF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE**

Tim Andrewes briefed the Committee on progress so far. He stressed the need to have all entry fees in to the BPA office prior to the organisers deadline. The Chairman actioned the office to write to all of the Classics competitors, reminding them that all entry fees must be into the BPA office, by the 1st week of July. He went on to state that the BPA would require all entry fees to be paid in advance.

Action: BPA Office

Tim Andrewes went on to inform the Committee that there would be no Canopy Formation team attending the World Championships in Finland.

5. **NATIONALS 2000 - UPDATE**

Tim Andrewes briefed the Committee, informing them that there were a few last minute details being worked on at Target Skysports, and that the aircraft and accommodation were all in place.

Kate Charters informed the Committee that they had been mistaken, in thinking that she and Bob Charters were able to 'set up' the Omniscore, however, she felt that there would be others that could assist with the 'set up', but would keep the Committee informed of the situation.

Action: Kate Charters

The Chairman then asked Dona Crum to update the Committee on progress made towards having Coaches attend the Nationals. Dona Crum informed the Committee that Pete Allum and John McIver would be coaching at the Nationals. She also stated that they would be on site a

week prior to the start of the 2000 Nationals, and that she had booked accommodation for them.

6. **JUDGING MATTERS**

Kate Charters informed the Committee that she was experiencing problems finding a 'New Age' judge for the 2000 Nationals. She stated that she had done an extensive search, and had been able to find an American Judge, who would be willing to attend the 2000 Nationals, and would also be able to attend a judge's seminar.

The Chairman took the action of contacting Target Skysports, to discuss this matter with them.

Action: Chairman

The Chairman informed the Committee that Dr. Flinn was now only judging at an International level - and that this was the reason why it had been difficult to find a 'New Age' judge for the 2000 Nationals.

Kate Charters then briefed the Committee on Scottish Nationals - informing them that there had been 156 competitors in total (all disciplines combined). She also stated that there had been some problems with the weather at this event. The Chairman actioned Kate Charters to ensure that all scores were sent into the BPA office as soon as possible.

Action: Kate Charters

7. **TO DISCUSS A DIRECTION STRATEGY FOR FUNDING AFTER THE 2000 NATIONALS, UNTIL JULY 2001, IN THE LIGHT OF THE SPORTS COUNCILS' DECISION ON FUNDING**

Chris Allen briefed the Committee on Sports Councils' decision to award a grant to the Association for the amount of £45,000 - £20,000 awarded to Safety and Training, and £25,000 awarded to Competitions.

The Committee then (after a great deal of in detailed discussion) set out the minimum criteria for funding in each discipline: -

4 Way FS - an average score of 17.2 must be obtained. This was proposed by Dona Crum, seconded by Tim Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

8 Way FS - an average score of 14.6 must be obtained. This was proposed by Dona Crum, seconded by Tim Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

CF Rotations - an average score of 18.00 must be obtained. This was proposed by Paul Applegate, seconded by Tim Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

CF Sequential - an average score of 7.00 must be obtained. This was proposed by Paul Applegate, seconded by Tim Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

8 Way Speed, Canopy Formation - an average score of 304.23 must be obtained. This was proposed by Paul Applegate, seconded by Tim Andrewes and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Men's Accuracy - a total score of 11cm over 10 rounds, must be obtained. This was proposed by Tim Andrewes, seconded by Dona Crum and a vote was taken:

For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

Carried by a majority

Women's Accuracy - a total score of 18cm over 10 rounds must be obtained. This was proposed by Tim Andrewes, seconded by Paul Applegate and a vote was taken:

For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

Carried by a majority

Men's Style - an average score of 7.24 must be obtained. This was proposed by Tim Andrewes, seconded by Paul Applegate and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Women's Style - an average score of 7.52 must be obtained. This was proposed by Tim Andrewes, seconded by Paul Applegate and carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

Paul Applegate proposed that the decision on the criteria for funding in all New Age disciplines will be made after the 2000 Nationals have taken place, and will be based on their capability to achieve 4th at a World Meet. Tim Andrewes seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

Carried unanimously

The direction and strategy for funding was ongoing - although a draft outline had been discussed.

The Chairman actioned the Competitions Committee to discuss the issue of funding for Judges attending World championships, after the 2000 Nationals had taken place.

Action: Comps Committee

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Clements raised the issue of the minimum attendance criteria for Accuracy. There followed a great deal of discussion on this matter.

Chris Clements proposed that the Committee set a minimum attendance criteria, but as a guide, and that the Committee should review each individual case depending on the results of the Nationals.

This proposal failed to find a seconder.

9. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Competitions Committee meeting was fixed at Wednesday 9th August 2000, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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