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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 23 July 2008 at 1815

at the BPA Office, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Present:	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Paul Moore	-	Vice Chairman and Discipline Rep: Classics (to item 64)
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP (to item 64)
In attendance:	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Chris Hollis	-	Discipline Rep: FS (from item 58.4)
	Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General
Observers:	Martin Reynolds	-	CP Competitor (from item 58.2)
	James Swallow	-	Target Skysports
Apologies for absence	Paul Applegate		
	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Clare Murphy	-	Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving

Item Minute

57/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2008 had been ratified by the full Council at its meeting on Tuesday 25 June 2008 (Council minute 46.5), and published on the BPA website.

Already ratified by the Council

58/08 Matters arising from the minutes

58.1 Budget (minute 47.1)

The Chairman and Weed Stoodley were reviewing with Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator, the format in which the Competitions budget and financial reports on competitions were presented. The aim was to make financial reports more straightforward and relevant. Weed Stoodley said that the financial codes used to allocate income and expenditure for competitions would benefit from a review because some were out of date or not sufficiently specific. Also, some new codes might be required. Any changes to the finance codes would need to be done in a way that was not disruptive to the Office. The benefit of updating the codes would be that a clearer and more accurate picture of competitions finances would result, which would help the Committee in managing this important area of the BPA's activities. There would be clearer management accounts for non-financial specialists, all of which would dovetail with the BPA's financial accounts.

Action: Weed Stoodley, Chairman & BPA Office

58.2 Update of anti-doping code and rules (minute 47.2)

The Office was liaising with UK Sport about whether it would be appropriate to use the term 'may test' rather than 'will test' in the BPA anti-doping code and rules (Form 220). The Office had also contacted the Swedish company International Doping Tests and Management

(IDTM), to whom UK Sport had referred us, which offered a doping testing service that met the appropriate – exacting - international standards. The Office said it hoped to be able to report to the next meeting a ball park figure for the likely cost of testing. [Note: This information was received after the meeting – IDTM have advised that the approximate cost is about GBP 450 to 500 per test – which the BPA Office understands to mean per competitor tested.]

Action: BPA Office / Next meeting

58.3 Competition trophies (minute 47.3)

58.3.1 FS 8-way Intermediate trophy

The Chairman said he was pleased to report that the 8-way Intermediate FS trophy did in fact exist and there would therefore be no need to buy a new one as had been believed at the last meeting (minute 47.3). The budget of £100 that the Committee had voted to buy a new trophy did not therefore need to be spent.

No further action

58.3.2 VFS trophy

James Swallow of Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, kindly confirmed Target's agreement to sponsor a trophy for the VFS Nationals that his Centre would be hosting this year. The Committee expressed its thanks to him. Weed Stoodley (VFS Rep) said it was not yet clear how many teams would be likely to enter the first Nationals in this new discipline. She would continue to liaise with Target Skysports to plan for the meet.

Action: Weed Stoodley

58.4 In-competition records (minute 47.6)

Alex Wilson (CP Rep) still had an in-competition CP record to sign off. The Office would furnish him with the relevant paperwork.

Action: BPA Office & Alex Wilson

58.5 Current judges (minute 47.8)

Kate Charters confirmed that she was currently preparing an up-to-date list of judges. The Committee believed that this had not yet been distributed, and therefore would return to this at the next meeting when it was hoped that Kate Charters would be present. She was currently away, judging at the Spanish Nationals.

Action: Kate Charters / Next meeting

58.6 FAI/IPC website (minute 47.9)

PDF writer software had now been installed on a terminal at the office to allow access to IPC international rules documents for conversion in accordance with the instructions of this Committee to versions that met the needs of the UK Nationals.

Completed

58.7 Possible sponsorship of a scoring system (minute 47.10)

The Chairman reported that Martin Soulsby of the Development Committee had continued to liaise with Bodyflight. He had advised that Bodyflight would review their kind offer of sponsorship of a scoring system for a judge once next year's Grand Prix calendar had been published.

Action: On hold until 2009 Grand Prix dates published

58.8 Head of Delegation aide memoir (minute 47.15)

This had now been completed and issued as BPA Form 267.

Completed

58.9 IPC online course to qualify National Artistics judges (minute 47.16)

Consideration of this item was deferred until the next meeting, when Kate Charters would be able to update the Committee.

Action: Kate Charters / Next meeting

58.10 Invitation to Team Cellmates to WPC CF 2008 (minute 48.3)

The Chairman reported that it was possible to enter two 2-way CF teams to WPC 2008. The Committee therefore agreed that team Cellmates should be invited. The Committee also noted that Craig Poxon would be the cameraman on the 4-way team CFUK.

Action: BPA Office

58.11 Purchase of Pro-Tracks for the Speed Skydiving Nationals (minute 48.4)

Clare Murphy had secured 5 sets of red Pro-Tracks for the budget figure of £1500. The Chairman had supplied a box for them to be kept in, and the Office was arranging insurance. Everything should be in place by the time of the next meeting. [Note: The Pro Tracks and

software for logging information have been received by Clare Murphy, who is working to provide the Office with device identification data as requested by the insurers.]

Ongoing

58.12 Reminder to WPC competitors about insurance (minute 48.6)

The Office had issued this reminder.

Completed

58.13 Coaching support to champion teams (minute 51.2)

The Chairman reported that it remained likely, but not yet finally confirmed, that Honda would provide a bursary to help to provide expert coaching for the top Rookie and A class teams from this year's FS Nationals. Honda and Channel 4 were also being invited to present the medals at the FS Nationals. The Chairman would continue to liaise about this with James Swallow of Target Skysports, the host Centre for the FS Nationals.

Action: Chairman

[**Note:** Subsequent to the meeting, Honda confirmed their support of a bursary of £5K, for which the BPA has invoiced them. The bursary will be allocated at £2.5K for each of the two beneficiary teams.]

58.14 New BPA Media Co-ordinators (minute 54)

Becca Armstrong and Rich Rust (BPA Media Co-ordinators) had drafted a press release on WPC 2008. The Office would arrange to circulate it to the Committee.

Action: BPA Office

58.15 Sport Accuracy Competition (minute 55)

Paul Moore (Classics Rep) reported that it had not been possible to try out this format, as suggested by Jeff Chandler, at the Classics Nationals and the RAPA meet because three out of the 20 competitors objected to including an event that had not been included in the rules. They said they had trained to land on a tuffet rather than the flat surface of a pit. Jeff Chandler was fully aware of the position because he had himself been present as a competitor. The style accuracy competition was therefore likely to be tried out at the Army Championships in August 2008. The Committee agreed that it would await with interest a report back from the judges on how this went before deciding on whether to include the event in the rules for the Classics Nationals 2009. Paul Moore said sport accuracy was a different discipline from the Classics and might therefore better be treated as a separate event. John Hitchen had had previous experience of sport accuracy competitions, and could offer advice when the matter was considered. The Chairman said that it would be appropriate to invite Jeff Chandler to the relevant meeting.

Action: Future meeting

59/08 Budget

The Committee noted that the BPA's financial year had ended on 30 June 2008. The Chairman said it was important to account for expenditure that related to 2007/8 within the accounts for that year. A number of items of expenditure, including Skills Coaching Roadshows held up to June 2008, and grants to teams that had met the performance criteria for BPA funding to WPC 2008, related to the 2007/8 Action Plan, which had also completed on 30 June. Funded WPC competitors Team Volairkix and Brian Vacher still had funding remaining they had not yet taken up. If they were paid from the current year's finances, it would mean that payments were being made in the new financial year for items whose budget had been in the last financial year. The Chairman and Weed Stoodley would liaise with Jon Gretton, BPA financial Administrator, about this.

Action: Weed Stoodley, Chairman & BPA Office

Because the provision from BPA funding made for the payment of the team's WPC registration fees had had to be made before the fees were announced, it had been based on estimates of the fees. As a consequence, Team Storm had overspent their BPA funding by £352, and would be asked to refund this amount. [**Note:** Since the meeting, it has been confirmed that Team Storm have *not* in fact overspent their BPA finding, so no refund is due.]

The Chairman said that, although the Committee did not yet have a definitive statement of outturn against budget, there had been an underspend against budget on Judges and an underspend on Skills Coaching Roadshows during the financial year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. This demonstrated that the Committee was therefore managing its budget effectively.

60/08 Domestic competitions 2008 season

60.1 Classics & CP Nationals: Bad Lippspringe, Germany: 10-13 July 2008

Paul Moore, whose Centre had hosted this meet, reported that it had been the second successive year in which it had been held there, last year having been the first British CP Nationals. This year, the orientation of the CP course had been switched around, from west to east, to benefit from more level ground. There had been some issues with CP scoring equipment. All three CP events had been completed, although it had sometimes been a struggle against the weather. Style had been declared after two rounds, and accuracy had gone to 9 rounds. Overall it had been a successful meet.

Martin Reynolds, a CP competitor, was attending tonight's meeting as a result of a judging issue. The Committee had received correspondence on this by e-mail from Martin Reynolds and Chief Judge Kate Charters, and Martin Reynolds confirmed that it had now been settled with Kate Charters. He said he had discussed the matter at some length with her, including lessons to be drawn from it. The competition results had now been posted on the BPA website. Alex Wilson (CP Rep) confirmed that Martin Reynolds' performance had been such that he now qualified for unfunded selection as the eighth of the 8-person British delegation to WPC CP 2008. The Office would issue a formal letter of invitation and contract to Martin Reynolds.

Action: BPA Office

Kate Charters had reported by e-mail (circulated) that three new trophies had been purchased on behalf of Thomas Sports, Javelin and Cypres for the CP individual events. Photographs would be forwarded to the BPA, and no trophies had been allowed to leave the DZ after the Nationals - all remained at Bad Lippspringe for the safe keeping.

The Chairman thanked Paul Moore for hosting a successful CP & Classics Nationals.

60.2 Grand Prix meets to date

The Committee heard the following reports from the Discipline Reps.

- UKSL FS 4-way at APA Netheravon, 7 June 2008. Thanks to Jeremy Denning for excellent organisation that allowed the meet to complete in one day. There had been excellent use of a big screen to show the dives. It had been a thoroughly enjoyable competition.
- Classics GP at Black Knights PC, 21-22 June 2008 – weathered out, re-scheduled for 13-14 September 2008.
- UKSL FS 4-way at NWPC Cark, 28-29 June 2008. A successful meet, thanks to all concerned.
- UKSL FS 8-way and CF GP at Target Skysports, 5-6 July 2008. Chris Hollis (FS Rep) reported that only 2 teams attended the FS 8-way meet, and asked whether it was worth continuing to offer an FS 8-way GP. The Chairman said that date had unfortunately conflicted with an FS Skills Coaching Roadshow at Sibson, which had been a scheduling error on our part. He asked that the Committee should review the position in after the FS 8-way Nationals.

Action: Next meeting

60.3 Equipment issues

There had been issues in getting the accuracy tuffet and scoring equipment to Black Knights for their Classics GP on 21-22 June. The Chairman said he hoped that it would be possible for the BPA tuffet to be looked after by a Drop Zone between meets. For the present, it would remain at Black Knights because they would need it at their re-scheduled Classics Grand Prix on 13-14 September.

The BPA accuracy scoring pads needed to be changed from 3cm to 2cm to meet current FAI requirements. John Hitchen knew of a contact who might be able to help with this, whom he would ask.

Action: John Hitchen

There had been a problem with the compatibility of DVD recorders at the meet at Target Skysports. James Swallow of Target said there had never been a problem of this nature before.

The Chairman said that Kate Charters was updating a Grand Prix competition and judging equipment checklist for host Centres, which included requirements for each discipline. He asked the Office to circulate a copy to the Committee for Discipline Reps to review in relation to their own disciplines.

Action: BPA Office

60.4 Scoring system for the Nationals at Target, Hibaldstow

James Swallow reported that Target would be using Camscore at the FS Nationals.

61/08 3 year bid to host the FS & Artistics Nationals

One bid had been received, from Target Skysports. Copies of the bid, which had been unseen by the Committee, were tabled.

The Committee carefully considered the bid. This was the first time the BPA had offered a 3 year hosting arrangement, and it was being introduced now to create certainty of location for a fixed period in an effort to optimise opportunities for sponsorship and media coverage. The dates had been left flexible to avoid conflicting with relevant world meets. Jump, entry and protest fees for 2010 and 2011 would be the 2009 fee + year-on-year RPI + aircraft fuel surcharge (if applicable) at cost which would be confirmed when the dates were agreed.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the bid with James Swallow of Target Skysports. James Swallow confirmed that Target planned to install a Cametrix/Camscore system on site within the next two weeks. The certainty that would be established by a three-year hosting arrangement appeared to offer a good opportunity to promote and develop the profile of the sport, which had this year enjoyed probably its highest-ever public exposure with the live Honda skydiving advertisement on Channel 4. Real momentum was now building up in the sport, both nationally and internationally, and this new arrangement would put the FS and Artistics Nationals in the best possible position to contribute to, and benefit from, this momentum.

The Chairman said that, because the 3 year hosting agreement for the FS and Artistics Nationals was new, he wished this Committee's decision to go forward as a recommendation to the full Council at its next meeting on Tuesday 19 August. Paul More therefore proposed, and Alex Wilson seconded, a motion to recommend to the full Council that Target Skysports' 3-year bid to host the FS and Artistics Nationals, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, should be approved.

Carried unanimously Action: Recommend to the Council

The Chairman thanked James Swallow for bidding and for his foresight in suggesting the 3 year arrangement.

62/08 International competitions

62.1 30th FAI World Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championship – Lucenec, Slovak Republic: 27 July - 1 August 2008

Paul Moore could no longer be Head of Delegation because of work commitments. Ian Marshall had kindly stepped in at short notice, and was flying out to Lucenec today. The Chairman thanked Ian Marshall for his help.

62.2 18th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships and 7th FAI World Artistic Skydiving Championships - La Salmagne-Maubeuge, France: 9-14 August 2008

John Smyth, BPA Chairman and UK Delegate to IPC, could no longer be Head of Delegation because of unforeseen work commitments overseas that had recently arisen. He had suggested that, subject to this Committee's approval, it would be appropriate for John Hitchen to take his place. This was because John Hitchen was the UK's Alternate Delegate to IPC, and considerable formal IPC business and informal IPC networking would be taking place at this meet. John Hitchen confirmed that he had been able to re-arrange his schedule, including teaching on an instructors' course, to carry out this duty if the Committee so wished.

Alex Wilson proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion that John Hitchen should be Head of UK Delegation to WPC FS & Artistics 2008 in Maubeuge, France.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman thanked John Hitchen for kindly re-arranging his schedule. John Hitchen would be supported in Maubeuge by Martin Soulsby as Delegation Manager (minute 49.2)

The Chairman noted that skysurfing would cease to be an FAI/IPC World Recognised discipline this year.

62.3 13th FAI World Canopy Formation Parachuting Championships – Teuge, Netherlands: 9-14 September 2008

The Bulletin had stated that two teams from each nation were eligible to compete in each event. See minute 58.10 reference the invitation to Team Cellmates to join the delegation to compete in the 2-way event. Team Outbreak was also being contacted to see if they would accept an invitation to join the delegation. The Head of Delegation was Ian Marshall, who had already carried out a recce of the venue.

Action: Ian Marshall & BPA Office

62.4 1st FAI World Cup in Vertical Formation Skydiving – Eloy, Arizona, USA: 26-28 October 2008

Weed Stoodley (VFS Discipline Rep) reported that it was not yet clear whether one or two UK teams would be entering. Kate Charters would also be attending to help with the judging, as she would already be in the USA after judging at the US Nationals. Names of three experienced BPA Members, all resident in the USA, were considered for a possible invitation to be Head of Delegation but no decision was made at this stage. The first Bulletin had not yet been issued.

62.4 2nd FAI World Canopy Piloting Championship - Wonderboom Airport, South Africa: 18-23 November 2008

The UK Delegation was now complete with the addition of Martin Reynolds – see minute 60.1.

62.5 World Air Games 2009 - Torino, Italy: 7-13 June 2009 - Freestyle, CF, CP & Accuracy.

The World Air Games would be an invitation meet to the top teams at WPC 2008 in the relevant disciplines.

62.6 European Skydiving League finals 2008 - Texel, Netherlands, 5-7 September 2008

Chris Hollis reported that one of the teams was seeking to arrange a bus to take the UK delegation to and from the venue, and they had enquired whether the BPA might be willing to help to fund this. The Committee carefully considered the request. The Committee was aware of the other side of the coin, that other Members - particularly those who did not take part in competitions, who were numerically in the majority - might perceive their subscriptions being in their view squandered on what might be, on the return journey at least, a party bus. There was also the issue of parity of support for all disciplines, and if the Committee supported a bus to ESL, an FS event, it might be seen by competitors in other disciplines of demonstrating a bias in favour of FS. Therefore, the Committee reluctantly decided that it was simply not in a position to accede to this request. The Committee wholeheartedly wished our delegation every success at the ESL finals where our previous delegations had already established an impressive track record.

The Chairman asked FS Discipline Rep Chris Hollis was to identify the ESL competitors' T-shirt sizes in order to issue each with a free-of-charge BPA T shirt plus BPA sew-on patch.

Action - Chris Hollis

63/08 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

The Chairman reported that, with reference to the 2007/8 Competitions Action Plan matrix (page 9):

- Target 1: Funding training of teams that had met the performance criteria for funding for WPC 2008 - budget £57K, authorised spend £54K, outturn £3K under budget.
- Target 2: Improving competitor standards by holding Skills Coaching Roadshows – target of holding 4 Roadshows well exceeded with at least 12 Roadshows covering

between them 5 competitions disciplines. Budget outturn not yet known but expected to be well within budget, and likely to result in an underspend.

- Target 3: Re-evaluate half the UK pool of judges on a two-year re-evaluation cycle and train new judges to take the place of retirees. Achieved, under budget (final financial outturn not yet known). At least three new National judges ratings had been earned during the period of the Action Plan.
- Target 4: Develop electronic score card templates for judges to download. Achieved at no cost. Budget of £544 therefore not spent.

The Chairman asked Jon Gretton, Financial Administrator, kindly to advise the Committee of the final outturn of actual against budget on targets 2 and 3 above once the accounts for the financial year ended on 30 June 2008 had been finalised.

Action: BPA Office (Jon Gretton)

64/08 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

Please see the Action Plan matrix on page 10.

64.1 Target 1: Train BPA coaches in coaching skills

The Chairman reported that the Office had been liaising with the Sports Science Department at Loughborough University, which was one of the possible facilitators of the training in the non-sport specific areas of coaching we were seeking. Another option was a trainer known to Paul Moore. The areas to be covered included goal setting, how imagery can be used to facilitate mental toughness and sports performance, managing nerves and stress, building confidence and an introduction to psychology for coaches.

The Chairman had liaised with Discipline Reps and the consensus was that a series of evening sessions or a smaller number of longer sessions on a Saturday might be appropriate. The Office would go back to Loughborough University to check the availability of their facilities on this basis. The Committee believed that one possibility might be to run a session once a month on a Saturday from say October to February. But various date options would be explored.

Action: BPA Office / Next meeting

Weed Stoodley said that some BPA Roadshow coaches were professional skydiving coaches - that was to say, they earned their living, or at least part of it, from coaching. She therefore believed it was important not only to train these coaches, but also to give possibly less established coaches from Drop Zones across the UK the opportunity to gain this knowledge. The Chairman said this was a well-made point, and he saw the wisdom of opening up access to this specialist training, however first call really had to be to coaches involved with BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows because our ultimate target was to improve still further the quality of coaching on our BPA Roadshows.

Weed Stoodley made two further suggestions as follows, both of which the Committee agreed:

- 1 that coaches invited and agreeing to attend this training should pay a deposit to the BPA, for example refundable upon completion and / or to cover food and refreshments, to discourage no-shows when places are limited;
- 2 that the BPA should award a Certificate of Completion to those who completed the course.

Action: BPA Office

64.2 Target 2: Coaching support to non-senior champion teams

See minute 58.13 reference the Honda bursary [since confirmed as £5K], which would exceed the BPA budget of £3K. Work on this target would start after the Nationals when the non-senior champion teams of 2008 would be known.

Action: Next meeting

64.3 Target 3: Skills Coaching Roadshows for Non Seniors

See minute 66.08. This target related to Roadshows run on or after 1 July this season, and until 30 June 2009.

64.4 Target 4: : Retain the level of UK National and International judging expertise

This target continued the target in the just-completed Action Plan (minute 64) and would be progressed by Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator.

Action: Kate Charters

65/08 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

The Chairman reported that there had unfortunately been a double booking of a Skills Coaching Roadshow on one particular date, which had led to the cancellation of a planned FS Roadshow at Peterlee. The Chairman said he would contact Ian Rosenvinge, DZO at Peterlee, to apologise and to say we would try to find a new date for an FS Roadshow at Peterlee once coaches again became available after the high season.

Action: Chairman & Chris Hollis

The Chairman reported that Black Knights had requested an FS Coaching Roadshow.

Action: Chris Hollis

Weed Stoodley (Artistics Rep) reported that very successful and well-attended Artistics Roadshows had been held at Netheravon (7-8 June) with Mike Carpenter and James Davies and Black Knights (19- 20 July) with Jim Harris and Dan Parker. Both of these (and the previous May event at Hibaldstow) had been billed as Competition Roadshows, in lieu of Artistic Grand Prix that had not been offered this year due to poor attendance in previous years. However, the feedback from attendees was it was the "in-air one-to-one" coaching element of the Roadshow that they wanted. Although some attendees had been using the Roadshows to help them to develop skills and routines which they would take forward to the Nationals, the idea of holding mini competitions within the Roadshows did not appear to meet attendees' needs nor catch their imaginations.

The intended Roadshow planned for Hinton would not go ahead this calendar year, and Weed Stoodley apologised to the DZ for her delay in managing to allocate coaches, which had resulted in a lack of any suitable dates. However, she would try and ensure Hinton (if they made such a request) were allocated a Roadshow during 2009.

A final Artistics Roadshow for 2008 was planned for St Andrews on 27-28 September, with coaches Alistair Hodgson and Steve Newman.

Weed Stoodley also reported that although the Black Knights Roadshow had been very well attended, unfortunately due to being weathered-out, no jumping took place. Jeff Illidge of Black Knights had therefore written to request a repeat Roadshow. In discussion, it was noted that because (i) there had not been a competition, and (ii) at least two other centres in different parts of the UK had requested Artistic Roadshows, and (iii) coaches had attended BKPC with the relevant expenses associated with running ground seminars during the weekend, it would not be fair on Roadshow attendees in other parts of the country to repeat this event with Black Knights at the top of the list.

However, the Chairman called attention to the BingoLotto fund, which gave additional funding that would be earmarked for grass roots skills (see minute 67). This additional funding meant that there was in fact potential for the Roadshow at BKPC to be repeated. The Committee therefore agreed that Weed Stoodley should contact all of the Centres that had requested Artistics Roadshows, including Black Knights, and subject to being able to match coaches with dates, endeavour to arrange these events.

Action: Weed Stoodley

66/08 Judging matters not already covered

Kate Charters (Judges' Co-ordinator) had submitted a written report (circulated) from which the Committee congratulated Lee King for having achieved his National Judges' Rating in CP, and Richard del Toro his National Judges' Rating in Accuracy, both at the Classics & CP Nationals earlier this month. The Committee congratulated them both.

The Chairman noted that the BPA did not yet appear to have not received the invoice for the purchase of judges' jackets for which a budget of £700 had been allocated in the 2007/8 financial year now ended. This expenditure should relate to that financial year in the accounts.

Action: Kate Charters & Jon Gretton

67/08 Promotional photographs for BingoLotto

The Chairman thanked Adrian Bond, BPA liaison officer with CCPR on the Development Committee, for kindly arranging the BPA's participation in the BingoLotto pilot scheme earlier this year. This had resulted in the sum of £1022 payable to the BPA to support grassroots sport. The funding was therefore available to the BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow programme, as a well-established BPA activity that nurtured the grassroots of our sport throughout the UK, and therefore appeared perfectly to match the BingoLotto funding criteria (subject to BingoLotto and CCPR's formal approval of this use of the funding).

BingoLotto and CCPR had invited beneficiary sports to send them publicity photographs of the sport that featured the BingoLotto logo or other promotional material. The Chairman said he would be delighted to take the promotional material to a skydiving event he was attending this weekend in order to source the promotional photographs that had been requested. The Committee was delighted at the BingoLotto funding which provided additional funding for Skills Coaching Roadshows over and above the BPA budget. They asked that their appreciation to the Development Committee and to Adrian Bond should formally be recorded in these minutes.

Action: Thank Development Committee and Adrian Bond

68/08 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3 September 2008 at 1815 at the BPA Office. [Note: Paul Moore has tendered his apologies.]

The meeting closed at 2050

Minutes ratified by the Council on 19 August 2008 and published on 26 August 2008.

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 – **completed**

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget & Actual to date
1. Support training of top teams that meet strict funding criteria (performance equal to fourth place or better at the last World Championships) to win medals at the World Championships 2008	UK World Champions 2006 in 4-Way Women's Formation Skydiving	Medals in the World Parachute Championships 2008	June 2008 on target	(a) Use 2007 Selection Nationals to identify champion senior teams (b) Provide support through funded coaching and training by previous National Champions.	£57,000 Spend: £54,000
2. Improve competitor standards to build a base for future National teams	Successful Skills Coaching Roadshow programmes in previous years, which have helped to secure record attendances at BPA National Skydiving Championships	4 stand-alone Skills Coaching Roadshow events, one per discipline, in addition to coaching at Grand Prix events	June 2008 on target	By running skills coaching at Grand Prix competitions augmented by stand-alone Skills Coaching Roadshows, to transfer the skills and expertise of our existing World Champions and National Champions to Juniors and Intermediates, so building the UK National teams – and World Champions – of the future.	£10,000 Spend to date approx £5000
3. Retain the level of UK National and international judging expertise at establishment	UK pool of 17 INDIVIDUAL Judges	Re-evaluate half the UK pool of judges on a two-year re-evaluation cycle and train new judges to take the place of retirees.	June 2008 on target	(a) Re-evaluate judges' training and qualifications in all Disciplines, according to criteria set by our IGB. (b) Provide seminars for Trainee Judges (c) Recruit at least 1 new Trainee Judge	£5,000 Spending £1600 on Spring Training Seminar
4. Review the scoring system cards	Score cards printed for the BPA by outside printers	Self sufficient system that reduces spending in the future	June 2008 on target	Using Digital or Multimedia to replace current cards	£544 Achieved at zero cost

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

BPA budget: £50,083 (excludes Honda bursary of £5K to target 2, and BingoLotto contribution of £1022 to target 3)

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. Support development of established BPA competition coaching personnel - in order to strengthen the skill base of the current competition coaching team, provide access to world-class competition coaches who can work on specific skills.	Internal BPA coaching qualification	Targeted non - technical coaching skills development	June 2009	Use of outsourced coaching workshops for at least 2 coaches	£10K
2. Coaching support to champion teams - support non-senior 2008 National Champion teams with access to coaching for progression into senior category and access to category 1 events.	No Support	Assisted transition for non senior champions into Senior Category	May 2009	Support of coaches expense claims to assist coaching of champion non senior teams	£3K
3. Raise standards of UK competitor base - provide at least 6 coaching events throughout the period where established champions and expert coaches can work with competitors	4 stand alone coaching events	6 coaching events or competition based event coaching	June 2009	By Running skills coaching at competition events and as stand alone coaching road shows – to see transfer of skills from our existing National and International champions to emerging competitors	£12K
4. Retain the level of UK National and International judging expertise to current establishment and maintain suitable judging equipment stock	UK pool of 17 individual Judges	UK pool of 17 individual judges	June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) re-evaluation of judges b) training seminars for judges c) recruit at least 1 new judge d) evaluate and refresh judging equipment 	£6K
<p>Note: The 2008/09 budget for Competitions is lower than usual, so we can carry forward £19,083 towards sending our National teams to future World Championships in which we expect to be successful and offer exposure to the international media.</p>					