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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 17 February 2009 at 0929

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

Present:	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Steve Saunders	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman & Discipline Rep: FS
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP
In attendance:	Paul Applegate		
	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Ian Marshall		
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Clare Murphy	-	Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving
	Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General (to Item 5)
Apologies for absence	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: Classics

Item Minute

01/09 Composition of the Competitions Committee 2009

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting immediately following the inaugural Council meeting for 2009 on AGM day, Saturday 10 January 2009.

Competitions Chairman:	Andy Scott (elected by the Council)
Classics Discipline Rep	Paul Moore
Canopy Formation Discipline Rep	Steve Saunders
Artistics and VFS Discipline Rep	Weed Stoodley
Canopy Piloting Discipline Rep	Alex Wilson
Formation Skydiving Discipline Rep	Martin Soulsby

1.1 To elect a Vice Chair

Alex Wilson proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded a motion that Martin Soulsby to be Vice Chair of Competitions Committee.

Carried unanimously

1.2 To co-opt ex officio as non-voting Members of the Committee

The Committee agreed that Kate Charters, Clare Murphy, Paul Applegate and Ian Marshall should be co-opted as non-voting Members of the Competitions Committee to carry out the roles listed overleaf.

This would be subject to the Council ratifying their co-option to the Competitions Committee.

Action: Recommend to the full Council

Kate Charters
Clare Murphy
Paul Applegate
Ian Marshall

Judges' Co-ordinator
Speed Skydiving Discipline Rep

02/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2008 had been ratified by the full Council at its meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2008.

Approved

The Committee decided to use an abridged format for the minutes.

Approved

2.2 To welcome Helen Lucas (BPA Administration Secretary) as Secretary to the committee for 2009

Helen Lucas was duly welcomed.

03/09 Matters arising

3.1 Update of anti-doping code and rules (minute 82.2)

Martin Shuttleworth reported that; following discussion on the Committee's preferred anti-doping policy wording of 'may test' instead of 'will test' (Minute 71.2). UK Sport had since replied that the BPA can use 'may test'. There was no obligation on the BPA to test. The only obligation is that the BPA follow the Anti-doping Rules and Code.

A link to the FAI TUE forms to be placed on the BPA website. BPA office to liaise with Diana King, RAeC General Secretary for clarity to the Anti-Doping policy for this year.

Action: BPA Office

BPA office to advise competitor of decision re letters from John Baggely.

Action: BPA Office

Martin Soulsby proposed that we use the IPC TUE form with the caveat that we ask competitors to then submit to the BPA office when completed for the 2009 competition year, and attach a copy to their competition entry form/s. Weed Stoodley seconded.

Carried

3.2 In-Competition records (minute 82.3)

Alex Wilson reported that all were now signed off.

Completed

3.3 List of Current Judges (minute 82.4)

Updated Judges Contact list circulated. Kate Charters mentioned that Ann Fowler's ratings needed updating to include FAI Judges rating in Canopy Piloting.

Action: BPA Office

3.4 Insurance of Speed Pro-tracks (minute 82.5)

Photos received and passed to insurers.

Completed

3.5 Modification of Accuracy scoring pads (82.8)

For consideration a quote for new scoring pads and boxes had been received from Weckbecker as follows:

E1710 – 2 pads + box

E295 – 1 pad only (present box would have to be modified separately)

Also Texair Limited had made the offer to make available to the BPA an AMD System and/or tuffet for competitions in 2010 as long as the transportation costs were met by the BPA.

Deciding factors included as to whether it was cost effective to purchase 2 pads and 1 box given that the majority of the competitions this year had no equipment issues. Also there is the possibility that soon the scoring pads may need to be adapted to 1cm. Therefore it was decided that at this time the BPA would not purchase new pads and/or box. Texair Limited's offer would be further discussed at subsequent meetings. The Chairman would advise Texair of this.

Action: Chairman

Kate Charters would approach APA Netheravon with regards to the hiring and insurance of their kit for Grand Prix 09 Accuracy Black Knights.

Action: Kate Charters

3.6 Post-scoring video from FS & Artistic Nationals 2008 (minute 82.11)

After some confusion it emerged that Camscore had downloaded the Cametrix judging system from the FS & Artistic Nationals on to Kate Charters lap-top. This was not directly available to competitors.

Kate Charters would ask Camscore if they would be able to provide a DVD for the use of competitors.

Action: Kate Charters

3.7 Repair of compressor for the inflatable tuffet (minute 84.5)

Compressor has been returned to the BPA office. It is now out of warranty, therefore there may be a charge for repairs.

Andy Scott to collect the compressor to transport to the repair centre recommended by Texair Limited for repair.

Action: Chairman

3.8 Eligibility of Team Volare to compete for Britain (minute 86.9)

Accepted by Council at meeting of Tuesday 2 December 2008

Completed

3.9 Reply email from Paul Yeoman (minute 89)

Andy Scott had sent email. Paul Yeoman had not replied.

Completed

04/09 Report from the IPC Plenary meeting 2009

John Hitchen tabled the IPC meeting Delegate's report from John Smyth and raised a point of typos on page three with regards to the World Air Games Turin, Italy 6-13 2009. Canopy piloting states 15 competitors, this should be 10 competitors, Free-flying 10 competitors, this should be Freestyle 15 competitors.

There were no major rule changes to any of the events mentioned, and the rules had not been published yet on the IPC website.

Andy Scott highlighted that in the Artistic event, Freestyle, from March 2009 there is no longer a gender separation and it is an Open event.

Bids for future events had been tabled:

- Freestyle and Accuracy Landing, 31st & 5th Junior World Parachuting Championships, Montenegro 28 Aug – 4 Sept 2010
- XXI Adriatic Parachuting Cup, Accuracy, Bar, Montenegro 15 – 17 May 2009
- 19th World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving, 14th World Parachuting Canopy Formation Championships and 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia, 31 July – 6 August 2010
- 5th FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, Johannesburg South Africa, 2 – 6 December 2009

The committee wished to record their congratulations to Karla Cole who had been selected as Advisor to IPC on judging matters, to John Smyth IPC Vice President, and to the members for their work into the online judging training programme.

05/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

5.1 National rules, including revised rules on Nationality

IPC updates are not yet available. Nationals rules are to include revised rules on Nationality (Council minute 97.4/08) which were to accurately reflect the wording of the FAI rules on nationality.

Action: Kate Charters

Discipline representatives to go over last years rules and report small changes to Kate Charters, judges to go over the technical content. The BPA office to administer dates and the anti-doping policy to include that an email or paper copy must be sent to the office at least a week before the event and that the competitor must also take a hard copy to the event to be submitted on the registration form.

Action: Discipline reps, Judges, BPA Office (Trudy Kemp)

For Skysurf, with a resurgence of interest the committee are happy that the host drop zone can support the event at no extra cost to the membership therefore there will be a 2009 Championships. The old rules were to apply with the addition of 'and at least a gold medal for the champions'.

Action: Weed Stoodley

With regards to funding. After much discussion on how the funding should be allocated, it was decided that the set criteria for each discipline should be retained, except for Canopy Piloting which required a degree of flexibility. For this discipline the rules should include the line 'There will be funding available for those selected'.

The rules to be ready for ratification at next meeting

5.2 Grand Prix rules

Subject to IPC rules. Minor tweaks may be needed but there are no major changes.

Rules to be ready by date of next meeting

The rules to be ready for ratification at next meeting

5.3 Competitions equipment co-ordinator

Frank Mallabone would be unable to take on the role. Andy Scott stated that a BPA Member had offered his services. Andy Scott to pursue.

Action: Andy Scott, next meeting

Alex Wilson left the meeting at 1130.

5.4 Allocation of a trophy kindly donated by Pat Hammond's CF team in memory of Martin Gardiner

It had been requested at Council Tuesday 2 December 2008 (Council minute 107/08 refers) for Competitions Committee to decide.

In view of Martin Gardiner's connection to Canopy Formation Steve Saunders proposed, Martin Soulsby seconded a motion that the trophy be allocated to Canopy Formation Intermediate 2-Way Sequential, Gold Medallist.

Carried unanimously

5.5 Any other domestic competition issues for 2009

5.5.1 Equipment request to Nationals & Grand Prix hosting dropzones

Helen Lucas to send an email to all Nationals and Grand Prix hosting clubs/centres asking them to notify their relevant Discipline Representative of their equipment requirements as per BPA Form 163. Requests for equipment should be received by the Discipline representative no later than April 20 2009.

Action: Helen Lucas. Discipline Reps to table requests (next meeting)

5.5.2 Trophy Database

Geordie Page has completed the Trophy Database and it is available online.

Andy Scott to approach Geordie with a view to finding the web link to send to Competitions Committee.

Action: Chairman

Chairman to add the new Martin Gardiner trophy to the database.

Action: Chairman

06/09 International Competitions already completed

6.1 1st FAI World Cup in Vertical Formation Skydiving – Eloy, Arizona, USA: 26-28 October 2008

Bob Charters was first nominated Judge, Kate Charters had been selected by the jury prior to the competition starting.

6.2 2nd FAI World Canopy Piloting Championship – Wonderboom Airport, South Africa: 18-23 November 2008 (report by Paul Moore dated 25 November 2008 previously circulated)

The Chair and Competitions Committee wished to express their thanks to Paul Moore as Head of Delegation and Congratulations to Deane Smith for selection to The World Games 2009 Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei.

6.2.1 Competitor Medical Insurance

As highlighted in Paul Moore's report concerns were raised that competitors may have been competing without adequate medical insurance as no proof had been provided.

It has been decided that the Competitors contract must be returned, in time, with proof of Insurance to the BPA office and a copy must be provided to the Head of Delegation

Action: BPA Office

07/09 International Competitions yet to take place

7.1 World Air Games 2009 – Torino, Italy: 7-13 FS 4 way/CP/CF/Freestyle/Style & Accuracy – top 5 teams/individuals from 2008 World Championships only

John Hitchen corrected that it is not the top 5 teams for selection but it is a member from the top 5 Nations.

Discontinue

7.2 World Games – Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei: 16-26 July 2009

Congratulations to Deane Smith and Volare on their invitations to the World Games.

Deane Smith would be competing in Canopy Piloting, and Volare in Freestyle.

BPA office to send Competitors unfunded contracts which must be returned in time along with proof of Insurance. Head of Delegation must also be provided with a copy.

Action: BPA Office

Alex Wilson and Weed Stoodley, as Discipline Reps to liaise with the 2 competitors to any issues they may raise.

Deane Smith, who will be representing the UK at the World Games can have a by to next years selection due to the overlap of events.

The Committee also agreed that the team uniform would be funded from British Team Fund, and supplied at no cost to delegates. Uniform would include the BPA logo and Union Flag

Weed Stoodley proposed £500 per person towards travel to Chinese Taipei. This failed to find a seconder.

7.3 World Cup – Prostějov, Czech Republic: 30 August – 6 September 2009 – FS & Artistic (European & World Cup) – 4 x teams per event

Confirmation is needed from the Discipline Reps of those who will be attending. Weed Stoodley expressed concern as the overlap of events may have an impact on the teams competing.

Martin Soulsby had confirmation from Fusion, Sonic Nutz (formerly Wingnutz), Phobia and Kaizan (female)

Weed Stoodley had interest from Airkix Freestyle, Go Freestyle, Flyami Vice (female, sponsored) and Jump in the Sun Freestyle plus a request for a place from Blue Magic (Leanne James and Darren Glover) who will be first reserve awaiting any refusal, and for Freestyle: Volare, Avalore, Jump in the Sun and Chixtrix.

Weed had also received interest from a team wanting to compete in VFS.

Discipline Reps to supply BPA office with contact details for each team.

Helen Lucas to send invites and contracts to all teams and reply must be supplied by Monday 20 April 2009.

Action: BPA Office

7.4 ESL Finals 2009 – UK (2008 overall champion nation) to organize – to consider the date and location

A bid form to all UK Dropzones to host the event on Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September 2009 with the draw taking place on Thursday 10 September 2009. Typically 25 teams, left door aircraft & 4 way rules in all events. Bids to be received to the BPA by 1700hrs Monday 20 April.

Action: BPA Office

7.5 UK Delegation clothing for international competitions

Have in stock delegation T-shirts and embroidered badges.

A discussion followed with regards to matching tracksuit jackets and bottoms, polo shirts, blazers & trousers including shoes. It was felt that shoes may be too expensive but a recommendation of footwear of same dark colour and form would be required.

Kate Charters showed a jacket that had been especially ordered for the Judges and was also looking into sports trousers to go with the jacket. The jacket had cost £29 which had included the embroidery of the BPA logo. Kate would ask Brilliant Embroidery, who had supplied the jacket, for a brochure to be sent to the BPA office, also a sample of the sports trousers, in Navy Blue, with costings for embroidery of the BPA logo and Union flag for the next meeting.

Follow up: Kate Charters, BPA Office

7.6 Any other international competitions

7.6.1 Adriatic Cup, Montenegro 15-17 May 2009 in Accuracy Landings only.

5 competitors per team. No entry fee, jump or accommodation fees. Paul Moore, Alex Wilson and John Smyth currently looking for competitors. Esther Reynolds had shown an interest. Kate Charters volunteered as Head of Delegation. John Hitchen to possibly go in his IPC capacity. Event to be added to the BPA web site, Diary of Events

Action: Helen Lucas

7.6.2 5th FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, Johannesburg South Africa, 2 – 6 December 2009

Alex Wilson will make the team selection from last year's results and notify Helen Lucas of list of competitors

Action: Alex Wilson

7.6.3 19th World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving, 14th World Parachuting Canopy Formation Championships and 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia, 31 July – 6 August 2010

Andy Scott would like to clarify with John Smyth as to the Insurance requirements and plane types

Action: Andy Scott

7.6.4 The ISSA World Cup Series 2009

This will consist of 3 meets. Dates to be added to the BPA website, Diary of Events.

- 12-14 June 2009, Utti Finland
- 10-12 July 2009, Triengen, Switzerland
- 7-9 August 2009, Hinton, UK

Action: Helen Lucas

08/09 Competitions Budget

The Chairman reported that 55% of the total BPA budget had been allocated to Competitions Committee. This equated to, with a forecast of £66000 plus £19000 carried over, £85000 for Action plan Jul 09 – Jun 10 period. This reflected the "on year" higher spend toward the funded teams.

09/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

Weed Stoodley reported on current action plan spend and stated that £790 has been used so far for the Loughborough Coaching session. Specifics, coaching to Artistics teams had so far taken £500 and £600.

Discipline reps to advise identified teams/individuals of money available for coaching purposes.

Kate Charters enquired about the Judges Seminar at RAPA. Flights were on average £90, and accommodation £30 per person per night bed and breakfast. All judges must attend the seminar to remain current. It was decided that £100 be allocated to each judge towards the training seminar.

With regards to Roadshows, so far Artistics had taken £260, Canopy Formation £750. No invoices had yet been received from Canopy Piloting, Formation Skydiving or Accuracy. Speed roadshows are also eligible to claim for expenses in the approved manner.

10/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

The Committee identified that the Action plan period 2009 – 10 will include

- Team/Individual Funding
- Judging requirements
- Coaching Roadshows
- British Team member coaching event
- Competition Administration and Equipment
- British team delegation uniform

The draft of the plan would be written by the Chairman by 22 April 09.

Action: Chairman

11/09 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

The Committee reviewed 2009 coaching roadshows planned to date. The details to be supplied by discipline reps to Lesley Gale by 27 Feb 09 for a poster advertising planned events.

Action: Discipline Reps

Martin Soulsby left the meeting at 1235. The meeting is non-quorate.

12/09 Any other business

A late bid was circulated from Headcorn Parachute Centre for a Grand Prix in Accuracy to be held 2-4 May 2009.

Approved

13/09 Date of next meeting

22 April 2009 – time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 1300.



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Competitions dates 2009 *(as at 17 October 2009)*

British Open Nationals 2009

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics & Canopy Piloting	JSPC (L) / RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany	Thurs 22 - Sun 25 July 2009
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 8 - Mon 10 August 2009 4-way reserve and 8-way: Sat 15 - Mon 17 August 2009 8-way reserve: Sat 22 - Mon 24 August 2009
Artistic, Speed Skydiving & Canopy Formation		Sat 15 - Mon 17 Aug August 2009 Reserve: Sat 22 - Mon 24 August 2009
8-way Speed	Skydive Airkix	Sat 5-Sun 6 September 2009

UKSL & Grand Prix 2009

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 2 – Mon 4 May 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Skydive Weston	Sat 23 - Sun 24 May 2009
GP Canopy Formation	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 13 - Sun 14 June 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 20 - Sun 21 June 2009
GP Accuracy	Black Knights	Sat 27 - Sun 28 June 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Skydive Airkix	Sat 11 - Sun 12 July 2009
GP Canopy Formation	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 July 2009