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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 22 April 2009 at 1430

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

Present:	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	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:	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
Apologies for absence	Paul Applegate		
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Ian Marshall		

Item Minute

14/09 Pat Hammond

The Competitions Committee wished to express their deepest sympathy to Joyce Hammond and family on the passing of Pat Hammond after a short illness. An inspirational and fun-loving figure who will be greatly missed.

15/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>.

16/09 Matters arising

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

URLs had been placed on the BPA website to the FAI anti-doping page and to WADA. Form 220 was to be updated to reflect FAI and WADA policy.

Action: BPA Office

16.2 List of current judges (minute 3.3)

Judges contact list, updated 23/3/09 had been sent out.

Completed

16.3 Modification of Accuracy scoring pads (minute 3.5)

Andy Scott had informed Texair Ltd of the committee's decision not to purchase new pads and/or box at this time.

Kate Charters had approached APA Netheravon with regards to the hiring and insurance of their kit. APA was happy that their kit could be borrowed on a 'repair or replace' basis.

Completed

16.4 Post scoring video from FS & Artistics Nationals 08 (minute 3.6)

After numerous attempts to make contact with Cametrix they had yet to provide an Artistics DVD for the use of competitors.

Action: Kate Charters

Steve Saunders would provide Kate Charters a CF DVD for training purposes at the forthcoming training seminar.

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

The compressor has been repaired and is currently at BKPC. One point to note for future reference is that if the compressor is stored for a length of time the fuel must be drained out in order to avoid corrosion and part seizure.

Completed

16.6 Trophy Database (minute 5.5.2)

The Chair had as yet been unable to find more information with regards to the Trophy Database. The Martin Gardiner Trophy would need to be added to this database.

Paul Moore expressed the need of a mechanism of getting the trophies back to RAPA for July. The Chair would investigate this further.

Action: Andy Scott, Chair

Weed Stoodley reported that the new VFS trophy also needed to be added to the data base. She would identify the trophy whereabouts and report back.

Action: Weed Stoodley

Steve Saunders suggested a 2-way CF Novice Intermediate trophy in memory of Pat Hammond.

Martin Soulsby suggested, as Pat was such an inspirational figure himself, an award every year at the BPA AGM for 'An inspirational figure in the sport'.

As Pat was heavily involved in starting people off in Canopy Formation Steve Saunders therefore proposed, seconded by Paul Moore a budget of up to £150 towards a suitable trophy for 2-way Canopy Formation Novice Intermediate.

Carried unanimously -Action: Steve Saunders

Weed Stoodley suggested that Pat Hammond should be considered for a RAeC award next year.

17/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

17.1 Nationals rules, including revised rules on Nationality

A small number of variations were required. Alex Wilson has raised a point of funding requirements in Canopy Piloting. Weed Stoodley also raised the issue of funding for VFS. It was agreed, if necessary, to make a decision on this funding if the 2010 World event would be classified as a World Championship event.

All variations and points were duly discussed and the requirements would be reflected in the rules.

Action - Discipline Reps to inform BPA Office (Trudy Kemp) of variations

Alex Wilson also expressed concern that Deane Smith cannot attend the Nationals as he will be at World Games, Chinese Taipei and therefore would miss selection for the World Championships 2010. At the previous meeting it had been agreed that Deane would have a by for a place at the Canopy Piloting World Championships, but had omitted to mention Classics (minute 7.2).

Paul Moore proposed that minute 7.2 should reflect all three disciplines that Deane Smith enters as a by for next years selection. Weed Stoodley seconded.

Carried unanimously

17.3 Grand Prix rules

The draft Grand Prix Rules had been circulated and there had been no requests for variations. Paul Moore therefore proposed, and Steve Saunders seconded, a motion to approve these rules for publication.

Carried unanimously - Action: BPA Office

17.3 Competitions equipment co-ordinator

Adam Searle had kindly agreed to become the Equipment Co-ordinator.

Action: Steve Saunders to check CF kit is complete

17.4 Equipment requests to National & Grand Prix-hosting Drop Zones

Requests for equipment had been received by Martin Soulsby for screens and Steve Saunders.

Action: Discipline Reps to liase with their respective dropzones

18/09 ESL Finals 2009 - UK hosts

The Chairman tabled copies of competitions bid forms to host ESL Finals 2009, all received by the call back date of Monday 20 April. As always with bids, these were tabled at the meeting, previously unseen by the Committee.

2 bids had been received: Northwest Parachute Centre Ltd and Target Skysports/Skydive Hibaldstow. Both were considered with a view to the logistics of overseas teams arrival, overall facilities, back-up aircraft, entry fees and judging facilities.

Martin Soulsby proposed, Steve Saunders seconded that Skydive Hibaldstow would host the ESL Finals 2009, Friday 11 - Sunday 13 September 2009.

Carried

Helen Lucas would inform Skydive Hibaldstow of the Committee's decision.

Action: BPA Office

The committee would like to thank Northwest Parachute Centre Ltd for their bid and hoped they would continue tendering for future events.

19/09 Nationals dates 2010

Weed Stoodley proposed, Martin Soulsby seconded the dates below for the Nationals 2010

- 14-16 August FS 4 way / VFS
- 21-23 August FS 4 way (R) / FS 8 way / Artistic
- 28-30 August FS 8 way (R) / Artistic (R)

Hibaldstow had expressed their agreement of the proposed dates.

Carried unanimously

Helen Lucas would notify James Swallow and update the BPA website Diary of Events.

Action: BPA Office

20/09 International Competitions

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

Volare had expressed their regret at not being able to attend this event due to financial and time constraints, but felt they must focus their resources for the forthcoming World Cup. Based on if Volare were able to raise sponsorship funds and may attend, and that Deane Smith may be the only one attending it was decided that there would be no Head of Delegation to the World Games event.

20.6 World Cup – Prostejov, Czech Republic: 30 Aug - 6 Sept 2009, FS & Artistics (European & World Cup)

Confirmation of attendance and Contracts and had been received by the BPA Office from:
FS

4 way Open: Fusion, Phobia & Sonic Nutz

4 way Female: Kaizen

Artistics

Freefly: Team Volare

Freestyle: Airkix Freestyle, Go Freestyle & Flyami Vice
VFS: The Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants

Martin Soulsby had contacted Team Satori with an invitation to represent the UK in FS 4 way Open. As no reply had been received by the date of this meeting the place was then to be offered to the AA team Escondido. Helen Lucas would send an invitation to Brian Cummings of Escondido.

Action: BPA Office

Bulletin 1 had been released by World Cup organisers on 22 April 09. This would be distributed via email to the participating competitors.

Action: BPA Office

Weed Stoodley would try to fill places for the Artistic events and chase up Chixtrix.

Martin Soulsby proposed; as based on his availability and experience, and was seconded by Alex Wilson that Paul Moore should attend the event as Head of Delegation.

Carried

20.6 Adriatic Cup, Montenegro: 15-17 May 2009, Accuracy landings only

Paul Moore, during the meeting, had received an email from Caslav Balsic. The email stated that with regret the XXI Adriatic parachuting cup which is suppose to be held at Bar from 15th to 17th May, has to be postponed until September or for the beginning of October 2009, because the planned helicopter was not ready for the competition. Paul Moore would send the complete email to Helen Lucas for her records.

Action: Paul Moore

20.6 5th World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, J'burg South Africa: 1-6 December 2009

Alex Wilson would provide Helen Lucas with a list of competitors who had expressed an interest to attend.

Further information was still being sought with the release of bulletin 1.

Action: Alex Wilson

20.5 The ISSA World Cup Series 2009

Nothing to report at this time.

20.6 UK judges and training judges going to International competitions

Bob Charters would be event judge for VFS at the World Cup; Czech Rep. Ruth Cooper would also be attending with Bob to cover FS also.

Kate Charters would be covering the Spanish Nationals, Both Kate and Bob Charters would also be attending the American Nationals and South Africa.

Karla Cole had been asked to attend the German Nationals as they had no judges.

Kate Charters had been approached to judge at the Danish CP Nationals and was prepared to take 4 to 5 judges with her, but further information was needed. Kate had also been asked to nominate other judges to send to the German Nationals, Danish Nationals and Italian Nationals.

20.7 UK Delegation clothing for international competitions

Kate Charters brought to the meeting a sample of an embroidered jacket, polo shirt and trousers from Brilliant Embroidery. All samples were in Navy. Prices were:

- Jacket £26
 - Polo £8
 - Trousers £16
- All prices were inclusive of VAT

This amounted to £50 per competitor.

Include in Action Plan

20.8 19th World Parachuting Championships in FS, 14th World Parachuting CP Championships & 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia: 31 Jul - 6 Aug 2010

Clarity had been sort from Fiona McEachern with regards to competitor's insurance requirements at the World Parachuting Championships 2010. Fiona had replied that this was covered in the FAI Sporting Code, Section 5 - 2009 edition: 4.5.3 Organiser's Responsibility:

“(2) The organiser is responsible for compensation for damage caused to third parties arising out of flights or jumps connected with the competition.” Jumpers will still need medical and travel insurance etc.

21/09 Competitions Budget

Weed Stoodley commented on the financial aspects of the Competitions budget, also the British Team Fund and The Honda Bursary.

22/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

22.1 Target 1: Support development of BPA competition coaching personnel

A £2500 spend should all planned coaching events go ahead.

22.2 Target 2: Coaching support to Non-Senior champion teams

Steve Saunders had received a request from Chris Taylor, Team Outcast BKPC as to whether the team meet the criteria for funding and if funding was available. Team Outcast met the criteria and was eligible for funding of £600.

Action: Steve Saunders

Kaizen were considered for funding as the team are going to the World Cup 2009, Czech Rep. Helen Lucas would check through previous minutes if they were included in the original list for funding. Should the team have not been on the original list it was acceptable to all that Kaizen would be allocated £600.

Action: BPA Office

Paul Moore requested his allocation of £600 towards a coach in the Classics Discipline. Paul had 2 men in mind that would benefit, Mike Desmond and Lee Harrison.

This would result in overspend of £600 on the £3K budget. As there was an expected under-spend of the £10K budget for Target 1 the over-spend could be off set.

Weed Stoodley would therefore inform Jon Gretton (BPA Financial Administrator).

Action: Weed Stoodley

22.3 Target 3: Skills Coaching Roadshows for Non-Seniors

A total of £4000 of the £12k budget had been spent so far.

It was recommended that when invoices were received by Jon Gretton (BPA Financial Administrator) from coaches/coached team the BPA office would seek first approval from the relevant Discipline Rep.

Action: Chair

22.4 Target 4: Retain the level of UK National and International Judging expertise

Paul Moore stated that since running the CP and Classics Nationals at RAPA there had been a significant increase in the performance of CP competitors and believed this was largely down to organised and functional judges training and how the competitors can now interact with the judges. To this end Paul Moore discussed raising the budget from £6K; as this currently covers 16-17 judges, up to £10K. This amount would be taken from the under-spend from Target 1. A discussion followed about the rising costs, and that there was a possibility of an over-spend on the £6K budget.

Paul Moore therefore proposed that £6K be carried down from Target 1's budget of £10K to be divided £5K to Target 4, giving a new budget of £11K and £1K to Target 2, giving a new budget of £4K. This was seconded by Martin Soulsby.

Carried unanimously

22.4.1 Target 4: Point c, Recruit at least 1 new judge

Kate Charters said that there are now 2 new trainee judges.

Achieved

23/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

Please see Appendix A as proposed by Alex Wilson, seconded by Martin Soulsby.

Carried: recommend to Council

24/09 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

24.1 Coaching roadshow programme

The Committee reviewed 2009 coaching roadshows planned to date. The events had been well advertised using posters created by Lesley Gale and displayed at DZ's.

Alex Wilson (CP Rep) reported that he had had to cap the Netheravon roadshow on 10-13 April, at 20 participants and that there was a potential to host another should funds allow as the demand was there.

Weed Stoodley (Artistics Rep) reported on the Freely roadshow that took place at Hinton, 18-19 April. Apart from a few weather problems the event was well organized and well run. With thanks to Mike Carpenter and Dan Parker.

Steve Saunders felt that the Competitions Committee should support the forthcoming Pat Hammond CF Coaching event on 1 May. Steve Saunders had spoken to his team and will lend Hibaldstow his team's equipment. Steve would also attend the event as a coach.

Martin Soulsby, reporting on the Peterlee roadshow, had received good feedback.

24.2 Review of coaches subsistence allowance

An email had been received with regards to the subsistence allowance for coaches. This had prompted the review of the daily rate for the coaches.

Discussion followed that £30 was simply not enough to cover the daily subsistence costs due to rising accommodation and food costs.

Weed Stoodley therefore proposed a daily rate change from £30 to £ 50. This failed to find a seconder.

Martin Soulsby proposed an increase from £30 to £35; this also failed to find a seconder.

After further discussion, Weed Stoodley proposed that this committee should recommend to the Council an increase from £30 to £40 for coaches' daily subsistence allowance. This was seconded by Paul Moore. The vote was as follows: 3 For, 2 Against.

Carried

25/09 Any other business

None

26/09 Date of next meeting

23 June 2009 – 1430, BMFA, Chacksfield House, Leics

The meeting closed at 1740.

Competitions Action Plan – Jul 09 – Jun 10

1. World Class Performance – The Athletic aspect to Skydiving has offered great recognition and an opportunity for a positive image to our sport for a number of years. A decade of World Championship medal success has resulted in recognition not just for individuals or teams but for the association and the sport in general. In order to support our continued world medal performance, budget funding is set aside for those teams or individuals who meet the performance funding criteria and are selected to represent the BPA at World Championship events in 2010. Performance criteria are as directed in event rules and competition committee minutes and relates to teams or individuals who show medal winning potential. The financial support is targeted at assistance with training relating to coaching and other training needs other than travel and accommodation expenses. Those identified for funding will have monies paid on receipt of invoice as controlled via the Competitions Committee.
Note the measure of success for this target will not be clear until the events have been held circa Sep 2010.

2. Coaching Event General – A series of coaching road show events will be used throughout the action plan period in order to offer (potential) competitors an insight into competition events across a range of skydiving disciplines. The targeted grass roots usage of road show events has proven a popular BPA action plan item with great interest and high attendance rates from the wider membership. The link from coaching road shows and competition improved turn out is a positive demonstration of this action plan success. Coaches are remunerated using this budget for travel and accommodation expense incurred based on approved daily and mileage rates.

3. Coaching for 2010 teams - In order to support BPA members who are selected to represent the association in 2010 without funding, the Competitions Committee will arrange a coaching event to be held at a (bid for) UK Drop Zone. The event will provide opportunity for teams or individuals to attend an event where discipline coaches are provided (as agreed) and also to include non event specific coaching / activity. The event will be held over a number of days and provide opportunity for supported development of physical and mental skills / preparation. The opportunity for delegation interaction and team building is an added enhancement to this event. Competition discipline reps will work with attendee's to understand and identify timings / coaches / areas of focus.

4. Judging Team – The International view of the BPA Judges is positively reflected in the increasing invitation to judge International events and for non BPA judges to come to BPA events to gain experience alongside our team. IPC recognition of work by our Judges is another great reflection of their international standing. In order to maintain this field of expertise within the BPA, this action plan item provides funding support to allow new and renewed qualification as required meeting currency criteria. The Judges co-ordinator will advise the Competition Committee of current and future judging requirements to support this action plan item. Judging teams will be active in this AP item in support of the non national competitions.

5. Equipment – In order to maintain a working stock of competition supporting equipment as per BPA F163, this action plan item sets aside provision for further purchase / repair of items. Host Drop Zones equipment needs are supported (non Nationals) via this stock which must be kept to current IPC standards and in working order. The BPA equipment co-ordinator will provide the interface to Competitions Committee to ensure this action plan item is a success.

6. Delegation Uniform – Feedback from delegates at International events is that an improved image of the BPA is required in terms of uniform. The Competitions Committee is to analyse the appropriate clothing requirements for the representatives of the BPA at World Class Competitions (World Cup / Championships / Games). A uniform of T-shirts / Jackets / Trousers is being identified to be issued to individuals. Issued uniform is to be worn as per conditions in competitor contracts and is not required to be returned. Funding for this uniform will be drawn from British Team fund reserves.

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2008 double medal winning performance	2010 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2010	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2009	£55000*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2009 At least 6 BPA coaching Road show events	2010 At least 8 BPA coaching Road show events	Jul 2010	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest in the sport	£10000
3. Coaching 2010 teams	2009 No Targeted Support	2010 At least one specific targeted event for the 2010 BPA Squad	Jul 2010	Run a specific skill support event to enhance the BPA selected 2010 squad	£8000
4. Judging Team	2009 UK Pool of 17 Judges	2010 UK judging team with retained or improved ratings	Jul 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to at least 7 non national events 	£11000
5. Maintain competition equipment holdings in line with IPC requirements	2009 Current holding	2010 Equipment stock in line with 2009 IPC changes	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate 	£1000
6. Delegation Uniform	2009 T-Shirt	2010 Delegation uniform to include Sport jacket / trousers	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from "British team fund" to dress the delegations of the BPA • Identify suitable Sporting Jacket • Identify suitable Sporting Trousers • Continue Issue of T-Shirt generic BPA design 	£5000**
<p>* Budget 1: Includes £19000 c/f from last year - as agreed ** Budget 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund.</p>					

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Competitions dates 2009 (as at 17 Feb 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