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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 18 August 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
In attendance:	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Ian Marshall		
Apologies for absence	Paul Applegate		
	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-Ordinator
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP

Item Minute

38/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2009 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>.

39/09 Matters arising

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

The BPA Anti-Doping policy was in line with the FAI policy and would remain current.

39.2 Trophy Database (minute 5.5.2)

The discipline reps reported that there were still a few missing trophy images to be added to the database. Steve Saunders suggested that the Pat Hammond Trophy be returned to the BPA office at STC to be handed out at the BPA AGM.

Action: Discipline Reps

Steve Saunders proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that up to £150 to be spent on a new shield for 2 Way CF Senior Sequential.

Carried Unanimously

39.3 Sport England Funding: Anneke Glasius (minute 37)

The Committee had deferred to Council 23 June to seek guidance from John Horne regarding an application for Sport England funding by Annie Glasuis of Go Freestyle. John Horne had given guidance, and Loughborough University had stated that they had already allocated this years budget. Go Freestyle would be writing to Loughborough University at the early part of next year to meet the next budget allocation.

40/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

40.1 Classics & Canopy Piloting Nationals, 23-25 Jul, RAPA, Germany

Paul Moore reported that the CP event had 18-19 competitors which finished successfully. However 1 competitor had to be red-carded and stood down. Of the proposed 10 rounds in Accuracy only 8 rounds could be completed but the event had seen an increased turnout of competitors. The competitor the Committee had given a permission to compete had behaved in a professional, safe and responsible manner. Due to bad weather, the Style discipline had been unable to take place. Paul Moore had, before the meeting, put forward an informal call to centres that may wish to host the event. Peterlee and South Cerney had expressed an interest and would be submitting a basic price structure in the near future.

Andy Scott stated that each centre would have a 3 weekend window from the 19 September 09 for the event to take place. As entry fees had already been paid to RAPA, in the best interest, the Competitions Committee would ask the dropzone to put on the event so the committee would bear the cost of the judges and of getting the equipment to the event. Also the committee would forgo the entry fee.

It was therefore proposed by Paul Moore that the Competitions Committee would fund Judges and waiver entry fees for those that had paid at the original Style event. This was seconded by Steve Saunders.

Carried

The Committee wished to make it clear that the competition was open to all however selection would fall primarily to those that attended the original Classics & Canopy Piloting Nationals. Paul Moore would provide the new hosting centre with a list of Attendees.

The Criteria for the recording/retraining red carded members was discussed. Further input from Alex Wilson would be required.

Refer to Alex Wilson

A letter from Jeff Chandler, which had been received on the morning of the meeting, had been tabled as this raised some competitor issues with the event. Andy Scott felt that as Kate Charters was not at the meeting no comment could be made on the judging issues arising and would forward the letter on for her comments. Andy Scott would reply to the other issues raised.

Action: Andy Scott

40.2 4-Way & VFS Nationals 8-10 Aug and 4 Way Reserve, 8 Way FS, Artistic, CF and Speed Skydiving Nationals 15-17 Hibaldstow

Martin Soulsby reported that FS Nationals, that were held over 2 weekends; where 47 4-Way teams had taking part, were highly successful. Team Satori set a 20.7 average, a new British record. The Committee wished to extend their congratulations. The 1st weekend event was completed in one day. Martin would like to compliment the judges as the 2 panels of 4 judges worked very well. The Competitions Committee understood the rationale of the drop zone on wishing to take advantage of the current weather and completing in one day. The 2nd weekend was FS 8-way, Artistics and CF, which was completed in 2 days. 7 FS teams took part consisting of 4 open and 3 intermediate. Weed Stoodley had sent; previous to the meeting, a report of Artistics Nationals. 17 teams consisting of 5 Freely A, 5 Freestyle A, 4 Freely B, 1 Freestyle B 1 Skysurf A and 1 Skysurf B with 111 team jumps taking place. Feedback appears to be positive and there were no major issues observed. Martin Soulsby would like to note that having been to a number of World Meets where the Artistics have been frustrating with the speed of judging. It was refreshing to have scores coming out before the next round. Weed agreed, however noted this was assisted by the ongoing and excellent improvements in the Cametrix system for artistic judging plus the fact that a lower number of 'shared' camera flyers were required this year.

Steve Saunders reported that the CF event had been completed and well attended. His report would be ready for the next meeting. Some issues around the running order and judging matters were raised. It was reiterated that you cannot protest a judge's decision; however you could protest the rule. It was felt that the Committee could not comment further on the judging matter and would wait until the next meeting for comment from Kate Charters.

Defer until next meeting

All would like to thank Hibaldstow for their professional and efficient running of the event. Results can be found via <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/national>

40.3 Any other domestic competition issues for 2009

A competitor who met the criteria to enter a Speed event had been disallowed by the CCI of the hosting event. A discussion followed as to the entry criteria and currency requirement for speed skydiving and it was felt that the requirement may need to be reviewed.

Recommend to Clare Murphy

41/09 Domestic Competitions 2010 - Bid forms for 2010 meets not already confirmed

The Committee discussed bid forms for the Nationals, UKSL and Grand Prix events 2010. Bid forms would be sent to all UK centres.

Action: Helen Lucas

42/09 ESL Finals 2009 - UK hosts

Martin Soulsby reported that, with thanks to Lesley Gale, posters had been sent out. Kate Charters was looking to have 7 Judges, 2 panels attending the event. The BPA Operations Manual had been included in the rules. The Committee discussed that the first 10 pre-registered teams would receive BPA T-shirts. The office would email the team leaders as to the sizes required.

Action: Helen Lucas

43/09 International Competitions 2009 already completed

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

The Committee would like to congratulate Volare on the Bronze medal in Freestyle, and Deane Smith on placing 8th and for doing an excellent job as Head of Delegation.

44/09 International Competitions

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

44.1.1 Contracts Update

The BPA Office had yet to receive Team X'Stormin8's completed contracts. Helen Lucas would send a reminder email to Sarah Smith to have these completed and sent to the BPA office.

44.1.2 Uniform Update

The office reported that Dave Stephens of Team XStormin8's kit had collected from the office all bar 2 sets for his team which were collected by Lesley Gale on the day of the meeting. Go Freestyle and Airkix Freestyle would collect their kit from BPS Langar. Paul Applegate would be taking Team Phobia, Team Fusion and Team Sonic Nutz to Skydive Weston. Paul Moore would take Team Kaizen's to BPS Langar. Weed Stoodley would arrange to deliver uniform to Bad Lieutenants. Andy Scott would make arrangements with Volare to collect their t-shirts. The only outstanding kit would be for Escondido.

[Note: On 19 Aug 09 Escondido confirmed that they would collect their uniform from Skydive Airkix on 23 Aug 09]

44.1.3 Insurance Update

Approximately 26 copies of competitor insurance documents were outstanding. The office would email the competitors for any outstanding information.

Action: Helen Lucas

44.2 XXI Adriatic Parachuting Cup 09, Bar Montenegro 11-13 Sept 09

No competitors had expressed an interest to attend the event. The BPA office would inform the organisers that there would be no UK delegation.

Action: Helen Lucas

44.3 5th World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, J'burg South Africa: 1-6 December 2009

44.3.1 Delegation Composition

Based on the top 12 placings from the CP National 2008 invitations had been sent to Brian Vacher, Alastair Macartney, Martin Reynolds, Deane Smith, John Bishop, Sean Sutcliffe, Ed Paxton, Simon Larcombe, Alan Westley, Kieron Hayes, Stuart Storey and Spencer Hogg. Confirmation of attendance was to be received by 28 August.

44.3.2 Contracts Update

1 returned: Alan Westley

Alex Wilson would be asked to follow up responses from the remaining competitors.

To update by date of next meeting.

Action: Alex Wilson

44.3.3 Head of Delegation

The Competitions Committee member Alex Wilson is currently Head of Delegation and needs to confirm his participation.

Action: Alex Wilson

44.3 The ISSA World Cup Series 2009

Clare Murphy was unable to attend today's meeting. The final, hosted by Clare, at Hinton on 3 August was very successful and was well attended. There were no new World records set, however the fastest speed recorded was 306mph. The Committee wished to express its thanks to Clare and Hinton on a very well organised event.

44.5 UK judges and training judges going to International competitions

Kate Charters was unable to attend the meeting.

44.6 UK Delegation clothing for international competitions

Future competitor contracts were to include 'Section d: Competitors are required to attend and wear delegation uniform at the opening, closing and medal ceremonies'.

Action: Helen Lucas

44.7 19th World Parachuting Championships in FS, 14th World Parachuting CF Championships & 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia: 31 Jul - 6 Aug 2010

Invitations were to be sent out to all Nationals medal placing teams to enquire of the level of interest should the 1st placing team be unable to attend.

These would be sent to:

FS 4-Way: Satori (unfunded), Pussy Galore (unfunded) and Sonic Nutz (unfunded)

FS 4-Way Female: Pussy Galore (funded), Storm (unfunded) and Kaizen (unfunded)

FS 8-Way: We'll take it, Brit Chicks and XStormin8 (all unfunded)

VFS (if event takes place): Volare & Bad Lieutenants (all unfunded)

Freefly: Volare (funded), Army Euphoria (unfunded) and Italian Job (unfunded)

Freestyle: Airkix Freestyle (funded), Italian Job Freestyle (unfunded) and Go Freestyle (unfunded)

CF 2-Way Seq: Yappy Dogs, Cellmates & Outcast BKPC (all unfunded)

CF 4-Way Rot: Outcasts, Cannis Barkus (both unfunded)

CF 4-Way Seq: Cellmates 4 and Outcasts (both unfunded)

45/09 Competitions Budget

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

46/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

The Chair reported that items 1 and 3 of the Action Plan were in place.

Item 2: Roadshows, the discipline reps were to advertise their discipline roadshows. Martin Soulsby reminded the Committee that he would be compiling a bid form for the forthcoming FS Roadshows, a template of which he would distribute to the other reps to consider for their disciplines.

Action: Martin Soulsby

47/09 Judging

47.1 2010 Judges training event

Kate Charters was unable to attend the meeting. Paul Moore reported that a Judges training event was planned for April next year at RAPA Lippspringe.

47.2 Certificate of Merit

Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Martin Soulsby that Karla Cole be awarded the Certificate of Merit for her work on the online judging system for IPC.

Carried Unanimously

48/09 Any other business

The Committee discussed that in light of the number of co-opted roles the Committee would in future make the nomination and co-option process clearer so that any member would have the opportunity to put themselves forward for Committee.

The Committee felt they needed to discuss with the current Judges Co-ordinator future nomination format for the role for discussion at the next meeting.

49/09 Date of next meeting

13 October – 1430, BMFA, Chacksfield House, Leics

The meeting closed at 1732.

Ratified electronically by the Council and published on 25 September 2009

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 09 to 30 June 10

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2009 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</p> <p>** 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

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