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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 17 February 2015 at 1300

at the BPA Office, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO)
	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President, STC Chair & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
Observers	Kate Lindsley	-	Team <i>4mula</i>
	Emma Pilkington	-	Team <i>Revolution Freestyle</i>
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Adam Mattacola		
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS

Item Minute

01/15 **Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

02/15 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2014 had been approved electronically by the Committee, ratified by Council, and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

03/15 **Composition of the Competitions Committee 2015**

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting immediately following the inaugural Council meeting for 2015 on AGM day, Saturday 24 January 2015.

Brian Vacher (elected by the Council)	Competitions Chairman & Discipline Rep: CP
Jason Kelleher	Discipline Rep: FS
Mike Lewis	
Ian Marshall	Discipline Rep: Classics
Adam Mattacola	
Gavin McLeod	Discipline Rep: CF

The following are co-opted as non-voting members to carry out the roles listed:

Kate Charters

Judges' Coordinator

Jackie Harper

Discipline Rep: Wingsuit

Mike Lovemore

Discipline Rep: Speed

Weed Stoodley

Discipline Rep: Artistics & VFS

3.1 Vice-Chair

Jason Kelleher proposed that Ian Marshall act as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Mike Lewis. Ian accepted the position.

Carried unanimously

04/15 Matters arising from the minutes

4.1 min 61.1.1 – Competitor feedback from FS Nationals 2014

After discussion the Committee agreed that Target Skysports had done what it could to accommodate the teams within the rules of the Nationals. Jason Kelleher was tasked with approaching Target Skysports to review feedback from the 2014 Nationals to be implemented as appropriate.

Action: Discipline Rep: FS

4.2 min 63.1- Funding for future events

Those present agreed that the current criterion was ambiguous and that it required defining. Points raised were:

- development of teams may fall to the Development Committee
- formation of a separate committee to look at funding for non-elite competitors
- no off year funding for competitors for World Cup events
- off-year coaching support for non-senior teams which works well
- formalisation of the process – Mike Lewis to examine the form and bring ideas to the April meeting

The bids, as circulated to be discussed today, were to be considered under the current funding criteria.

Ongoing

05/15 Cancelled meeting 2 December 2014

To note and inform the new committee of the 3 items of urgency from the December meeting which had been cancelled due to inaccuracy, which had, by email, been voted on and carried.

Noted

06/15 IPC Plenary meeting 2015 – email circulated.

6.1 Interim Report

John Smyth, who was unable to attend the meeting, had sent an interim report to the committee on which John Hitchen, as Alternate Delegate to IPC was able to elaborate on. Key points of the report are listed below and are minuted under the relevant items.

- 1st FAI World Cup in Wingsuit – the committee thanked and congratulated Jackie Harper on her successful bid to host the Meet at Netheravon
- 2nd FAI World Cup in Speed Skydiving
- 2015 World Air Games

07/15 Domestic Competitions 2015

In camera

7.1 Bid form – GP 2-way VFS

As the only bid received, and with the Judges Coordinator confirming the judges availability Jason Kelleher proposed, and was seconded by Ian Marshall that the bid from Hibaldstow be accepted. Please see appendix ii for dates.

Carried unanimously

As no bids were received for GPs in Canopy Piloting, and further GPs in Canopy Formation, the relevant discipline reps would contact centres.

Action: Discipline Reps: CP & CF

The meeting then resumed in open session.

7.2 BPA Open Nationals 2015 – Wingsuit

Jackie Harper had informed the Committee via email that due to a date clash the Meet could no longer take place on the original date, and asked that it be moved to 18 – 19 Sept 2015. Ian Marshall proposed and was seconded by Gavin McLeod that this date be accepted.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Accuracy BPA Open Nationals and Grand Prix – date clash

Brian Vacher reported that on discussion with Headcorn who were holding the GP, that they were willing to move the event to 19 – 20 Sept. The Chair asked that the Committee accept this date.

Accepted

7.4 Nationals and Grand Prix rules

The Secretary emphasised the importance of the draft technical rules, and admin section if able, being completed by the relevant discipline reps as the BPA Office, being generalists, does not have the technical knowledge required. It was not enough to supply the office with a list of changes. The drafts were to be prepared in good time for circulation between the Reps, Judges Coordinator & Judges and to the BPA office by no later than 30 March, as the final drafts will be presented at the April meeting for approval. The Speed discipline rep stated that in order to eliminate confusion he would draft a different section for qualification to complete in Speed.

Action: All Discipline Reps, Judges Coordinator & BPA Office (Trudy Kemp)

7.4.1 Sporting Licences

Tony Butler reminded the Committee that the rules should also state that Sporting Licences were no longer required at National Meets and had supplied text (circulated with the agenda) to be included in the rules. (Min 60/14 refers).

As Sporting Licences were valid between 1st January through to the end of December, and that competitors who may be competing at International events or taking part in records were required to have their sporting licence currency checked on the FAI website, the BPA office would communicate to the membership through social media the importance of applying for the sporting licence early.

Action: Committee Secretary

7.5 Texair Service Contract

The Committee had queries on the contract as supplied by Texair regarding

- An extra day on either side of the competition dates and what exactly does this mean
- BPA membership for assistant
- CP equipment required demonstrating before being included
- 2 separate discipline equipment sets at 1 event and the possibility that it may be billed fully as for 2 events

Ian Marshall would negotiate the above with the assistance of Mike Lewis.

Action: Ian Marshall & Mike Lewis

7.6 Any other domestic competition issues

7.6.1 Team 4mula appeal

The Committee were aware that Team Satori, who had been granted an exemption from the selection criteria to compete at the 2015 FS World Cup (mins 62.6.1 of the Competitions Committee and 83.1.1 of Council refer) and moved team 4mula out of the 4 slots, had since withdrawn from the Meet. Kate Lindsley of Team 4mula gave the Committee a brief overview of impact of the decision both emotionally and financially.

The meeting then moved in camera. Jason Kelleher declared his interest and appropriately left the meeting.

Points raised were:

- The competition rules were clear as to the selection criteria and that exemptions were not part of those criteria
- Teams correctly expecting to be selected to compete at World level by competing at National level and meeting the set selection criteria.

Mike Lewis proposed that as there was no provision for exemptions on selection to International Meets within the BPA Nationals rules that the Committee uphold Team 4mula's appeal and take their decision to Council at its meeting on Saturday 21 February.

Carried unanimously

7.6.2 Competitor Contracts

Following feedback from Karen Bain (min 62.3.2 refers) the Secretary asked that the Discipline Reps stress the importance to the teams competing in their discipline of returning the completed contract to the BPA Office. The contracts for the 2015 International events would be circulated to competitors shortly.

Action: Committee Secretary

7.6.3 Senior 2-way Sequential Trophy

The CF Discipline Rep would make inquiries as to its whereabouts and report back at the April meeting.

Action: Discipline Rep: CF

08/15 International Competitions 2015

8.1 1st FAI World Cup in Wingsuit Performance Flying, 25-29 May, Netheravon, Wiltshire

The Committee congratulated Jackie Harper on her successful bid at IPC Plenary.

8.1.1 Team Selection

A list of qualifiers had been circulated to the Committee. The Secretary questioned the eligibility of one with regard to BPA membership and Sporting Licence purposes. The Wingsuit Discipline Rep had indicated that she was already looking into it.

Action: Discipline Rep: Wingsuit

8.2 8th FAI European & 5th FAI Junior Freefall Style & Accuracy Championships, 22-29 Aug, Erdan, Bulgaria

The Classics Discipline Rep would provide the BPA office with a list of competitors for information and circulation to Committee.

Action: Discipline Rep: Classics

8.3 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 23-29 Aug, Farnham, Canada

Eligible competitors were Brian Vacher, Martin Reynolds, Wez Westley, Si Larcombe, Alexis McNaughton, Chris Lynch, Eddie Monteith, Kieron Haynes, Max Bruffell and Henry Van Halewyn.

8.4 20th FAI World Cup & 13th FAI European Championships in FS, 11th FAI World Cup & 10th FAI European Championships in Arts, 2nd FAI World Cup in Speed Skydiving, 8-12 Sept, Teuge, Netherlands

Eligible competitors, subject to confirmation of slots for 4 teams in Bulletin 1

FS 4-way Open: Voodoo, Vision99, Phoenix & 4mula

FS 4-way Female: Not For The Ordinary (NFTO)

VFS: QFX, Tequilla & First 4 Glory

Freefly: Freefly Euphoria, Varial Freefly & Sky Candy

Freestyle: Freestyle Euphoria, Revolution Freestyle, Last Minute & Shredder

Speed: Jason Bird, Mike Lovemore, Mike Longford, Paul Bantock, Simon Brentford,

Tim Porter, Charles 'Max' Hurd & Glenn Wainwright

The Secretary would send invitations, contracts and Sporting Licence Applications to the teams at the earliest opportunity after the meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary

8.5 2015 World Air Games, 1-12 Dec, Dubai

Reporting back from the IPC Plenary meeting the IPC Delegate reported that parachuting had the largest portion of disciplines, which included FS 4-way & 8-way, Freefly, CF 2-way & 4-way, Canopy Piloting and Speed Skydiving. Clarity was required as to how the invitees would be selected. However based on results from the 2014 Internationals events invitations were extended to:

Speed: Jason Bird & Mike Lovemore

CP: Brian Vacher & Martin Reynolds

The Discipline Reps were to identify possible qualifying teams.

8.6 Heads of Delegation

The Committee noted that 3 applications to act as Head of Delegation to various Meets had been received which will be considered at the April meeting. The Committee invited interested member CVs to be sent to skydive@bpa.org.uk by Noon on Thursday 9 April for circulation and consideration at the 14 April Competitions Committee meeting. The invitation would be posted on social media sites.

Action: Committee Secretary

8.7 Team Funding

This item was held in camera session. Gavin McLeod declared his interest as a CFUK team member.

The Committee considered that, as off-years are generally non-funded for Elite teams, how best they could assist the teams. After due discussion Jason Kelleher proposed that in return for support at coaching roadshows and subject to the presentation of correct receipts, that some funding towards coaching be granted to the teams on the off-year, should the requests meet relevant criteria. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

Based on the funding categories as specified on form 285, Mike Lewis proposed and was seconded by Ian Marshall that the following be awarded:

Freefly Euphoria £2000

Varial Freefly £2000

Freestyle Euphoria £2000

towards coaching costs, based on their medal winning potential, on production of correct receipts, and

QFX £1000

Vision99 £1000

4Mula £1000

Revolution Freestyle £1000

CFUK £1000

Jason Bird £1000

Mike Lovemore £1000

towards coaching costs, paid on production of correct receipts.

The vote for the proposal was For – 3, Against – 0, abstain – 1 (Jason Kelleher)

Carried

The criteria will change for future funding and that future applications will not be considered under the current criteria until the review had taken place.

The meeting then resumed in open session.

09/15 Competitions Budget 2015 and Action Plan 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

The budget and Action plan was circulated before the meeting. Those present deferred the breakdown until its next meeting in April.

9.1 2014 CP Nationals – invoice received from Dunkeswell

At a previous meeting, Min 06/14 refers, the Committee agreed to pay reasonable costs for the hire of the technician and scoring system. An invoice had been received and there were queries regarding travel costs for 2 judges that had come from overseas to train BPA judges – Exi Reiner and Gundel Clements. As the costs were likely to be covered from 2 different budgets of the Action Plan the Committee requested a breakdown of and receipts for the cost of travel for these 2 judges.

Action: Committee Secretary

10/15 Skills Coaching Roadshows

The CF Discipline Rep informed those present that there were 3 CF roadshows planned for Hibaldstow 11-12 April, Langar 13-14 June and Chatteris 8-9 August. Circulated before the meeting were details of 2 VFS and Artistics roadshows: Langar 25-26 April and Beccles 13-14 June.

11/15 Judging Matters not already covered

11.1 Procedure and timing of results for the Awards Ceremony

Recommended procedures had been circulated with the agenda, from both the office and Mary Barratt, in order to provide clarity and transparency of selection for the awards and to assist office admin and medal order for the event. Points highlighted were:

- Fixture spreadsheet to be used by the judges, Coordinator and BPA office to provide ongoing information
The Judges Coordinator advised the Committee that 2 laptop computers had not yet been ordered. Min 37.1 of the June 2014 Competitions Committee meeting refers.
- Judges Coordinator to liaise with event judges to confirm award winners, and to liaise with the winners.

- Results and team information to the BPA office by the October meeting for record at the Competitions Committee meeting of that month and office admin/medal order in good time to cover any errors made. **Agreed**

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11.1.1 2-way Intermediate CF Overall result error

Due to a basic error, discovered 2 days before the ceremony, another team had been awarded the overall medal. This had caused inconvenience to both teams who may or may not have been coming to the Award Ceremony to collect their medal, and the office admin preparation of the event. The Committee thanked Mary Barratt of CREW Fairies for her recommendations which they believed may help with future ceremonies, notwithstanding basic human error, and were content that the Judges Coordinator had apologised for her error. The BPA office would advise Mary Barratt of the agreed recommended procedures.

Action: Committee Secretary

11.2 Judges Free Membership

The list of those eligible for free membership had been passed to the Office, and were noted by the Committee.

Noted

11.3 Up and Coming Camera Person Award Criteria

The Judges Coordinator reported that this will be discussed at the forthcoming judges training seminar, to be held in April at Dunkeswell. The agreed criteria would be forwarded to the office for notification to the Committee and insertion to the Committee Handbook.

Action: Judges Coordinator

12/15 Any other business

14.1 Tender document for Delegation clothing

The Secretary informed the Committee that a tender document had been drafted and informed them that it would be circulated to Committee before wider distribution.

13/14 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 14 April, 16 June, 11 August and 6 October and 1 December at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1720

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 14 to 30 June 15

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2014 medal winning performance	2015 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2015 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2014	£77024
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2014 Supported events	2015 Continued support of events	Jun 2015	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	2014 UK pool of 18 Judges	2015 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to non-National UK events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings • Supply of Judges Jackets & T-shirts 	£12000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2014 Current holding	2015 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2015	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£6000
5. Delegation Uniform	2014 Delegation uniform	2015 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets & polo shirts 	£5000**
6. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2014 Not available Off year	2015 Coaching Support	Jun 2015	Coaching support for National Champion 2014 teams of all disciplines moving to progress to higher event that meet the criteria of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having won Nationals in 2014 • Have 75% of their team (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2015 Nationals at a higher level 	£10000
7. Development of a Committee Handbook	2014 Not available	2015 Booklet available to Committee members	Jun 2015 and on going	Reference guide to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Roles of Committee members & ex officio • Agenda salient points and timetable • Secretariat role • Forms for reference 	£1000

**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund



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Competitions Dates 2015

British Open Nationals 2015

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics – Accuracy	Skydive Swansea	22 – 24 May 2015
Canopy Formation	BKPC	10 – 12 Jul 2015
Canopy Piloting	Skydive UK Ltd, Dunkeswell	24 – 26 July 2015
VFS 4-way	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	15 – 16 Aug 2015
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	22 – 24 Aug 2015
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		29 – 31 Aug 2015
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	tbc
Wingsuit Performance	APA Netheravon	12 -13 Sept 2015

UKSL & Grand Prix 2015

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP VFS 2-way Meet 1	Target Skysports	16 – 17 May 2015
GP VFS 2-way	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	27 – 28 June 2015
GP Canopy Formation	Army Parachute Association	19 – 20 Sept 2015
GP Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	19 – 20 Sept 2015
UKSL Meet 1	BPS Langar	23 – 24 May 2015
UKSL Meet 2	Army Parachute Association	20 – 21 June 2015
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	18 – 19 July 2015