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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 1300

at the offices of BMFA, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Tash Higman		
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS (from item 23.1.4)
	Mike Lewis		
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (to item 26.4)
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
Observers	Sue Del-Toro	-	BPA Judge
	Ruth Ferris	-	BPA Judge
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate

Item Minute

19/16 **Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

20/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 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/>

21/16 **Matter arising from the minutes**

21.1 **Competitions Coordinator**

The Committee warmly welcomed Meghan Sheedy to the fold and looked forward to working with her.

22/16 **BPA Judges Procedures**

Tash Higman reported that feedback was more positive once people were made aware of the purpose of the document, and had received a number of notes from judges and Committee which she would collate in a redraft of the document. Tash proposed that she progress the document for review by Competitions Committee at its October meeting. Seconded by Mike Lewis. **Carried unanimously**

23/16 Domestic competition rules 2016

The BPA Office made the Committee aware that due to some of the rules being returned to the office too late for circulation to the hosting centres, that the rules could be approved subject to DZ confirmation, unless otherwise stated below.

23.1.1 Accuracy

Nationals: Tash Higman proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall that the Accuracy Nationals rules be approved.

Carried unanimously

Grand Prix: There was a slight typographical error on the title. Tash Higman proposed, subject to typo edit, that the rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

23.1.2 Canopy Piloting

Nationals: The CP Discipline Rep had confirmed with the host that the admin section of the rules were correct. The Committee recognised that a few amendments were required regarding the 'carve' and Sporting Licence requirement. Brian Vacher proposed, and was seconded by Mike Lewis, that with the amendments the rules be approved.

Carried unanimously

Grand Prix: The CP Discipline Rep required clarity as to whether the event would be a Grand Prix or a private event therefore no rules were available at this time.

23.1.3 Speed

Nationals: With the removal of the Junior category and wording specific to that category, and Sporting Licence requirement Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Tash Higman, that the amended draft be accepted.

Carried unanimously

23.1.4 Canopy Formation

Nationals: The CF Discipline Rep confirmed that the DZ had agreed the admin section. Tash Higman, seconded by Ian Marshall, proposed that these rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Grand Prix: There were no major changes. Therefore, Tash Higman, seconded by Ian Marshall proposed the rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

23.1.5 Artistics

Nationals: With minor amendments Tash Higman proposed, seconded by Gavin McLeod, that the rules be approved.

Carried unanimously

23.1.6 VFS

Nationals – 4-way VFS: With minor changes Mike Lewis proposed and was seconded by Tash Higman, that the rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Grand Prix – 2-way VFS: Tash Higman, seconded by Ian Marshall, proposed that the rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

23.1.7 Formation Skydiving

The FS Discipline Rep explained that due to work commitments he had been unable to focus time on amending the FS rules for 2016 but had a view to circulating to the Committee by email by Friday 22 April. The Chair asked that if there were difficulties meeting this deadline that he considers delegating.

23.1.8 Entry Form

Mike Lewis proposed, seconded by Gavin McLeod, that the Entry Form be accepted.

Carried unanimously

23.1.9 Wingsuit

The Wingsuit rules had not been received and there was no mention of them.

24/16 Election of Judges Coordinator

Taken from agenda order on the arrival of Jason Kelleher.

Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Gavin McLeod, that Kate Charters be elected as Judges Coordinator. The vote was For: 3 Against: 1 Abstain: 1

Carried

25/16 Domestic Competitions 2016

25.1 BPA British Open Nationals in Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics, 27-30 May, APA Netheravon

25.1.1 Team selection for FCE Wingsuit Acrobatics, Zephyrhills, Florida

The Committee noted a request received from the WS Discipline Rep that put forward 2 teams that had qualified at the 2015 BPA British Open Nationals, and requested that the 2016 BPA British Open Nationals be considered as a selection event for 2 further teams to attend the 2016 FCE in Zephyrhills. After due discussion Tash Higman proposed, and was seconded by Ian Marshall, that only teams from the 2015 Nationals are selected, as per the rules set in the funding document.

Carried unanimously

25.1.2 Request to fund Paralog equipment and Judge

A request to assist with funding the specialist judge and equipment, and a copy of the Paralog PPC Licence and Flysight Loaner Agreement had been circulated to the Committee with the agenda. After due consideration Ian Marshall proposed to fund the Paralog equipment and Judge up to £1500, if funds were available. Seconded by Mike Lewis.

Carried

25.2 Any domestic competition issues

25.2.1 Safety at Nationals – deferred from Feb 16 meeting

The Committee supported teams that wished to stand down if they believed that conditions were not favourable for the team to complete the jump safely, but recognised that further information was required from the hosting PTO as to the logistics of calling the event after 2 days. The Chair would discuss the matter with the Simon Donnelly.

Action: Chair

25.2.2 BPA British Open Nationals in CF 2016

To formally record date change to 5 – 7 August 2016.

26/16 International Competitions 2016

26.1 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, 20-27 Aug, Farnham, Canada

The bulletin had not yet been released.

[Secretary's note: The bulletin was released on 22 April and was currently being viewed by the Committee Secretary and Competitions Coordinator in preparation for circulation]

26.1.2 BPA Judges invited to attend by FAI

Paul Moore and Nicky Young.

26.2 2016 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-20 Sep, Chicago, USA

The bulletin had just been released and the BPA office required advice from the Committee as to whether it was acceptable for the delegation to register themselves through the online process, as they recognised that there may be issues with the timing of the office refurbishment. The Committee were content to allow the delegation to register individually with the BPA office making the entry fee bank transfer.

26.2.1 BPA Judges invited to attend by FAI

CF – Richard Del-Toro

Artistics – Liz Warner

Accuracy – Bob King

FS – Bob Charters

26.3 2nd World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 11-16 Oct, Warsaw, Poland

26.3.1 Head of Delegation

The Committee acknowledged that a CV had been received, but requested that the role be made known publically through the Minutes and through the social media platforms available.

Action: BPA Office

26.3.2 Delegation Uniform

Jason Kelleher proposed that as this year it would be a BPA delegation, that the delegation be given the full BPA uniform. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried

26.3.3 Registration

The registration process was to be the same as last year, with the teams registering themselves and the BPA office signing to confirm BPA membership and current Sporting Licence.

26.3.4 Team Selection

The Artistics Discipline Rep had circulated eligible Artistics teams, from the highest placing GBR registered teams at the selection event - Bodyflight World Challenge 2016:

2-way Dynamic – The Dynamos, Dark Matter and Unicorn FF

As these disciplines were not contested no selections could be made in Solo Freestyle, 4-way Dynamic, 4-way VFS. The Rep requested that other events, such as BPA Artistics Nationals, be taken into consideration. The Rep had also provided a list of teams eligible, from the same selection event:

FS 4-way – Satori, Vision, ACM, Co Motion, Chimera, Eclipse and Phoenix

FS 4-way Female – Volition and NFTO

No final selection has been made at this point.

26.3.5 BPA Judges invited to attend by FAI

Liz Warner - FS

The Committee moved in-camera.

26.4 1st FAI World Wingsuit Performance Flying Championships & 1st World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatics, 2-11 Nov, Zephyrhills, Florida

26.4.1 Head of Delegation

Tash Higman and Mike Lewis declared an interest as jumpers at Netheravon.

However, the Chair believed that this would not be an issue for this item.

1 CV had been received, from Mark Bayada. After due consideration Jason Kelleher proposed, and was seconded by Mike Lewis, that Mark Bayada act as Head of Delegation.

Carried unanimously

26.4.2 Competitor change & funding allocation

The Wingsuit Discipline Rep informed the Committee, by email, that Joseph Likerman was now unable to compete, and asked that Al Bradie take his place and that the agreed funding allocation for Joseph be brought down to Al. Mike Lewis proposed that Al Bradie take the place of Joseph Likerman and that the entry fee element of the funding of £650, be passed down to Al, without the training element.

Carried unanimously

The meeting continued in open session.

26.4.3 BPA Judges invited to attend by FAI

Kate Charters – Chief Judge, Dave McMinn – Event Judge and Frank Mallabone

26.5 Competitor Contract

Mike Lewis reported that there were still some updates required.

Action: Mike Lewis, agenda next meeting

26.6 Judges attending International events 2016

Judges attending International events have been listed under the appropriate competitions. The Committee congratulated those chosen to judge at International events and were proud to have such a representation. They then thanked Tash Higman for providing the list and updates.

27/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

Weed reported on various aspects of the budget and plan, and was pleased to report that all outstanding remittances to the British Team Fund had been received.

27.1 Equipment & Judges costs for 2014 & 2015 – Skydive Buzz Ltd

The Committee noted that reasonable costs for equipment to the 2014 Nationals had been agreed at its meeting in February 2013, but no such provision had been made for 2015 and that no request had been received from Skydive Buzz to cover equipment for 2015 Nationals prior to the invoice being sent. It was not clear if the judges' costs, were for the 3 2015 Grand Prix, or for the Nationals which, as per the bid form held 'at no cost to the BPA'. Mike Lewis proposed that the judges meals element needs removal from the invoice, that documentation for equipment used at 2015 Nationals was required and a budget for 2016 Nationals be produced before sending an invoice, should they be looking to request assistance from the Committee. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried unanimously. Action: Committee Secretary

27.2 In-Time Scoring System – deferred from February 2016 meeting

After due discussion the Committee asked that Kate Charters discuss with In-time and report back at the next meeting, or if possible to arrange presenters to attend the meeting in June.

Action: Judges Coordinator

28/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 – see appendix ii

Weed Stoodley had produced and circulated the 2016/17 budget based on figures provided by the Financial Administrator, and allocated budgets to the draft Action Plan with which the Committee were content. Jason Kelleher proposed and was seconded by Tash Higman, that the draft budget and Action Plan be recommended to Council at its meeting tonight.

Carried unanimously. Recommend to Council

29/16 Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Artistic Discipline Rep had circulated her roadshow dates via social media. The Speed Discipline Rep reported on an event to be held at Skydive Buzz, by Max Bruffell as part of his 'give back' for funding. The Chair reiterated the need to utilise social media to encourage attendance.

30/16 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda

30.1 Judges Training Seminar, 16-17 April 2016

The Judges Coordinator reported that the seminar had been well attended.

30.2 Judges currency

The Judges Coordinator reported that Paul Moore had been not included on the IPC Nomination list, and that he had not judged BPA competitions for a number of years yet had been chosen to judge at an international event. The Committee Secretary responded that unless the BPA office were informed of the judges currency they would not know of any amendments required. The Judges Coordinator was tasked with collating the required information by 30 September for distribution and discussion at the October meeting in order for the IPC Judges Nomination list to be completed correctly

Action: Judges Coordinator

31/16 Any other business

31.1 CF 2-way Trophy

The CF Discipline Rep informed the Committee that the trophy had no further room for winners engraved shields. The Accuracy Discipline Rep added that an Accuracy trophy was also required. Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Gavin McLeod, that these 2 trophies be purchased alongside the speed 8 trophy.

Carried unanimously

31.2 Judging Scoresheets

The BPA Office queried whether the paper copies of scoresheets for each discipline were required by the hosting DZ or the judges. The Judges Coordinator replied that they were no longer required.

31.3 Judges Logbooks

It was reported that the judges FAI logbooks required endorsement with the BPA embossing stamp.

31.3 2-way CF, team competing at Chicago

The CF Discipline Rep reported that team CRWSaders now required a videographer.

32/16 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 14 June, 9 August, 4 October and 29 November at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1633

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 15 to 30 June 16

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2015 medal winning performance	2016 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2016 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2015	£166,573*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2015 Supported events	2016 Continued support of events	Jun 2016	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2015 UK pool of 20 Judges	2016 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2016	<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 	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2015 Current holding	2016 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2016	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£6,000
5. Delegation Uniform	2015 Delegation uniform	2016 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets & polo shirts • Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution 	£5000**
<p>*Target 1: Includes carry forward from 2014/15 **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17 **DRAFT**

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2017 medal winning performance	2018 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2018 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2016	£71,434*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2016 Supported events	2017 Continued support of events	Jun 2017	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2016 UK pool of 22 Judges	2017 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2017	<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 • Judging Equipment Specialists 	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2016 Current holding	2017 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2017	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£6000
5. Delegation Uniform	2016 Delegation uniform	2017 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets & polo shirts • Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution 	£5000*
6. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2016 Not available Off year	2017 Coaching Support	Jun 2017	Coaching support for National Champion 2016 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 2016 • Have 60% of their team (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2017 Nationals at a higher level 	£8000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2016 6 Officials	2017 Continued funded support	Jun 2017	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£6000**
<p>*Target 1: to be carried forward to the 2017/2018 Action Plan **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund ***Target 7: Reoccurring item</p>					



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Competitions Dates 2016

As at 9 Oct 2015

British Open Nationals 2016

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	27 - 30 May 2016
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	22 – 24 July 2016
Canopy Formation	Black Knights Parachute Centre	22 – 24 July 2016
Formation Skydiving 4-way VFS 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	20 – 22 Aug 2016
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		27 – 29 Aug 2016
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	26 – 29 Aug 2016
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	17 – 18 September 2016

UKSL & Grand Prix 2016

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	14 – 15 May 2016
GP Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	18 – June 2016
GP VFS 2-way	APA Netheravon	9 – 10 July 2016
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 1	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	18 – 19 June 2016
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 2	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	17 – 18 Sept
UKSL Meet 1	Skydive Langar	7 – 8 May 2016
UKSL Meet 2	APA Netheravon	11 – June 2016
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Hibaldstow	16 – 17 July 2016