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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 1350

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Tash Higman	-	Vice Chair
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Pete Mather	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
In attendance:	Nick Bunting	-	Council Member
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Jeff Montgomery	-	Safety & Technical Officer
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (from item 8.6.2)
Observers	Jason Kelleher		
	Weed Stoodley		
Apologies	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF

Item Minute

01/17 Composition of Competitions Committee 2017

Those attending introduced themselves, and the Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting following the AGM on Saturday 28 January 2017.

Brian Vacher (elected by Council)	Competitions Chair & Discipline Rep – Canopy Piloting (CP)
Tash Higman	Vice-Chair
Kate Charters	Judges Coordinator

And the following voting members, from those who had volunteered, as discussed and agreed by Chairs Martin Soulsby (Council), Brian Vacher (Competitions), Adrian Bond (Communications), Craig Poxon (Development) and Jeff Montgomery (Safety & Technical Officer) on 3 February 2017.

Emma Hart	Discipline Rep: Artistics
Mike Lovemore	Discipline Rep: Speed

Ian Marshall
Pete Mather
Georgie Vacher

Discipline Rep: Classics
Discipline Rep: Formation Skydiving (FS)*
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*1 vote only

Gavin McLeod
Mike Williams
Michael Wilson-Roberts

Discipline Rep: Canopy Formation (CF)
Discipline Rep: Wingsuiting (WS)
Discipline Rep: Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS)

The Committee wished to thank Jason Kelleher: former FS Rep, Jackie Harper: former WS Rep and Weed Stoodley: former Artistics Rep for their hard work in representing their disciplines in the previous years.

02/17 Communications to the Committee

The Chair spoke of the various platforms in which the Committee could communicate through. Nick Bunting advised that any agreement made through electronic means would require ratification at the subsequent meeting. A better solution would be a forum on the BPA website and generic BPA email addresses. **Defer to Development Committee**

03/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2017 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/>

Nick Bunting advised the Chair and Committee Secretary that minutes can be approved via email but should be ratified with a hardcopy of the Minutes being signed as a true record at the subsequent meeting.

04/17 Matter arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere on the agenda

4.1 Team Volition – Minute 82.1 refers

Clarity was sought of the actual allocated funding. Tash Higman proposed that for clarity the allocated funding total £10340, made up of £7740 coaching only and up to £650 per person in entry fees. Should the published entry fees be less than the allocated amount the difference could not be re-claimed. Pete Mather counter proposed that the allocated funding be capped at £7740 which included entry fees. Again, should the published entry fees be less than the allocated amount the difference could not be re-claimed. Seconded by Georgie Vacher. The vote for the counter proposal was: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstention: 1 (Mike Lovemore)

Carried

05/17 Committee Terms of Reference

The Secretary informed those present that the Terms of Reference required redrafting to include volunteer voting members and that the draft would be circulated by email when ready.

06/17 IPC Plenary 2017 – Report by BPA Delegate to IPC

The Delegate, speaking to his paper circulated with the agenda highlighted some points:

- World Cup dates for Wingsuit (listed under International Competition dates)
- Indoor Skydiving – aspects of and forthcoming indoor events beyond 2017

07/17 Domestic Competitions 2017

7.1 BPA National Championship in Wingsuit Acrobatics, APA Netheravon and BPA Nationals in Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics 2017 Rules

The Committee recognised that there was the potential for those attending that they may be competing to different rules than those as provided by the FAI. Tash Higman proposed that the dates and fees as they stand on the bid be accepted. Seconded by Mike Williams.

Carried unanimously

The Committee were content with the rules as provided by Jackie Harper, former WS Discipline Rep.

7.2 BPA Nationals, Grand Prix and UKSL rules

The Competitions Coordinator informed those present that copies of the previous year's rules and associated agreed bid forms had been circulated to the relevant Discipline Reps. The Chair asked the Reps to draft the rules from the international rule changes document available on the FAI website, and to forward these drafts at the earliest opportunity in order for the Judges to view, subject to FAI rules being published in March that may result in any further changes.

7.3 BPA National Championship in VFS 4-way

Michael Wilson-Roberts was in discussion with 2 centres and required the bid forms. The completed bid forms were to be sent to the BPA by 28 February so they may be circulated to Committee for email agreement to be ratified at the meeting in April.

Action: Committee Secretary and Discipline Rep: VFS

The Committee discussed further the intentions of APA Netheravon, who had tendered and won the discipline event for 3 years, 2018 being their final year. Confirmation would be sought as to APA's intentions for 2018.

Discipline Rep: VFS

Nick Bunting advised that a good process to have in place would be to have a standardised contractual agreement that both BPA and event hosts would then sign. Tash Higman would look to develop a standardised contract and risk register.

Action: Vice-Chair

7.4 BPA National Championships in Speed 8, UK Parachuting Sibson

Tash Higman proposed, and was seconded by Michael Wilson-Roberts, that the dates and fees as provided by UK Parachuting Sibson be accepted. Dates in annex ii.

Carried unanimously

7.5 BPA UKSL FS 4-way rules 2017

Wording of point 1n of Form 165(i) would be amended to better reflect that a team may forfeit league points should they change a team member who had not been registered as an alternate.

7.6 Judges attending BPA competitions

As the Judges Coordinator was not present the Competitions Secretary would ask for an attendance list once judges had been allocated.

Action: Committee Secretary

08/17 International Competitions 2017

All invited teams and individuals are subject to change on the release of the relevant first bulletins confirming available slots, and that the teams/individual have competed at a suitable level of safety. The Competitions Coordinator asked those who had not already sent through team leader contact details to please do so for invitation purposes.

Action: Competitions Coordinator and Discipline Reps

8.1 FAI World Cups & European Championships in Canopy Formation, Speed Skydiving, Artistics and FS, 7-12 Aug 2017, Saarlouis, Germany

FS 4-way Open: Satori XL (declined), 4Mula, Vision (declined) and T4 Rex. Reserve list: Eclipse (AAA 4th place), Chimera (AAA 6th place) and Phoenix (AAA 7th place)

FS 4-way Women: NFTO (declined), Unicorn Magic Flytastic, Kesshin and PTW

FS 8-way: Microclim8, Ex-Presidents (declined) ZKR, Project Ride the Dragon. Following the declined invitation it was extended to Awkward Turtles

Freefly: Varial Freefly and Euphoria. Reserve list: Parallel, Aquilia and Mongsnake

Freestyle: Volosity and Varial. Reserve list: Revolution and Clumsy Ninjas

VFS: Omni, QFX, Excite 99 and ACDC

Speed: Mikey Lovemore, Max Hurd, Jason Bird, James Parker, Cezery Krzyczkowski and Matt Byrne (since declined). Reserve list: Barrie Bremner, Paul Bantock and Lucy Westgarth

Canopy Formation: On confirmation of their eligibility CRWSaders (4-way Rotations) would receive an invitation.

Action: Discipline Rep: CF

8.2 9th FAI European & 6th Junior European Championships in Style & Accuracy, 24-31 Aug 2017, Podgorica, Montenegro

Those who had expressed interest to attend: Esther Reynolds and Les Carroll.

8.3 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship, 20-22 Oct 2017, Laval, Quebec, Canada

FS 4-way Open: Satori XL

FS 4-way Woman: Volition

Dynamic 2-way: The Dynamos and Dark Matter

Dynamic 4-way: not contested at the designated selection event of the World Indoor Bodyflight 2016. Also, there were no teams that may have competed in a similar event.

The Discipline Reps for Artistics and VFS would look into BPA events that may offer team/individuals of a suitable standard in outdoor skydiving that may also have experience in indoor skydiving or who had competed at a previous international indoor event.

Possibles were:

Freestyle Open: Jamie Arnold
VFS 4-way: Omni

8.4 2nd FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying, 2-8 Nov 2017, Overton, USA

Performance: Spike Harper, Paul Cain, Tony Uragallo, Jackie Harper, Steve Murfin, Matt Peerless, Kevin Tucker, Al Bradie, Jonathan Charles, Keith Skelley, Kraig Evans and Redy Redfern

Acrobatics: Tutti Frutti, Per Aeris, Flight Junkies and Haldron SuperColliders. The Wingsuit Discipline Rep would ensure the experience of the teams before an invitation would be sent.

Action: Discipline Rep: WS

8.5 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

Eligible individuals: Alexis McNaughton, Brian Vacher, Henry Van Halewyn, Chris Lynch, Ed Paxton, Jack Bradford, Maxine Tate and Georgie Vacher.

8.6 Call for Heads of Delegations/Team Managers

The Committee Secretary would put a call through social media ie Facebook, Twitter and the e-newsletter for those who may wish to apply to send in their CV with their experience of competitions to the Committee Secretary: skydive@bpa.org.uk by 1700 on Weds 12 April 2017.

Action: Committee Secretary

8.6.1 Heads of Delegation Aide Memoir

The Committee noted the amendments to the Aide Memoir as circulated with the agenda.

Action: Committee Secretary

8.6.2 Draft Heads of Delegation Expenses Form 143(F)

The Secretary had drafted the form to make it relevant to the expenditure of the Heads of Delegation.

09/17 Indoor World Cup 2018

The summary of the proposal by Pete Mather, seconded by Michael Wilson-Roberts was that the results of the British Indoor Nationals and World Challenge 7-8 April 2017 will be used by the Competitions Committee for the guidance of selecting the indoor skydiving teams for representation at the Indoor World Cup 2018, subject to the teams/individuals meeting selection criteria such as age criteria, Sporting Licence eligibility and BPA membership.

Carried unanimously

10/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan 1 July to 30 June 2017

Tash Higman spoke to her budget plan circulated with the agenda. Weed explained to the new committee members the timing of the budget, which was not in line with the tax or competition year. Therefore, what may look to be an overspend may simply be the timing of when an amount of funds is allocated to when that amount is then claimed and reimbursed. The Chair encouraged new members that if they have any queries to please ask.

10.1 Uniform Tender Documents

All documents would be circulated to the new members and discussion and decision was deferred until the April meeting.

Defer until next meeting –April

10.2 Team Funding Allocation Breakdown, for funded teams

2 forms had been drafted, which were to be consolidated and tied in with the team contract.

Action: Committee Secretary

10.3 Targeted Coaching Support document draft

Jason Kelleher had furnished the Secretary with the relevant details and a draft form was compiled. A further re-draft was required and was to be circulated to the Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

10.4 Guidelines for allocated funding claims

The Chair spoke to his paper which detailed what can be claimed from allocated funding, for example coaching and tunnel time, and listed services which were not included such as travel costs and sundries. Nick Bunting advised that all previous versions should be rescinded and all precedents should be stopped. Nick recommended that Council should adopt it as a policy/expenses policy.

Defer to Council

11/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

The Secretary would provide those present with the template, and the Chair advised that the draft should be ready for the April meeting.

Action: Committee & Secretary – next meeting - April

12/17 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Chair of Council, who took care of the social media requirements of the BPA, asked those that once they had arranged a BPA Roadshow to advertise through every possible media channel.

The Rep for Speed informed the Committee that he had 3 Roadshows agreed:

22-23 April – Skydive North West

17-18 June – Skydive Langar

5-6 Aug – Target Skysports

13/17 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda

13.1 Judges Free Membership

A list of what appeared to be eligible judges had been circulated to the Committee with the agenda.

13.2 Judges Contact List

The updated list had been forwarded to the Judges Coordinator to check ratings etc. A response was required in order to update the membership database upon judge's membership renewals.

13.3 Judges Training Seminar

The date given was 18-19 March at Headcorn.

13.4 BPA Senior Judges

The Secretary asked what the process was now we had a list of Senior Judges who were qualified to train. The Chair would ask the Judges Coordinator.

Action: Chair

14/17 Any other business

14.1 Defining the roles of non-elected voting Committee members

The Secretary was concerned that currently it looked that those who had volunteered had been selected and agreed by the Committee Chairs to become a member of the Committee to fulfil the roles of Discipline Reps. Nick Bunting advised that the Committee that they would need to be clear about who was 'ex-officio' who was therefore able to attend and gets a vote, and who was 'co-opted' who could attend but there were legal issues surrounding their contribution to the decision making of the Committee.

14.2 Good procedure

Nick Bunting advised the Secretary to include Declarations of Interest on the agenda and to have copies of the signed Form 295 – Register of Interests form for all Committee members. He added that she would require written permission of those attending before recording of the meeting go ahead.

15/17 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 25 April, 13 June, 8 August, 3 October and 28 November.

The meeting closed at 1725

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17

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	£101,437*
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 member's 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. Selection year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2016 Not available Championship 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 remain the same – including videographer (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 2017

BPA National Championships 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	26-29 May 2017
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	2-4 Aug 2017 (Weds-Fri)
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	19-21 Aug 2017
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving (Back-up weekend of FS 4-way)		26-28 Aug 2017 Back-up weekend FS 8- way, Arts & Speed 2-4Sep 2017)
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz	1-3 Sep 2017
Canopy Formation	BKPC	8-10 Sep 2017
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	16-17 Sept 2017

BPA UKSL & BPA Grand Prix 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 1	Skydive Buzz	6-7 May 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Langar	10-11 Jun 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3	Skydive North West	15-16 Jul 2017
Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	9-10 Jul 2017
GP Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz,	5-6 Aug 2017
GP Accuracy Meet 1	Skydive Headcorn	13-14 May 2017
GP Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Buzz	15-16 Jul 2017