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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Tash Higman	-	Acting Chair, Judges Coordinator
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Mark Bayada		
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts (via Skype to item 71.2)
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 68)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President
	Joy Ledger	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
<b>Observers</b>	Anna Hicks	-	Team: NFTO
	Vana Parker	-	Team: NFTO
	Sian Stokes	-	Team: NFTO
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Brian Vacher	-	Chair

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### Item Minute

**64/18** **Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**  
These would be declared under the relevant item.

**65/18** **Minutes**  
After receiving clarification on 2 points the Chair duly signed the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 September 2018, which had been circulated electronically to the Committee and Council and would be ratified at Council later that evening. The Minutes were to be published on the BPA website:  
<http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

The meeting then went in-camera. The Vice-Presidents and COO were invited to stay.

**66/18** **Matters arising**  
**66.1** **Varial Freestyle**

The Secretary was happy to report that 1 team member had repaid in full. Further communication to the remaining team members was required.

**Action: Secretary & COO**

**67/18** **NFTO** – contract terms and conditions  
Taken from agenda order.

Those present discussed the intricacies of a team line-up change which constituted a breach of contract. The FS Rep proposed that as the team had effectively made their team line-up change early, the 5 team members that registered at the FS Nationals in 2018 are the chosen line-up for the FS World Cup in 2019. No further changes to the line-up would be permitted. Seconded by Mark Bayada. **Carried unanimously**

**68/18 Query re Open & Female category funding**

Taken from agenda order.

The documents were circulated for information only, as this was a main item on the Council agenda for its meeting later. **Council**

The team were invited back into the meeting and were informed of the decision regarding the breach of contract. The Chair explained that should there be extenuating circumstances that may require a change of team member during the year that a request is brought to the committee's attention in order that it may be discussed.

The meeting then moved back in-camera.

**69/18 BPA Competitions 2019**

**69.1 BPA National in CF**

1 bid received, from Skydive Buzz. The committee were content with the information supplied and agreed the bid, with the dates 8-10 Sept.

**69.2 BPA National in WS Performance & Acrobatics**

1 bid received, from Skydive Buzz. The committee agreed the bid. Dates presented were 1 July as the registration day, and the competition to run 2-4 July.

**69.3 RAeC Queen's Cup Air Race**

After due discussion Mark Bayada proposed that Target Skysports be approached as to their willingness to host the Queen's Cup alongside the BPA FS 4-way Nationals. With their agreement BPA would place a bid on their behalf. Seconded by Mary Barratt.

**Carried unanimously**

**69.4 Grand Prix – Speed**

The Speed Rep put forward an idea of Speed Grand Prix. Those present considered this would be an excellent opportunity to also train judges and provide the sponsored athletes an event other than Roadshows at which to coach, in order to fulfil their obligation to the sponsorship contract. The Rep would look into setting this up in the new season.

**69.5 BPA Nationals in Artistics and Speed**

As no bids had been received for Nationals in Artistics or Speed the Secretary would re-draft the bid form for circulation to all PTOs. **Action: Secretary**

**69.6 BPA National in CP**

Georgie Vacher expressed her interest as a CP competitor however those present believed she would be able to contribute to the discussion.

Mike Lovemore declared his interest as an employee of Skydive Buzz but had no contribution to the discussion.

No official bid had been placed but communication from the CP Rep had yielded 1 proposal from Skydive Buzz to host the event for 3 years at an annual cost to BPA, and an offer from Skydive Pink Klatovy for our athletes to enter their competition in the Open category with no additional costs, and indicated that they hosted the German and Czech Nationals in the same capacity. BPA would provide BPA National medals and trophies.

After due discussion Mark Bayada proposed the 2019 CP Nationals be held at Skydive Pink Klatovy, in their Open category, on 14-18 August. Seconded by Mary Barratt.

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 3 (Emma Hart, Mike Lovemore, Mike Williams)

**70/18 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

The Chair briefed those present and answered queries pertaining to the circulated document. The committee were satisfied with the document but all recognised that there were areas that may require additional information or amendment. The Chair would circulate a revised version. Those present echoed John Smyth's thanks to the Chair for her continued work on the financial aspects.

## **71/18 International Competitions 2019**

### **71.1 Sponsorship Allocations**

Mike Williams and Mary Barratt declared their interest as they had submitted sponsorship applications. Tash Higman left as whilst not applying for herself her team members are. The FS Rep temporarily took the Chair and explained the spreadsheet with the allocations calculated as the previous year – Placing, team members, medal chance and discipline size. Mark Bayada, seconded by the Speed Rep, proposed the allocations per team/individual as presented on the spreadsheet. **Carried**

[Secretary's note: Following a decision at Council (min 80 of the Council minutes refers) that evening a spreadsheet with the new allocations was circulated and agreed by the Competitions Committee.]

The meeting continues in open session.

### **71.2 International Competitions 2019 - team lists**

Complete team lists were required for all 2019 international events. Invitations were to now go to all eligible athletes. **Action: Competitions Coordinator**

Clarification was sought and given, that an athlete could not claim their sponsorship allocation if they did not attend a FCE on the grounds of concern for their personal safety, unless written advice was received from the Foreign Office.

## **72/18 Wingsuit Flocking Record 2015**

Those present confirmed that there was no time limit as to when a record could be claimed and agreed the record to be uploaded to the BPA website. Congratulations to all involved.

**Action: Competitions Coordinator**

## **73/18 International Competitions 2018**

### **73.1 18<sup>th</sup> FAI World Championship in CF, 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Championship in FS, 12<sup>th</sup> FAI World Championship in Artistics and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Championships in Speed Skydiving, 4-12 Oct, Gold Coast, Queensland**

The committee thanked John Smyth, Head of Delegation for the athletes attending, for his full report. Congratulations to NFTO on their Silver in FS 4-way Female, Max Hurd for Bronze in Speed Skydiving and Volosity for Silver in Freestyle.

### **73.2 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 25-28 Oct, Zallaq, Bahrain**

The committee thanked John Smyth for his report and presented their congratulations to NFTO on Gold in FS 4-way Female.

Those present thanked John Smyth on his continued involvement as Head of Delegation.

## **74/18 Judging Matters**

### **74.1 Artistics Judges Seminar – 24-25 Nov 2018, BPA HQ**

The report received from Liz Warner was reported on by the Judges Coordinator. 2 people, Ratul Ahmed and Paul Capsey had successfully obtained their BPA National Judge rating, and 2, Alabama Shanker and Harry Shanker had successfully completed the exam. All that remained for them was to judge a National competition in order to receive their rating. Congratulations to all involved, and many thanks to Liz Warner for hosting and arranging, and much gratitude to Sylvia Wagner for her time travelling from Austria to train our judges. Ratul and Paul's certificates would be presented at the Awards Ceremony 2019.

### **74.2 Judges eligible for Free Membership**

The Judges Coordinator explained that a Judge must be current and must have judged according to the Judges Procedure document in order to obtain free membership. Logbooks were still required from some judges, so the complete list would be presented at the February 2019 Competitions Committee meeting. **Action: Competitions & Judges Coordinator**

### **74.3 Judges Nomination List and Proposed Judges 2019**

The Judges Coordinator informed those present that the forms must be returned to IPC by 31 December 2018, and that every FAI judge can be included on the Nominated Judges list, including Category 2 judges who are not current under BPA rules in order to re-qualify. All judges must provide the BPA office and Coordinator their currency by Friday 14 December.

**Ongoing**

**75/18 69<sup>th</sup> IPC Meeting, Lille, France, 22-27 January 2019**

Observers to the meeting must be approved by the IPC Delegate – John Smyth. Requests to attend had been received from Wayne Loxton (Observer), Tash Higman (CF Committee) and Mikey Lovemore (Speed Committee), which were circulated with the agenda. Wayne Loxton only required approval and would be covering his own fees. 2 further notifications were received from Ratul Ahmed and Adam Mattacola. The Delegate was content approved these persons to attend. The Competitions Coordinator would facilitate the registration.

**Action: Competitions Coordinator**

Requests for funding towards entry fees were received Tash Higman and Mikey Lovemore, and those present discussed allocating entry fees to all parachuting committee members, including Adam Mattacola who was on the Artistic Committee, and Ratul Ahmed who was believed to be attending the FS committee meeting with a view to be invited onto it. After due discussion of many points including negotiating down the fee as the majority were only attending the meetings before the Plenary and would not be staying for the full duration, Mark Bayada proposed that the entry fees of up to €800 be allocated, and that should the fee be negotiated to a lower amount the balance may be off-set against travel expenses. Seconded by Mary Barratt. **Carried**

[Secretary's note: A late request was received after the meeting, from Adam Mattacola for Roy Castleman to attend as an Observer. Roy was to be registered with the British delegation on an unfunded basis]

**76/18 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows**

The Secretary would circulate the 2019 Roadshow request form to all DZs.

**Action: Secretary**

**77/18 Any other business**

**77.1 Volunteer committee members**

A call for volunteers was to be issued in the forthcoming December issue of Skydive the Mag, and those present were reminded that should they wish to volunteer another term they were required to send in their CV to the Committee Secretary.

**77.2 CF Manual re-write**

Those on the CF Working Group asked the Discipline Reps to provide information, preferably with written evidence, as to how the use of AADs at BPA sanctioned events may affect that discipline.

**78/18 Date of next meeting** – to be agreed at the Inaugural Council meeting on 26 Jan 2019, EMCC, Notts. (Provisional dates: 19 Feb, 16 Apr, 11 June, 6 Aug, 1 Oct, 26 Nov)

The meeting closed at 1655

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2018</b> medal winning performance	<b>2019</b> Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2019 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2017	£
2. Coaching Road Show Events	<b>2018</b> Supported events	<b>2019</b> Continued support of events	Jun 2019	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£
3. Judging Team	<b>2018</b> UK pool of 10 Judges	<b>2019</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all currency requirements under FAI rules</li> <li>• Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training</li> <li>• Supply judges to non-National UK events</li> <li>• Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings</li> <li>• Supply of Judges Jackets &amp; T-shirts</li> <li>• Judging Equipment Specialists</li> </ul>	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2018</b> Current holding	<b>2019</b> Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2019	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£
5. Delegation Uniform	<b>2018</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2019</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design</li> <li>• Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges</li> <li>• Supply Jackets &amp; polo shirts</li> <li>• Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution</li> </ul>	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	<b>2018</b> Coaching Support	<b>2019</b> Coaching Support	Jun 2019	Coaching support for National Champion 2017 teams of all disciplines moving to progress to higher event that meet the criteria of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having won Nationals in 2017</li> <li>• Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle &amp; Freely)</li> <li>• Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level</li> </ul>	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	<b>2018</b> 5 Officials	<b>2019</b> Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 <sup>st</sup> Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Fees</li> <li>• Reasonable Travel Expenses</li> </ul>	£***
<b>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</b> <b>***Target 7: Reoccurring item</b>					



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### BPA National Championships 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA National Championship in WS Performance & Acrobatics	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	1-4 Jul
BPA National Championship in Accuracy	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	3-4 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 4-way & VFS	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 8-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	31 Aug-2 Sep
BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	8-10 Sep

### BPA Grand Prix & UKSL 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA UKSL Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	4-5 May
BPA UKSL Meet 2	Sibson Skydivers	8-9 June
BPA UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	6-7 July
GP in CF Meet 1	Skydive North West, Cark	15-16 June
GP in CF Meet 2	Skydive Langar	13-14 July
GP in Accuracy Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	20-21 Apr
GP in Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	8-9 June