
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 07 October 2021 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada		non-voting – to item 59
	Eleanor Southworth		
In attendance:	Rai Ahmed	-	Arts TEA – from Item 56.4 to item 59
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA – to item 58.2
	Angel Fernandez	-	Communications Manager
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Steve Hastings	-	Accuracy TEA – to item 47
	Michael Lovemore	-	Speed TEA – to item 59
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Lise Moore	-	Acting Secretary-General
	Marcus Muir-Smith	-	CF TEA – to item 54.4
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair, Council – to item 59
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Tom Rofo	-	Volunteer, voting
	Harry Shanker	-	Arts TEA
	John Smyth	-	Vice-President, Delegate to ISC
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice President – to item 55
	Lucy Westgarth	-	Judges Coordinator
Apologies	Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
	Sam Lee	-	Vice-Chair
	Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director
	Simon Soper		

Item Minute

52/21 Declarations of Interest

These would be listed under the relevant item.

53/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July had been approved.
There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda.

54/21 Domestic Competitions

54.1 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way and VFS, 27-30 Aug, Skydive Hibaldstow

The event, on the whole, had been well ran and well attended. Those present thanked the FS TEA for compiling competitor feedback which highlighted a few issues surrounding the hosts InTime scoring system that had required an update but was not updated in time for this competition, and that network issues meant that teams were not able to use the playback/live viewing facility.

Some possible solutions were to have two judging panels, not running meets concurrently and having on the ground technical support before and during the event. Mark Bayada offered to discuss options with InTime to report to EPC at its next meeting. **Action: Mark Bayada**

Those present then discussed a rule change proposal from the Chief Judge (CJ) report as submitted, that a CJ has the right to ask for any jump to be re-judged. However, as there are explicit rules within FAI that should be adhered to or interpreted as closely as possible, such as a jump can only be judged 3 times there was no support for the proposal.

Feedback for VFS made note of

- Miscommunication of kit and document check times
- InTime issues resulting in failures of score publication and judged videos not able to be viewed
- Early canteen closure with no evening food available on site after 5pm with no early notice before the competition.
- Skydiving aspects such as manifesting were handled efficiently
- The afterparty was good

54.2 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 8-way, 3-5 Sept, Skydive Hibaldstow

From the CJ report it was noted that the live draw software required updating and suggested that British Skydiving may be able to create their own draw generator for future competitions Craig Poxon was happy to offer his assistance.

The competition ran smoothly, and those present were pleased to note that two trainee FS judges had qualified for their National FS rating. Congratulations to Marco Bulmer-Rizzi and Chantal Warren

54.3 British Skydiving Nationals in CF, 3-5 Sept, Skydive Langar

The event ran smoothly with no issues. The host enquired of EPC as to the likelihood of British Skydiving investing in sufficient hardware and software to be able to allow for two panels of judges.

54.4 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy, 10-12 Sept, Skydive GB

Those present formally acknowledged Bill Rule and Dave Crowhurst for their continued support of the Accuracy discipline, in supporting and supply roles of the judging equipment. The committee thanked Bob King for his comprehensive report of a well run competition and noted the recommendation of three new Accuracy National judge ratings for Bob Hiatt, Clem Quinn and Amanda Kenny.

54.5 British Skydiving Nationals in Artistics, 25-26 September, Skydive Langar

Rai Ahmed, as CJ, reported a well-run event that had seen the further training of two trainee Artistics judges.

The Committee thanked all hosts, staff, judges and competitors for their continued support of British Skydiving events.

54.6 Trophies

54.6.1 Artistics Trophy

Eleanor Southworth proposed an allocation of £250 for the purchase of a new Freely trophy. Seconded by Tom Rofe. As the meeting was inquorate this would be circulated to EPC voting members for email agreement. **Action: Secretary**
It was recognised that missing B categories must be found.

54.6.2 Wingsuit Performance Trophy

2019 had seen the agreement of a replacement Wingsuit trophy following the passing of Angelo Grubisic who had won placed Gold at the 2019 WS Nationals and agreement that his family retain the trophy. The Chair would discuss the purchase with the WS TEA. **Action: Chair**

54.6.3 Trophy return procedure

The Secretary recommended that the procedure to return the trophies to the office or the taking of the trophy to the next British Skydiving meet was not currently working and with 2020 cancellation of events their placement was not known in some cases. The procedure required amendment. **Agenda: next meeting**

55/21 6th DIPC 2021 – Attendees to date and registration

The preliminary registration process was ongoing.

56/21 International Competitions 2022

56.1 2022 World Games, 2-12 Jul 2022, Birmingham, Alabama - Canopy Piloting

As no delegation had competed at the 2020 WPC in Russia the UK was eligible for an invitation.

- 56.2 36th FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landings Championships, 18-23 Jul, Strakonice, Czech Republic**
 Invitees: Les Carroll, Dave Crowhurst, Steve Hastings, Esther Reynolds, Janos Leszko, Pete Sizer, Sara Orton and Jackie Smith.
- 56.3 9th FAI World Canopy Piloting, and 3rd FAI World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships, 9-14 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 Invitees were: Martin Reynolds, Lee Crudington, Brian Vacher, Wez Westley, Daniel Kelly, Richard Madely, Pete Allum and Jase Hughes. Four persons had accepted initially and there have been no declines.
- 56.4 25th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, 20-26 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 Invitations were to be sent to: FS-4-way – NFTO. They were to be asked in which category – Open or Female, with a decision by the next meeting in order to extend the invitation to the other eligible teams. VFS – Omni 99 and Gravity.
 FS 8-way: Microclim8
- 56.5 20th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships, 20-26 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 Invites to: 2-way Seq – Airspace Invaders and Velociwraptors, 4-Way Rot – Rotation Nation and Cark Rash, and 4-way Seq – Airspace Invaders 4-way.
- 56.6 14th FAI World Artistics Championships, 20-26 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 Invites to: Freestyle - Nova and Third Place, Freely – Omni Freely and Nova & JST.
- 56.7 4th FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships, 20-26 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 The decision of 30 June 2021, min 40.2 refers, the selection was to be from the 2019 British Skydiving Speed Skydiving Nationals. Invites were then to be sent to: Jimmy McCarthy, Mikey Lovemore, Iain Grant, Matthew Byrne, Stephen Slater, Johnny Graham, Jim Gray and Keira Chapman.
- 56.8 4th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships, 20-26 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**
 Again min 40.2 refers to the decision of selection from the 2019 British Skydiving Nationals in Wingsuiting. Invites to: Jozef Bieszczad, Charlie Hutchinson, Chris Berte, Mike Williams, Colin Preece, Matthew Webster, Keith Skelley and Dave Reed.
 A request to be considered for attendance had been received, but advice was required from the WS TEA.
- 56.9 Delegation Uniform**
 The budget for clothing had been agreed previously. The Secretary was to establish the potential number of attendees in order to work out the potential spend. Rash vests would not be offered at this moment in time but consideration was giving to offer them to athletes to purchase.
- 57/12 Investment in Performance WG**
 A brief outline was given by Joanne Shaw, as the group was looking at alternative strategies as to funding athletes etc. A wider update would be given at the next meeting.
Agenda: next meeting
- 58/21 Judging Matters**
- 58.1 Judges Uniform**
 The new uniform on the whole had been well received apart from the polyester fabric. It was to be noted that when ordered again the embroidery was to be red and blue.
- 58.2 New judges**
 New judges would be awarded their certificates at the British Skydiving Award Ceremony on the day of the AGM.
- 59/21 Action Plan and Performance Matrices – 1 Jul 2021 – 31 June 2022**
 The Chair briefed those present on the pre-circulated spreadsheet. The Finance Manager, assisted by Eleanor Southworth would look to provide a more visual representation to assist the committee.
- 60/21 Any other business**
- 60.1 Accuracy and Style**
 A request had been received from an Accuracy athlete who wished to compete in the Style discipline at the 2022 World Championships. Before a decision could be made his parachuting history, specifically in the style discipline would need to be made known. ***Action: Secretary***

61/21 Date and Time of Next meeting
Thursday 28 October 2021 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 1907

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