
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 18 November 2021 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
	Tom Rofe	-	Volunteer, voting (to item 76.3)
	Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director
In attendance:	Rai Ahmed	-	Arts TEA (to item 67)
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA (to item 70)
	Angel Fernandez	-	Communications Manager (to item 65.5)
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Mikey Lovemore	-	Speed TEA
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President
	Lucy Westgarth	-	Judges Coordinator
	Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA (to item 76.1 continuation)
Observers	Pete Mather	-	PTOO, Sky High Skydiving (from 76.2 to the continuation of 76.1)
	Jonathan Spence	-	
Apologies	Mark Bayada	-	non-voting
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
	Sam Lee	-	Vice-Chair
	Simon Soper	-	
	Eleanor Southworth	-	

Item Minute

73/21 Declarations of Interest

These would be listed under the relevant item.

74/21 Meeting Quoracy

As the meeting was inquorate any proposals would be circulated to EPC by email for agreement.

Action: Secretary

75/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021

The minutes had been circulated with the agenda. There were no amendments, and these were approved for publication.

Action: Secretary

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

76/21 Domestic Competitions 2022 – in closed session

76.1 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way, FS 8-way, VFS – from agenda order

One bid had been received, from Skydive Hibaldstow. To host for three years. Those present briefly discussed the entry fees before returning to an open meeting.

76.2 British Skydiving Nationals in Speed 2022

Pete Mather, PTOO of Sky High Skydiving, attending in response to being awarded the Nationals in Speed Skydiving only, voiced his dismay and concerns:

- Bidding for three disciplines but only having one agreed despite discussion with the Chair at the time of agreement

- The PTO is more than capable of hosting more than a one discipline event.
- Dates of the Speed Nationals were released with the re-issued bid form to all PTOs. The Secretary responded by apologising, as this was the practice historically and still stands at this moment in time, but recognised that it would appear to be not best practice and would look at how date information may be circulated to avoid discipline clash whilst not highlighting the host PTO.
- Sky High had worked hard to improve the DZ and was worthy of recognition by hosting Nationals but felt they were wasting their time.
- If costings involved, would it be possible for British Skydiving to set the entry fees.

The Chair reassured him that the committee looked at Sky High as a host for their Nationals now and in the future, and recognised that he had raised some good points, advising him to join the Working Group looking into the structure of British Skydiving competitions. The Chair thanked him for taking the time to provide feedback.

76.1 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way, FS 8-way, VFS - Continued

The meeting then continued in-camera. Those present discussed the possible logistical issues that hosting all three disciplines may present, with planes, athlete overlap and judging, and the possible impact on FS 8-way take-up (as raised previously by the FS TEA who was unable to attend). The Chair wished for clarity from the bidder with regard to moving the FS 8-way to a different date as hosting all three disciplines may present logistical issues with planes, athlete overlap and judging. **Action: Chair**

76.3 British Skydiving Grand Prix in Accuracy

One bid received, from Skydive Headcorn. Joanne Shaw proposed that the bid be accepted. As there was no seconder present this would be circulated by email for a seconder then a vote. **Action: Secretary**

[Note: The CI of the host had since informed those present that the dates: 4-5 June as given on the form would clash with another event and gave dates of 18-19 June as an alternative. This had been circulated to the committee for agreement]

76.4 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy

No bids had been received for these disciplines. The tender documents were to be reissued to the Parachute Training Organisations (PTOs). **Action: Secretary**

77/21 Investment in Performance Working Group

Jonathan Spence, with Joanne Shaw briefed those present of his involvement in the working group from a Marketing & Commercial strategy background and outline some strategy points including but not limited to:

- Skills – Bringing Customer and Commercial viewpoints to work together
- British Skydiving competitions – who we grow these
- Headline Commercial partner

Joanne invited those with any questions to please email them to herself and/or the Mary Barratt.

78/21 DIPC 2021

The Secretary provided a brief update that six individuals had registered, five in Accuracy, one in Canopy Piloting. Those present moved on to discuss the possibility of providing tee-shirts to the athletes, as it was seen to be worth the investment following the rebranding of British Skydiving and that the uniform would also be used at the Accuracy FCE. The Secretary informed those present that the current supplier may be able to produce the garments in time.

79/21 International Competitions 2022

The Secretary that most invitees had indicated their wish to attend and that there had been no declines at the present moment. The Secretary was to invite Chimera to represent Great Britain in FS 4-way Open. **Action: Secretary**

A request to attend had been received from a Wingsuiter who had not competed in the Senior category at the selection event of the 2019 WS National Championships. The WS TEA advised that this person had advanced in his abilities since then and would be a worthy addition to Team GB should a slot become available after exhausting the 2019 athlete list.

79.1 Head of Delegation

It was agreed that a call for Heads of Delegation was to be placed on social media with CVs to be returned to the British Skydiving office for decision at the February 2022 EPC meeting.

Action: Secretary to liaise with Communications Manager

80/21 Judging Matters

80.1 InTime Loan Agreement

Circulated for information. The Judges Coordinator remarked that the Compliance Officer was involved in overseeing the document should it require any procedural changes. The Agreement, with some revisions regarding insurance for loss or damage, collection and return of and associated costs, would be forwarded to the British Indoor Skydiving Association (BISA).

80.2 Accuracy judging equipment storage solutions

The Accuracy storage equipment quote had been agreed by email, and the TEA reported all but one item had been delivered

80.3 ISC Judges Nominations

The ISC Judges Nominations and Proposed Judges forms were in hand for completion and return to the Chair of the Judges Committee by 31 December 2021.

80.4 CP FAI Rating – Minute 70.2 refers

The proposal that British Skydiving include a British Skydiving judge on a course to obtain an CP FAI rating had been circulated to committee for agreement by email. This was duly agreed. **Carried**

81/21 Action Plan & Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2021 to 31 June 2022

There were no changes at this present time.

82/21 Any other business

82.1 ISC Plenary/EPlenary, Bucharest, 25-30 Jan 2022

The ISC Delegate informed those present that the Plenary meeting would be a hybrid meeting, with only Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates in attendance whilst others may attending via Zoom, a web based meeting facility. The Speed TEA, who had attended the Speed discipline meetings historically, would attend remotely. The registration document and fees would be sent to the host via the British Skydiving office.

Action: Secretary and Finance Manager

82.2 Current TEAs and Volunteers

The Secretary was to email the current TEAs and volunteers as to their intentions of staying within their roles. **Action: Secretary**

83/21 Date and Time of Next meeting

Thursday 17 February 2022 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 1853

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