

Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the special meeting held on

Thursday 17 February 2022 at 1600

Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:

Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
Mark Bayada		Vice-Chair
Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director

In attendance:

Tony Butler	-	COO
Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA (to item 70)
Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
Mikey Lovemore	-	Speed TEA
Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
Jimmy McCarthy	-	Speed TEA (to item xxx)
Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA (to item 6.2)
Craig Poxon	-	Chair of Council
John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President
Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA

Item Minute

01/22 Opening remarks

The Chair was pleased to welcome back all TEAs and Committee members.

02/22 Committee Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference, upon review, required amendment to accommodate quoracy in email voting.

Action: Secretary

03/22 Composition of Committee

Voting members of the EPC, as agreed at the plenary Council meeting held on Saturday 29 January 2022:

Mary Barratt - Chair (voting)
Mark Bayada - Vice-Chair (voting)
Joanne Shaw (voting)
Eleanor Southworth (voting)

Mark Bayada had accepted the Vice-Chair role on a temporary basis until a replacement could be found. The Chair invited members of EPC to email in if they wished to volunteer for the role.

Agenda: next meeting

The Chair welcomed those who had indicated their wish to continue in their roles

Volunteer voting members:

Wes Guest
Tom Rofe

Co-opted (non-voting)

John Smyth – Delegate to ISC

Technical Excellence Advisers (TEAs) (non-voting)

Rai Ahmed and Harry Shanker – Artistics

Matt Cumming – FS
Martin Reynolds – CP
Marcus Muir-Smith – CF
Konrad Wysocki – WS
Tim Gaines – VFS
Dave Crowhurst – Classics
Jimmy McCarthy – Speed
Mikey Lovemore, previous Speed TEA announced that he was now officially handing over the role to Jimmy. The Chair thanked him for his long-standing commitment to the discipline and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Judges Coordinator

The Chair voiced the Committee's thanks for all of Lucy Westgarth's work in the previous year and recognised that improvement to both supporting the role and of the administration would be taken on board for the future. Joanne Shaw proposed an exit interview with Lucy with feedback to the Staff Working Group. **Action: Joanne Shaw**

A Judges Coordinator would be required urgently, and the Secretary reported that on asking the current judges there was no appetite for a volunteer from the pool of judges. Therefore, an advert would be placed on social media. **Action: Secretary**

04/22 Declarations of Interest

Mary Barratt declared her interest for item 10.1.1 – FAI World Championships in Accuracy and John Smyth declared his interests for Item 9.2 – FAI World Championships in Eloy. Other declarations would be noted under the corresponding item.

05/22 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursdays 28 October 2021 and 18 November 2021

These minutes had been circulated to the committee for approval by email and again with the agenda. With approval both sets of minutes had been published to the British Skydiving website.

There were no matters arising.

06/22 FAI ISC annual Plenary Meeting, 26-30 January 2022

The Delegate to ISC summarised his pre-circulated report to which those present thanked him for his continued voice at ISC, in particular with regard to the potential cancellation of CF Sequential at International level, which will now continue for this year with a view to increased participation.

07/22 Domestic Competitions 2022

Listed agenda items 8.1 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy, 8.3 British Skydiving Nationals in VFS were to be held in-camera at the end of the main meeting.

7.1 British Skydiving Meets agreed

7.1.1 FS 8-way and Speed Nationals

SkyHigh Skydiving were happy for the dates to be changed to 17-19 September, which may potentially increase participation.

7.1.2 Wingsuit Nationals

After discussion with Skydive Langar and with their confirmation Wes Guest proposed that the WS Nationals be extended to 29-31 July, with registration and an official training day on Thursday 28 July. Joanne Shaw added that this was not to set a precedence rather that it was because of the increased participants due to the running of two disciplines together. Joanne Shaw seconded the proposal. **Carried**

7.2 Rules for British Skydiving Meets

The Secretary informed the TEAs that once the FAI rules were released the British Skydiving rules for 2022 would be forwarded for amendment and that the drafts would be approved at the meeting in April. **Action: Secretary/TEAs**

7.3 Wingsuit Performance Trophy

Pictures of the WS trophies had been circulated by the previous WS TEA in order that an exact replica of the Performance trophy could be recreated. However, it was recognised that the allocated budget of £250 may need to be increased. The Vice-Chair proposed, and was seconded by Wes Guest, that further funding be found to commission the creation of an exact replica trophy, including nameplates of previous holders. **Carried**

Joanne Shaw recommended asking the potential creator (Fletcher) for an exact price.

7.4 Trophy Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet, created by Arts TEA Harry Shanker was now available and had been circulated to the TEAs. The Chair asked that the TEAs provide any information of any trophies whereabouts or of the holders to the Chair and Secretary to be able to amend the spreadsheet accordingly. The spreadsheet was to include the addition of an 'end date' so that new trophies could be ordered in a suitable timeframe.

7.5 15th World POPS Meet and Championships, APA, Netheravon, 19-25 Aug – InTime request

Mark Bayada declared his interest. The Chair invited Mark to stay for his insight. Having discussed the coordination of loaning the InTime judging equipment to APA it was confirmed that it would not be possible as a British Skydiving National event was taking place during the POPS meet, and that the equipment must be available for set up the day before the following British Skydiving National meet.

7.6 Competitions Open Forum

The Chair extended the Committees thanks to those who had provided feedback and useful information at the Forum held on 29 January 2022. A summary of the feedback was available. Some points from the summary included:

- Funding - Purpose of EPC if not awarding funding, removing the requirement to coach in order to be eligible but mindful of giving back to the membership
- British Skydiving competitions – Encouraging DZs to place a bid, British Skydiving to communicate better in all aspects of the bid process, and consideration to the return of back-up weekends for all disciplines.

08/22 International Competitions 2022

8.1 37th FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships, 18-23 July, Strakonice, Czech Republic

The bulletin was due for release very soon. The ISC Delegate reported that accommodation would not be included in the entry fee but the bulletin will contain a list of accommodation options. Transportation was provided to and from the hotel to the DZ, however, pick-up would not be available from the airport. Once the bulletin was released this would be circulated to all athletes.

8.2 FAI World Championships in CP, WS and CF, 9-17 October and in FS, Artistics and Speed, 17-27 October, Eloy, Arizona

As the disciplines had been allocated to two different dates the ISC Delegate informed those present that there would now be two separate opening ceremonies and closing ceremonies. He also reported that whilst the entry fee would include transportation between the dropzones and accommodation, the fee would not include accommodation, meals, or transportation from and to the airport on arrival and departure days.

The following items are taken from agenda order.

09/22 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy and in VFS– bids (items 8.1 and 8.2 on agenda)

The relevant TEAs briefed those present on the intricacies of the tabled bids regarding dates and judge requirements. With Accuracy the TEA confirmed that the bid was for three years and that the host would endeavour to provide dates by the February of each year. The meeting then moved in-camera with TEAs leaving. After declaring her interest as a Team Manager applicant, the Chair handed over the Chair to the Vice-Chair Mark Bayada before leaving the meeting.

10/22 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

Discussion centred around succession planning, covid restrictions and protocols, and of any challenges the teams may face in the host countries and at the DZs. The ISC Delegate, having allayed any concerns then declared his interest as a Head of Delegation applicant and left the meeting.

10.1.1 World Championships in Accuracy, Czech Republic

Joanne Shaw proposed, with good knowledge of the rules and in the interest of succession planning with the assistance of the ISC Delegate, who would be in attendance as an FAI Controller that Mary Barratt attends as Head of Delegation. Seconded by Wes Guest. **Carried**

The Chair re-entered the meeting.

10.1.2 World Championships in FS, Arts, CF, CP, WS and Speed, Eloy, Arizona

As the disciplines were now separated to consecutive weeks (item 8.2 refers) following further discussion the Vice-Chair proposed John Smyth as Head of Delegation to provide cover for both weeks of the competition, with a Team Manager attending for the first week who would predominantly assist the CF athletes. Wes Guest counter proposed that Sam Bemment attend as Team Manager for the first week, and in the interest of succession planning that if Sam's availability allowed for it that he attends the second week as Team Manager also. However, he must commit to the first week.
Carried (1 abstain)

11/22 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy and in VFS 2022

11.1 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy 2022

One bid had been received, from Skydive GB. Wes Guest proposed that the given dates of 9-11 September 2022, and the Accuracy National be awarded for 2023 and 2024 as per the bid form. Dates for the following years must be provided by the February of that year. Seconded by the Vice-Chair. **Carried**

11.2 British Skydiving Nationals in VFS 2022

Two bids were received from Skydive Langar and Sky High Skydiving. Having discussed the merits of both bids Joanne Shaw proposed, and was seconded by Wes Guest that the bid from Sky High Skydiving be accepted with the competition to run in tandem with FS 8-Way and WS on Friday 16-Sunday 18 September. **Carried**
Confirmation of the type of aircraft to be used for the FS 8-way would be requested closer to the event.

12/22 FS team letter to EPC

Wes Guest and Mark Bayada declared their interests and were invited to remain in the meeting.

As budgets had been approved there currently were no remaining funds to cover funding over the agreed payment of entry fees for all international athletes. Those present discussed that it may be possible for any underspend prior to the World Championships to be shared to all attending athletes and the Chair would prepare a paper to Council, however, funding from any underspends could not be guaranteed. **Action: Chair**

The meeting returned in open session.

13/22 Investment in Performance Working Group

The Chair would report at the next meeting.

14/22 Judging Matters

The Judges Procedure document (Form 277), pending comment from the Compliance Officer was ready for publication to the British Skydiving website. **Action: Secretary**

15/22 Action Plan & Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2021 to 31 June 2022

The Chair would liaise with the Finance Manager to progress this forward.

16/22 Dates and Times of the next meetings

Thursdays 21 April (changed to 28 April), 9 June, 11 August, 6 October, and 10 November 2022 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 20.10

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