
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 28 April 2022 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
	Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Helen Lucas	-	Secretary
Apologies:	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President

Item Minute

17/22 Inquorate meeting

A quorum was not established as only three voting members were present. The Chair noted that this was possibly becoming an issue across all committees. The Chair would present a paper to Council to invite discussion on how meetings could be run more effectively.

Action: Chair

18/22 Declarations of Interest

Declarations would be noted under the corresponding item.

19/22 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 17 February 2022

The minutes had been circulated with the agenda for approval at the meeting, and now was to be circulated for e-approval by a given date.

Action: Secretary

There were no matters arising.

20/22 Domestic Competitions 2022

20.1 UKSL FS 4-way – Meet 1, 30 Apr-1 May 2022

Judging equipment, medals and British Skydiving banners were in place. The FS TEA would be attending and asked regarding social media coverage and was advised to post pictures etc to Craig Poxon who may then be able to upload to the British Skydiving Facebook account.

20.2 Competition Medals

The Secretary informed those present that an order for Nationals medals and inserts was to be placed with Toye & Kenning, as inserts for the UKSL medals, and approx. 100 of each colour for the Nationals was required.

20.3 British Skydiving Nationals 2022

20.3.1 Live Streaming

The main discussion would be held later in an in-camera session but the Chair opened this session for general discussion and comment from TEAS. Whilst considering the value and feasibility if the size of the audience and competition is a factor the consensus of the meeting was that it was a beneficial and exciting development.

20.4 Accuracy Rules 2022

The TEA would look into rewording the Accuracy entry form.

Action: Secretary & Classics TEA

20.5 British Skydiving Rules 2022

Circumstances beyond her control had caused a delay in the rule approval process. The Secretary would endeavour to have this rectified as soon as possible.

Action: Secretary

20.6 AFPS, 18-22 July 2022, APA Netheravon

Mark Bayada declared a conflict of interest.

As the date did not conflict with British Skydiving meets and APA had insurance in place, summary document circulated to committee members with the agenda, the consensus was to grant APA permission to use the Intime judging equipment, subject to meeting the criteria of Form 333. This consensus would be circulated to EPC members for e-vote.

Action: Secretary

21/22 International Competitions 2022

Wes Guest declared a conflict of interest as an invited athlete.

21.1 37th FAI World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, 18-23 July, Strakonice, Czech Republic

The ISC Delegate, via a circulated paper explained that due to rising costs including fuel had seen the organisers request increased entry fees from those published in Bulletin 1. The increase was agreed at FAI level and would have the potential to increase entry fees for the Championships to be held in Eloy. Those present thanked the Delegate for bringing this to EPC's attention.

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

A request had been received from a member wishing to represent Great Britain in CP. Selection for this meet was from the 2019 British Skydiving Nationals of which the requestee had placed outside of the eight invitation slots with the invitation extending to the next placing should a slot become available.

Confirmation would be sought from the CP TEA as to any person not attending and if there are any safety concerns that may need to be raised.

Action: Secretary

21.3 Parascending Accuracy – Equipment loan request

The Classics TEA requested the loan of the accuracy judging equipment to be used as a back-up system for the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association's (BHPA) own equipment at various Parascending competitions across Europe. The TEA would be responsible for the storage, transportation, and safe keeping of the British Skydiving equipment. Discussion centred around manageable risks, the advantages to our attending athletes and certainty of coverage at our Nationals. It was proposed by Wes Guest, and seconded by Mark Bayada, that subject to proof of insurance coverage from BHPA and meeting the criteria of Form 333 – British Skydiving Equipment Loan that the Classics TEA provide the equipment to the European parascending competitions. There were three votes for, with none against. Due to inaccuracy the proposal would go to an e-vote.

Action: Secretary

22/22 Investment in Performance Working Group

Matt Cumming, Wes Guest and Dave Crowhurst declared Conflicts of Interest.

The Chair summarised her circulated paper and invited those present and, through the Secretary, those not present, to provide any insights in order for her to provide an overview at the next meeting.

Action: Secretary

23/22 Judging Matters

23.1 CP Judge Training

Liz Warner requested attendance at the 2022 British Skydiving Nationals in CP, held at Klatovy in order to remain current in her CP judge rating. Confirmation from Klatovy was required as to the attendance of the judge, on how they would be utilizing her and if any costs were covered by the host.

Action: Secretary

The future of Canopy Piloting was to be an agenda item for the meeting in June.

23.2 Judges Coordinator – role vacant

Those present thanked the Secretary who in turn thanked the Judges for their support whilst the role was vacant. The Secretary reiterated that the role was difficult for a non-

skydiver/competitor/judge. The Secretary was to get in touch with those who had access to the British Skydiving social media to put out an advert for a suitably qualified person.

Action: Secretary

24/22 Any other business

There was no other business

25/22 Date and times of next meeting

Thursday 9 June 2022 at 16.00

The meeting then moved in-camera with TEAs leaving the meeting.

26/22 Live Streaming Nationals – from agenda order

Those present compared the two packages on offer, the smaller included Epitech providing all the equipment to provide live-streaming throughout the day, with a larger package which would then include two roaming reporters. Discussion points were:

- PTOs and Elite athletes were in favour of the idea
- Likely improvement to participation
- Bringing forward a future consideration
- Viability if weather is bad or there is low participation

Wes Guest proposed that British Skydiving contributes £2500 towards live-streaming of the Speed, VFS and FS 8-way Nationals. Seconded by Mark Bayada. The vote was For: 3 including the Chair. As the meeting was inquorate the proposal would be sent to EPC voting members for e-vote.

Action: Secretary

27/22 EPC Budget Request

After summarizing the budget request the Chair opened discussion for further comment from EPC members present, and to absent EPC members by email to put forward their comments before the request is presented to Council at its meeting in May.

Points raised at the meeting were:

- Judge training – membership for criteria meeting judges
- Athlete and Judges uniform – from British Team Fund
- Rash Vests – estimated costs
- Judging Equipment
- Trophies and Medals
- Meeting attendance – to ask EPC members if they wish for in-person meetings as this would increase costs
- Direct sponsorship

28/22 Dates and Times of the next meetings

Thursdays 16 June, 11 August, 6 October, and 10 November 2022 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 18.58

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