
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 16 June 2022 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
	Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
	Tom Rofe	-	Volunteer, voting (to mid-32.1)
	Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Manager
	Helen Lucas	-	Secretary
	Lise Moore	-	Finance Manager (to item 31.2)
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President (to item 35)
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice-President
Apologies:	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Eleanor Southworth		

Item Minute

29/22 Declarations of Interest

Declarations would be noted under the corresponding item.

30/22 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 28 April 2022

The minutes were approved for publication to the British Skydiving website.

Action: Secretary

There were no matters arising that were not listed under the relevant agenda item.

31/22 EPC Budget - taken from agenda order

The EPC Budget would remain a standing item on the agenda as a summary would be provided each month/meeting to give consistent knowledge of spending and remaining budget.

31.1 EPC Running costs

The Finance Manager provided insights as to the accruals and resulting slight underspend which may be used until the end of June 2022.

31.2 Rash Vests

Costings to provide elite athletes had been agreed and Wes Guest was looking into suppliers but required the design in the correct useable format for the suppliers. As the design was not available beyond only a picture the consensus was that it may best to have the vest redesigned and have quotes, with a best practice of at least two quotes, based on a redesign.

Action: Wes Guest

31.3 Gazebo/Marquee – Accuracy

Those present compared the quotes, as circulated with the agenda, to consider the best equipment for the needs of the judges with consideration to best value and price warranty length and terms, portability, ease of erection, size plus other factors. The Chair would select a gazebo based on these terms from one of the three quote suppliers.

31.4 British Team Fund (BTF)

A proposal to extend the use of the BTF had been put to and agreed by Council. Medals, trophies, judging equipment and uniform costs would now be budgeted from the BTF at the EPC's discretion.

32/22 Domestic Competitions 2022

32.1 The Future of CP in the UK

Those present considered the effects and ramifications of the lack of a CP pond in the UK, with main points being:

- Training for elite athletes
- New Canopy Pilots who were potentially not able to commit to training overseas
- Costs of establishing and maintaining a CP pond to both the dropzone and to British Skydiving to International standard
- Currency of Judges, both National and FAI ratings

The Vice-chair concluded with the proposal that until such time that a pond is built in the UK, that all CP National competitions be held overseas, with the hosts agreement, and that the committee honour the judges training for currency in 2022. Following the 2022 Nationals the committee are to review the requirements of CP judges' qualifications. Seconded by Wes Guest. **Carried unanimously**

32.2 UKSL FS 4-way - Meet 1, Sibson Skydivers, 30 Apr-1 May

Those present thanked Amanda Kenny for their Chief Judge (CJ) report. The CJ reported that the Meet had been held over one day due to the forecast of bad weather for the Sunday. Ten teams had competed and the dropzone had pulled out all the stops to ensure a well ran and enjoyable competition.

Commenting on the circulated report the Secretary had been in touch with the CJ to apologise regarding the set-up instructions, as she had found them amongst entry forms from a previous Meet on preparing the equipment for the UKSL but had not realised until too late to replace them. Moving forward, those present discussed the possible use of Sharepoint as an easy to access area for all judges for just such documents and include a simple set-up instruction on the desktop of each laptop. The Chair and Secretary would discuss with the Finance Manager and with IT. **Action: Chair & Secretary**

There were ongoing issues with the downloading of video from the newest GoPros. Athletes needed clear direction and the specifications were to be checked within the rules to ensure the latest information was available.

32.3 UKSL FS 4-way – Meet 2, Skydive Langar 4-5 June

Those present thanked Lucy Westgarth for their CJ report which noted 11 teams competed, with a total of 54 performances, despite poor weather at times which had given the opportunity for an old Expo seminar to be played to refresh on the different types of busts. The CJ recommended that registrations not be accepted up until the morning of the competition, in order to allow for less experienced teams time to prepare and/or dirt dive. Recommended updates to the rules regarding tie-break and playback speed were to be fed back to the FS TEA. Those present discussed possible solutions to the Draw being posted online at the weekend when the British Skydiving office is closed.

32.4 British Skydiving Rules 2022

Progress was being made with a number of rules uploaded to the British Skydiving website, but some rules were still outstanding. **Action: Secretary**

33/22 International Competitions 2022

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

33.1 37th FAI World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, 18-23 July, Strakonice, Czech Republic

The Final registration and entry fees had been sent to the host, and the Secretary was waiting for confirmation that it had been received.

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

Bulletin One had been released this week which reported that the preliminary registration was to be with the host by 13 July. The Secretary would circulate to the invited teams/individuals in request that they confirm their attendance and to provide their uniform sizes so this could be ordered in good time for distribution before the competition.

34/22 Judging Matters

34.1 CP Judge Training - Klatovy

Expense coverage had been agreed for Liz Warner and Nancy Grieger for the revaluation of their Canopy Piloting Judges ratings.

34.2 Judges Coordinator role

Posts on social media were again to be made for the volunteer position. The Chair would discuss this with the three previous Judges Coordinators, as training was vital in order to carry out the role successfully.

The Secretary would send Forms 218 and 277 to the Communications Manager to highlight areas to bulletpoint.

Action: Secretary and Communications Manager

35/22 Investment in Performance Working Group

The circulated update had been presented to Council, and the Chair invited those present to read and comment for the next meeting.

Action: All EPC

36/22 Action Plan and Performance Metrics 1 Jul 2022 – 31 June 2023

The Committee were awaiting new strategic objectives, to be brought to the next meeting, which would enable the EPC to focus on meeting those objectives.

Action: Chair and Eleanor Southworth

37/22 Any other business

There was no other business

38/22 Dates and Times of the next meetings

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

The meeting closed at 18.28

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