
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 11 August 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
	Eleanor Southworth	-	Director (from Item 42.2)
In attendance:	Ratul Ahmed	-	Arts TEA
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
	Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Manager
	Helen Lucas	-	Secretary
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair of Council (from Item 42.3)
	John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President
Apologies:	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Lise Moore	-	Finance Manager
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Tom Rofe	-	Volunteer, voting

Item Minute

The meeting started inquorate; all decisions will be emailed to EPC voting members for agreement.

39/22 Declarations of Interest

Declarations would be noted under the corresponding item.

40/22 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 16 June 2022

The minutes had received no comments from the circulation with the agenda. They were to be emailed to voting members of the EPC for ratification. **Action: Secretary**

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

41/22 Domestic Competitions 2022

41.1 UKSL FS 4way, Sky-High Skydiving, 2-3 July 2022

Three teams had attended, with four rounds completed. The judging team used the poor weather holds to judge previous footage to refine their knowledge.

The Chief Judges report raised several points, some highlighted below:

- Additional laptop – as one of the three laptops would be required for Speed. The Chair would discuss further with the judges **Action: Chair**
- Flysights – The practicalities of using Flysights with the InTime system. This may require some input from the Speed TEA
- InTime support – The Secretary and Mark Bayada would liaise regarding dates already discussed with Dirk of InTime
- Facebook Support – The Communications Manager outlined that by British Skydiving creating a Facebook event he would then have the ability to add a co-host, schedule the event with a person of the event having an admin role who could then upload the Draw and any further updates. The Communications Manager would look to creating a body of text to send to Chief Judges. **Action: Communications Manager**

41.2 Grand Prix in Accuracy, Skydive Headcorn, 18-19 June 2022

The Chief Judge – Bob King, gave thanks to Headcorn, the judges, Accuracy TEA and athletes for their enthusiasm and support of the event. It was unfortunate that the tuffet, even after careful storage and maintenance by the TEA had succumbed to age and had developed a leak. The TEA was tasked with providing quotes for a replacement.

Action: Accuracy TEA

41.3 Grand Prix in Canopy Formation, Skydive Langar, 18-19 June 2022

Seven teams competed with a total of 21 jumps judged, as the weather had not been the best. Amanda Kenny - Chief Judge thanked Skydive Langar for hosting an efficient competition. The Secretary had raised the scoring equipment issues with InTime.

41.4 British Skydiving Nationals in Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics, Skydive Langar, 29-31 July 2022

Three teams in Acrobatics and 13 individuals in Performance had attended. Unfortunately, due to the weather only four rounds of Acrobatics and one performance task (Speed) had been completed. The Committee were pleased to note that both Marco Bulmer-Rizzi and Chantal Warren had passed their National WS judges exam, that Lucy Westgarth had passed the National Speed Judge exam and that Marco and Chantal had also trained for judging the Speed discipline.

41.5 British Skydiving Nationals in Canopy Piloting, Klatovy, Czech Republic, 10-14 Aug

Eleven members were participating. Those present thanked Liz Warner for keeping the office informed.

41.6 British Skydiving Nationals in FS4way, Skydive Hibaldstow, 26-28 Aug

The British Skydiving InTime system would allow for one panel of judges, and as two may be required there was a possible need for support from InTime. This would be brought up on discussion with the Vice-Chair.

[note: it was reported later in the meeting that the entry fee had now been lowered to £15 and that the free meals and drinks were no longer available]

41.7 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy, Skydive GB, 9-11 September

Nothing to report currently.

41.8 British Skydiving Nationals in Speed, FS8Way, and VFS, Sky-High Skydiving, 16-18 September

As some of the rules required publishing at the earliest opportunity the Secretary would again approach the TEAs and would ask the previous Speed TEA for their assistance.

Action: Secretary

41.9 British Skydiving Nationals in Artistics, Skydive Langar, 24-25 September

The Secretary would provide the Arts TEA with the judging panel information.

41.10 Freely Trophy

The committee were now aware that the Freely trophy was running out of space for the winners' plaques. The Arts TEA would enquire of the athletes as to their preference for either retiring the trophy or replacing the base.

Action: Arts TEA

Those present thanked all hosts, judges and athletes for their support of the events.

42/22 International Competitions 2022

42.1 37th FAI World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, 18-23 July, Strakonice, Czech Republic

The Chair, in speaking to her Head of Delegation report, was encouraged to see Team GB so well received as 'fantastic ambassadors for British Skydiving' and was impressed by the infrastructure of the Meet where the host had never held an FCE. The Head of Delegation had taken the opportunity to talk to other delegations and would feedback to the Investment in Performance Working Group.

With the late arrival of a voting member the meeting was now quorate.

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

Clear communication that unless the equipment has no components with a Technical Standard Order the parachutes must be packed according to US Federal Aviation Regulations, which means that it must be packed by a FAA certified rigger, within 180 days and with a seal on the reserve had been received and circulated to the delegation.

42.2.1 Delegation Insurance

The Chair asked if the delegation insurance could be extended to cover the training days of our athletes. The COO would ask our insurance brokers.

42.2.2 Alternate athlete entry fees

The Secretary, after receiving a request from a team to register an alternate, asked those present if Alternates were considered as part of the team and would therefore have their entry fees covered by British Skydiving. The bulletin had given a fee of \$200 and it was requested of the Secretary to clarify this with the host.

Action: Secretary

42.2.3 Allowable Team Changes

Further to the request it was looked upon as to whether the use of the alternate would constitute a breach of the Team Composition & Allowable Line-up Changes rule (Form 299 refers). The committee required more time to consider the implications for the team and precedence for the future as the consensus was that each team be considered on an individual basis.

The Secretary was to email voting members as to a potential dispensation to allow the team to use their alternate should it be required.

Action: Secretary

[note: As the alternate named in the proposal would not be available the vote was no longer required]

42.3 Uniform update

The sizes were available to be able to pass on to Wes Guest, who was organising the Rash Vests, and to Workstuff for the delegation uniform.

43/22 EPC Budget

The circulated budget showed that there were no discrepancies. An update to the British Team Fund would be made available for the next meeting. **Agenda: October meeting**

44/22 Investment in Performance Working Group

The Chief briefly summarised the circulated report, provided to the EPC for information, and asked those present to raise any queries. There was recognition that it may produce a lot of work that may require volunteers, and that there may be a change to the Allowable Team Changes. The summary with proposal required further consideration.

45/22 Action Plan and Performance Metrics 1 Jul 2022 – 31 June 2023

A new set of strategic objectives were to be added, which will be aligned to the Investment in Performance Working Group.

46/22 Judging Matters

46.1 Judging Opportunity

The COO, who had regular meetings with the Chief Executives of the US, Australian and Canadian associations, had put forward the possibility of sharing judges for both our and their competitions, as they were also having similar problems with a smaller judging community, and were keen to move towards remote judging. The Chair would discuss with the previous Judges Coordinator with a view to further discussions with the overseas Chief Execs.

Action: Chair

46.2 New Judges Ratings

The committee were pleased to say that Chantal Warren and Marco Bulmer-Rizzi had gained their National Wingsuit Judge ratings.

47/22 Domestic Competitions 2023 – Review of Bid form

The Secretary asked that the committee review the domestic competitions bid form for 2023 and make any amendments as deemed necessary, as whilst she was able to make simple admin changes it was beyond her scope to make substantive variations.

Action: All Committee and Secretary

48/22 Any other business

There was no other business

49/22 Dates and Times of the next meetings

Thursdays 6 October, and 10 November 2022 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 18.15

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