

## Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the special meeting held on

**Thursday 06 October 2022 at 1600**

Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director (from item 52.6.1)
Eleanor Southworth	-	Director (from mid Item 51)

**In attendance:**

Ratul Ahmed	-	Arts TEA
Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag
Tony Butler	-	COO (to item 56.1)
Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA (from item 52.6.1)
Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Manager
Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
Helen Lucas	-	Secretary
Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator (JC)

**Apologies:**

Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
Jeff Montgomery	-	STO
Lise Moore	-	Finance Manager
Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
Tom Rofe	-	Volunteer, voting
John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President
Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA

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### Item Minute

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

#### 50/22 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair declared the interest of the FS TEA, in his absence, as he would be joining the meeting later if possible. Others would be listed under the relevant item.

#### 51/22 **Judges Coordinator role** – from agenda order (Item 12.1)

The Chair was pleased to report that Liz Warner would step into the role for the rest of the season. Liz had also produced a list of recommendations of changes to the Judges Procedure document (Form 277) which included the role of Deputy JC amongst others.

The consensus was that those present were content for Liz to act as the JC, and with the recommendations for Form 277. The JC would redraft and amend the document, with assistance from the Chair, with approval to be sought at the first EPC meeting in 2023.

**Action: Judges Coordinator and Chair**

The Secretary would inform the EPC members not present at the meeting of the agreement.

**Action: Secretary**

#### 52/22 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 August 2022**

The minutes had received no comments from the circulation with the agenda and therefore would be published to the British Skydiving website.

**Action: Secretary**

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

## **53/22 Domestic Competitions 2022**

The Chair expressed, on the committee's behalf, thanks to all hosts and staff, athletes, TEAs and Judges, in what seems to have been a successful season, and to Liz Ashley for the magazine coverage.

### **53.1 Trophies**

The TEAs were asked to email either the Chair or the Secretary with any updates there may be to the trophy spreadsheet.

### **53.2 British Skydiving Nationals in CP, Skydive Pink, Klatovy, 10-14 Aug**

The Chair highlighted points raised by the circulated report by the CP TEA:

- British Skydiving Representative – recognised the need to do better to support the athlete overseas, with a call for a team manager being made early in the season
- Engraved medals – Quotes were being sought for engraving of our Nationals medals across all disciplines
- Klatovy is a very accommodating DZ and the consensus was that the committee should continue to consider the venue for future Nationals.

Those present thanked the TEA, in his absence as was competing at the World Championships, for his report.

#### **53.2.1 CP Freestyle**

The Secretary raised a query regarding selection for CP Freestyle, as there currently is no selection event. This would be considered and minuted under 54.8.

### **53.3 British Skydiving Nationals in CF, Skydive Langar, 19-21 August 2022**

The Chief Judge – Tash Higman, reported that 11 teams completed six rounds and that the trainee judges had performed well with Chantal Warren passing the National Judge exam. The judging room was not the most practical but was adequate for a small competition. Those present thanked Tash for her report.

### **53.4 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way, Skydive Hibaldstow, 26-28 August 2022**

41 teams had competed, and the committee were pleased to note that the InTime system, supplemented by the hardware at Hibaldstow had worked well and that the remote support was invaluable. This would be worth taking forward in planning for next year's events. The committee thanked Tash Higman for her report.

### **53.5 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy, Skydive GB, 9-11 September 2022**

Those present thanked Bob King – Chief Judge, for his report, and were pleased to hear that the Accuracy judges worked professionally, having also judged at both British Hang Gliding competitions and POPs World Championships. Those present echoed Bob's thanks to Dave Crowhurst, Bill Rule and to Skydive GB.

### **53.6 British Skydiving Nationals in Speed, FS 8-Way, and VFS, Sky-High Skydiving, 16-18 September 2022**

The committee extended thanks to Magriet Ham and to Liz Warner for their reports. It had been a successful event, with Lucy Westgarth and Chantal Warren being recommended to receive their National Speed Judge rating. There had been eight competitors in the Speed discipline, six from the UK and two from Sweden, five teams in FS 8-way and three teams in VFS. There were a few issues which would be resolved for next year.

The meeting was now quorate.

#### **53.6.1 FS 8-way rules – Draw**

The Draw should have been made with Team Captains present but was instead made earlier and with not all there. The reasoning was that the media team required the Draw in advance. It was recognised that whilst it could have been better communicated on the day that having a media team was in its infancy and could be accounted for at future meets.

### **53.7 British Skydiving Nationals in Artistics, Skydive Langar, 23- 25 September 2022**

Seven teams, comprising of one Freely A team, three Freestyle A teams and three Freestyle B teams competed at the well hosted event. The InTime remote judging worked well but also highlighted the need for on-site judges. Those present thanked Liz Warner for her report.

### **53.8 British Skydiving Nationals in WS Performance & Acrobatics, Skydive Langar, 29-31 July 2022**

It was recognised that due to the weather the WS Performance category had not completed. Therefore, it could not be considered a valid selection event for the FCE 2023. The WS TEA

had put forward a recommendation of hosting a WS event early in the season to facilitate selection. After much discussion Mark Bayada proposed that due to the extenuating circumstances of the Nationals 2022, that the results of those, with one jump, be accepted for selection to FCE 2023. Seconded by Eleanor Southworth. A caveat was added that consultation was required from the WS TEA. **Carried**

### **53.9 Team GB 2023**

The Secretary had compiled a list of athletes eligible for invitation to FCEs 2023, which she would circulate to TEAs after the World Championships in Eloy, as some were competing there. **Action: Secretary**

### **53.10 Overall medals for Awards Ceremony**

The circulated list would be provided to the TEAs after the World Championships in Eloy. On emailing the medallists the Secretary was to also invite formally those who had won a trophy but had not received it on the day of the competition award ceremony. **Action: Secretary**

## **54/22 Domestic Competitions 2023 – Bids**

### **54.1 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy**

Skydive GB, who in 2021 had bid to host the Accuracy meet for 2021 to 2023, had provided their document outlining costs. After confirmation of the date – 8-10 Sept, with no clash of dates in the judging calendar Joanne Shaw proposed and was seconded by Eleanor Southworth that the bid be accepted. **Carried**

### **54.2 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way**

As Skydive Hibaldstow had been awarded the Meet for 2023 as part of their bid for the 2022 events they had been asked to complete the forms in order to inform the Committee of dates and fees. A reminder email would be sent and the DZ asked to consider dates that had no potential to clash with the World Cup in FS. **Action: Secretary**

### **54.3 UKSL Meet 1 – 6-7 May, Sibson Skydivers**

Sibson Skydivers, awarded the UKSL in 2022, had been asked to provide the bid form to disclose entry fees. A reminder email would be sent. **Action: Secretary**

### **53.4 Grand Prix – Accuracy**

Two bids had been received, from Skydive Headcorn – 20-21 May and Skydive GB – 8-9 Jul. After considering the dates and fees, and that there were no clashes for judge availability Eleanor Southworth proposed that both bids be accepted. Seconded by Joanne Shaw. **Carried**

### **54.5 UKSL Meet 2 – 3-4 June**

One bid was received and circulated, from Skydive Langar. Eleanor Southworth proposed that the bid be accepted on condition that the pricing is acceptable should there be any variance. Seconded by Joanne Shaw. **Carried**

### **54.6 Grand Prix – CF**

One bid was received, from Skydive Langar – 26-27 May. Eleanor Southworth proposed that the bid be accepted provided that any price rise is considered acceptable by EPC. Seconded by Joanne Shaw. **Carried**

### **54.7 British Skydiving Nationals in Artistics and British Skydiving Nationals in CF**

One bid was received, from Skydive Langar with dates given for Artistics as 1<sup>st</sup> – 22-24 Sept and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15-17 Sept, and with dates given for CF as 1<sup>st</sup> – 4-6 Aug and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18-20 Aug. It was proposed by Eleanor Southwell, and seconded by Joanne Shaw that both of the bids With the date of 22-24 Sept for the Artistic Nationals and 4-6 Aug for the CF Nationals be accepted with room for manoeuvre on the competitor and registration dates and that any entry fee rise is passed by the committee. **Carried**

### **54.8 British Skydiving Nationals in CP**

A separate bid form had been created for the CP Nationals, as the meet would be held overseas as part of a DZ competition to which we choose to hold our Nationals with their agreement. This raised queries regarding collection of the levies for the British Team Fund (BTF) and whether it should be included on the bid form. As CP Freestyle was now listed as a separate event at CP FCEs the Secretary also queried if there was a need for this to be on the bid form also, as it was unknown if it was held as a separate event at the overseas DZ. Further advice was required from the CP TEA. **Chair and CP TEA**

**55/22 International Competitions 2022**

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

Some team members, including TEAs were at the DZ in training for the start of the competition. The FS 8-way had announced their Alternate, which was within the allowable team changes. The change in the registration was to be made to Skydive Arizona.

[note: Skydive Arizona raised an invoice to the Head of Delegation at the event, to which he paid to be reimbursed on his return]

**56/22 International Competitions 2023**

**56.1 2023 Delegation invitees**

A spreadsheet of athletes/teams who were believed to be eligible for invitation to represent Great Britain, having competed and placed at the 2022 Nationals, was to be circulated to the relevant TEAs for confirmation, once the world Cup at Eloy was complete. The FS TEA would enquire the intentions of an FS 4-way team, as to which category they wished to represent in, and the possible inclusion of a team that did not compete at the selection event, to report at the following meeting in November. **Action: Secretary & FS TEA**

**56.2 Delegation Uniform**

The Secretary reported on the challenges she faced this year, such as late replies, size changes, supply issues and poor quality. She believed that asking for sizes when the invitation was sent then placing an order by the first week in March may overcome some of these issues as these could be communicated in good time and would allow for quality and sizing issues to be resolved.

However, she asked the committee if they would consider putting the uniform supply back out to tender, as had been done in 2016, and recognised that this may be an ongoing process that may not be completed in time for the 2023 requirements.

The Rash Vests were due for delivery soon, and the details of the supplier were to be passed on to the Secretary for future ordering.

The consensus was that feedback of the uniform as a whole from those in Eloy would be beneficial in moving forward with any kit changes.

**56.3 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers**

A call for Heads of Delegation and Team Managers was to be put out soon in time to be discussed at the first EPC meeting in February 2023. The call was to also include Head of Delegation/Team Manager for CP Nationals in Klatovy.

**Action: Communications Manager**

**56.1 2023 Delegation Invitees continued**

EPC required a spreadsheet of the 2023 competitions with a breakdown of expected participants and expected requirement of Head of Delegation plus Team Manager/s if appropriate for budgeting purposes, which the Chair would provide.

**56.4 Athlete contracts Forms 230a and 230b**

The documents, which still referred to BPA and had the old logo, required revision all round. As a legal document legal advice would be required. The Secretary could give a minor update to dispel old references. The Chair, Joanne Shaw and Eleanor Southworth would assist with the revision before taking legal and compliancy advice.

**Action: All named parties**

**57/22 EPC Budget update and British Team Fund (BTF)**

Some minor amendments were required to the budget, which would be made available for the next meeting. A breakdown of the expected levies from the Nationals to the BTF had been provided, however a separate budget sheet was required with the full incomings and outgoings. **Agenda: November meeting**

**57.1 Accuracy Tuffet**

The Classics TEA had provided three quotes for a new tuffet. Discussion centred around the need for a tuffet as a small number of DZs had their own and whether there would be a collective buy-in from the DZs. Joanne Shaw would discuss this further with the Classics TEA. This item would be on-going until resolution.

**58/22 Investment in Performance Working Group**

The circulated proposal had drawn further feedback. Eleanor Southworth proposed that once the proposal had been updated with the feedback that it be presented to Council for consideration. Seconded by Joanne Shaw. It is noted that the majority were on the Working Group . **Carried**

**59/22 Action Plan and Performance Metrics 1 Jul 2022 – 31 June 2023**

Currently there was not a workable system in place, as there had been a number of changes since 2019, including a lack of available data. As the committee were awaiting new strategic objectives and also of the works that the working group were doing this would remain a standing item until the new metrics were produced.

**60/22 Judging Matters**

**60.1 Judges Coordinator**

The committee welcomed Liz Warner as the new Judges Coordinator.

**60.2 Judging Opportunity**

A meeting with Ricard McCooley of the Australian Parachute Federation surrounding remote judging was due to take place with the Chair and Tash Higman, who had volunteered to advise. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

**Action: Chair – next meeting**

**61/22 Any other business**

**61.1 EPC Risk Assessment**

This was provided as an opportunity to review it at every meeting to give an understanding of the risks that are associated with EPC business and how best to mitigate those risks. The Chair invited all committee members to review the spreadsheet with a view to adding and amending as required.

**Action: All committee members**

**61.2 Nationals Accuracy Rules for 2023**

The Chair thanked the Classics TEA for his list of recommended changes to the 2023 rules, which would be looked at in further detail next year as part of the rule review process.

**61.3 Wingsuit Competition rules**

A recommendation from the Compliance Officer was the setting up of a Working Group to oversee amendments to the rules, and the Chair asked for volunteers. The Chair thanked Mark Bayada, Eleanor Southworth and Joanne Shaw.

**Agenda – next meeting**

**62/22 Date and Time of the next meeting**

Thursdays 10 November 2022 at 1600.

The meeting closed at 19.09

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