

Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 10 November 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
In attendance:	Ratul Ahmed	-	Arts TEA
	Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag (to item 69.2)
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA (from item 69.1)
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Manager
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Helen Lucas	-	Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator (JC)
Apologies:	Jeff Montgomery	-	STO
	Lise Moore	-	Finance Manager

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63/22 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.

64/22 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 August 2022

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

Action: Secretary

65/22 Domestic Competitions 2022

There were no further comments with regard to the 2022 season.

66/22 Domestic Competitions 2023

66.1 Communication to Judges following agreement of competitions

To allow for timely communication of the locations and dates to judges once a bid had been agreed, on communication of the bid agreement to the DZ they were to be asked to not advertise the event until one week had passed. The Communications Manager would follow suit.

66.2 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way

Skydive Hibaldstow had provided dates of 2-4 September for the Nationals and had communicated that they may consider dates at the end of July to best accommodate the FCE invited athletes. Mark Bayada proposed that the last week in July be considered after looking at Judge availability, and that if there was a legitimate reason why these dates were not suitable then to accept the dates in September, as given. Seconded by Eleanor Southworth.

Carried

66.3 UKSL Meet 3 – 1-2 July

Mark Bayada declared his conflict of interest.

One bid was received, from APA Netheravon. As this then gave a good balance of locations for the UKSLs it was proposed by Wes Guest, seconded by Joanne Shaw, that the bid be accepted. Mark Bayada abstained from the vote. **Carried**

66.4 Bid Form – CP: Levies to British Team Fund (BTF)

The CP TEA reported that Klatovy would be holding their Meet for 2023 around the same dates that they held the Meet for 2022 and would be including CP Freestyle.

The Secretary asked regarding collection of the BTF levies and how this may be feasible in the future. It was reasonable to expect a levy be collected from the competition, in line with all British Skydiving Nationals. The consensus was that the collection of the levies should not be the responsibility of the HoD, who should not be expected to take cash from the competitors and that it should be to the British Skydiving office to collect the fees direct from the athletes after the competition. This was to be communicated affectively to the athletes.

Action: Secretary

66.5 British Indoor Skydiving Association (BISA) Nationals – Loan of InTime Judging Equipment

BISA had requested the use of the British Skydiving InTime judging system on the same terms as provided last year subject to the Equipment Loan form completion. The JC recommended informing BISA that British Skydiving would not be liable for any further costs involved with InTime Remote Judge Licence procurement, and that the laptops need to be reverted back to the same configuration as when they were given. Wes Guest proposed that EPC agree the loan of the judging equipment, with the recommendations included in all communication to BISA. Seconded by Joanne Shaw. **Carried**

66.6 British Skydiving Medal engraving quotes

Based on feedback the EPC recognised the appetite to have the British Skydiving Nationals medals engraved with the competition, discipline and possibly the category, and the secretary had approached three companies to provide quotes based on engraving with just the competition and discipline, and with the category also. Quotes from Sapphire & Steel, Leicester Trophy Centre and a company found via the internet, AB Wallace were circulated with the agenda. After comparison Leicester Trophy Centre were the most competitive. Wes Guest proposed, and was seconded by Eleanor Southworth, that all Nationals medals were to be engraved with the competition, discipline and category, and the approach made to Leicester Trophy Centre. The cost is to be covered by the BTF. **Carried**

66.7 Grand Prix – CF

Those present were pleased that there had been a further bid for a GP in CF, from Skydive North West. Wes Guest proposed that with dates given of 10-11 June that the bid be accepted. Seconded by Eleanor Southworth. **Carried**

67/22 International Competitions 2022

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

As no Head of Delegation report had been received a reminder was to be sent, and an invitation to provide feedback was to be sent to the Team Manager.

68/22 International Competitions 2023

68.1 2023 Delegation invitees

The TEAs had confirmed the lists of invitees to the Secretary ready for invitations. It was noted that CF athletes had been missed from the list. **Action: Secretary**

68.2 Classics and Canopy Piloting Freestyle registration

The Chair, through her pre-circulated support paper, spoke of the lack of selection process for Style (Classics discipline) and Canopy Piloting Freestyle, and asked that the Committee agree an approach to such additional registrations for athletes who are unable to qualify for selection through a British Skydiving National Championship. Discussion centred around the supporting paper in which the Chair proposed that EPC implement the following approach to all relevant FCE categories that are not in play at British Skydiving National Championships:

- The categories are included on the entry forms in the same way that FS 4-way Female is currently included. As with the FS 4-way Female category, when invites are sent out athletes / teams will be asked to confirm the category they wish to enter.
- An athlete/ team should only be eligible to enter a category that is not run at British Skydiving's Nationals if the following are met –

- It is a category within the discipline that they have been selected to compete in
- They have qualified for selection in the Senior category of the British Skydiving selection event
- They have the correct level of experience
- EPC agrees the additional registration
- An Athlete/Team cannot elect to enter an additional category if British Skydiving runs a selection event in that category and the athlete/team did not qualify for selection at that event
- The invitation should include clear communication regarding responsibilities for entry fees if a competitor / team wishes to enter an additional category that does not run at British Skydiving's National Championships or, in the case of FS 4-way Female, a single category.
- The invitation should include clear timelines for supply of information and deadlines for registration.

Mark Bayada seconded the circulated proposal, and a caveat was that British Skydiving will cover the extra entry fee, contingent of timely completion of forms and passing on the necessary information and entering the competition. **Carried**

The invitations would be emailed to athletes. and the entry forms for British Skydiving Nationals were to be updated for 2023 to include Style and CP Freestyle. **Action: Secretary**

68.3 23rd FAI World Cup & 15th FAI European Championships in Formation Skydiving, 22-26 Aug, Voss, Bergen, Norway

This item was held in-camera as the final item of business.

68.4 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

A link to the role description would be posted on social media and in the December edition of Skydive the Mag. **Action: Communications Manager**

Those present further discussed the requirements for each international competition, including CP at Klatovy and two disciplines – Classics and CF – which had, at the time of the meeting, no international competition dates for 2023.

68.5 Athlete contract update – Forms 230a and 230b

This was continuing with the assistance of the Compliance Officer.

69/22 EPC Budget update and British Team Fund (BTF)

69.1 Delegation uniform – Female kit

Feedback from an athlete expressed disappointment that other than the polo shirts, none of the delegation uniform were of female fit. Female fit had been offered in the past but with supply difficulties the easiest option had been to opt for unisex, which had not always provided the best fit or sizing for our female athletes. Mark Bayada proposed, and was seconded by Wes Guest, that British Skydiving procure uniform specific to our female judges, athletes and instructors, and that rash vests are ordered for the 2022 female delegation to be sent direct to them once received by the office.

Carried. Action: Competitions Coordinator

69.2 Arizona accounts

The Chair asked that these accounts be included in the budget for EPC, if not already. The Secretary would check with the Finance Manager. **Action: Secretary**

69.3 Fees to BTF

The Chair thanked the Administration Secretary and Secretary-General for their work compiling and calculating the fees to be invoiced for. However, it appeared that there was two disciplines missing which the Secretary would liaise with the staff members mentioned. The Chair noted that the first run of the Rash vests were to come from the EPC budget, not the BTF.

70/22 Investment in Performance Working Group

The updated proposal paper (item 58/22 refers) had been put to Council and the action was now complete.

71/22 Action Plan and Performance Metrics 1 Jul 2022 – 31 June 2023

There was no new system in place at this time.

72/22 Judging Matters

72.1 Australian Parachute Federation (APF) meeting

The Chair reported that Tash Higman had taken up the invitation to the remote meeting with Richard McCooley, CEO of APF, which focused on making use of the ongoing developments in the InTime Scoring, particularly in the remote judging at regional and national competitions. The Canadian Association was keen to open it up to British Skydiving also. This was an exciting opportunity for judges to get involved, access additional training, network and retain currency out of season. The discussions were in their infancy and would remain ongoing.

72.2 Judges Eligible for Free Membership

The JC informed those present that the list would be available soon.

The JC added further that there were two judges who, with no training seminar due to the lack of a JC at the time, may appear to have not met the currency requirements. However, was confident that they had met their currency requirements through other competitions, as they held single ratings where multiple British Skydiving competitions may not be available.

Eleanor Southworth proposed that the committee support these two judges, and others in single disciplines. Seconded by Mark Bayada.

Carried

72.3 Judges Nomination List and Proposed Judges to ISC Competitions

The JC and Secretary would liaise to prepare the forms to be returned to ISC in good time before the deadline of 31 December 2022.

Action: JC and Secretary

[note: The completed documents were returned to ISC on 8 December 2022]

73/22 Any other business

73.1 WS Working Group

The working group consisted of Mary Barratt, Joanne Shaw and Eleanor Southworth, together with the Compliance Office Nicola Hobday, who required more clarity. All were keen for the WS TEA Konrad Wysocki to be involved and the Chair would contact him directly.

Action: Chair

73.2 EPC Risk Assessment

This was to be a standing item on the agenda and the Chair encouraged all those with access to read and provide feedback if deemed appropriate.

73.3 Accuracy Tuffet

The Classics TEA had provided quotes. Joanne Shaw would contact the TEA directly.

74/22 Date and Time of the next meeting

The dates would be agreed and circulated when the new committees were formed at the first meeting of Council after the AGM on Saturday 28th January 2023.

The meeting then closed to non-voting members as item 68.3 was to be held in-camera.

75/22 Recommendation of an FS Team to FCE 2023

The team in question did not register or compete at the selection event, despite having the opportunity to. Based on their performance at FCE 2022 the consensus was that they should be offered a slot. Eleanor Southworth proposed that the team be offered a slot in the female category, and that it also be communicated that they would be in-line for an Open slot should one become available. This failed to find a seconder.

The counterproposal, by Mark Bayada, of offering the team a Female category slot, was seconded by Eleanor Southworth.

Carried

This recommendation would be put to Council at its next meeting for agreement, and the invitation would not be sent until such time as the agreement was reached.

The meeting closed at 19.20

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