

Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 1500

at the offices of British Skydiving, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF

Present:	Sam Lee	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
	Mary-Lou Barratt		
	Wes Guest		
	Simon Soper		
In attendance:	Rai Ahmed	-	Arts TEA (from item 6, point 3 to item 9)
	Craig Anderson	-	FS TEA
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Angel Fernandez	-	Communications Manager
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Steve Hastings		Accuracy TEA
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Jeff Montgomery	-	STO
	Marcus Muir-Smith	-	CF TEA
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair, Council
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice-President & ISC Delegate
Observer	Ian Marshall		(from item 5.2)
Apologies	John Hitchen	-	Vice-President
	Marie Kent	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Speed TEA
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
	Mike Williams	-	WS TEA

Item Minute

01/20 Elite Performance Committee (EPC) Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that Technical Excellence Advisers (TEAs) were not listed under those terms. The TEAs present were informed that they were not members of a committee but as non-voting advisory bodies that reported in to both EPC and Membership Development Committee (MDC). Should there be a matter appropriate to the business under consideration the TEAs would be invited to contribute.

02/20 Committee Composition

Sam Lee Chair
 Mark Bayada Vice-Chair (as proposed by Sam Lee, seconded by Simon Soper and carried unanimously)

Mary Barratt
 Simon Soper
 Wes Guest Volunteer, voting
 John Smyth MVO ISC Delegate, non-voting
 Liz Warner Judges Coordinator, non-voting

Technical Excellence Advisers, non-voting
 Rai Ahmed and Harry Shanker Arts
 Craig Anderson FS
 Tim Gaines VFS

Steve Hastings	Accuracy
Mikey Lovemore	Speed
Marcus Muir-Smith	Canopy Formation
Martin Reynolds	Canopy Piloting
Mike Williams	WingSuit

03/20 Declarations of any conflicts of Interest
These would be listed under the relevant items.

04/20 Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019 had been approved electronically and would be published on the British Skydiving website. The Chair duly signed the master copy as a true record.

05/20 Matters arising – not listed elsewhere on the agenda
5.1 10th World Cup of CP, 20-24 Nov, Pretoria, RSA
 The ISC Delegate, as Head of Delegation, spoke to his previously circulated report and highlighted the difficulties arising from the South African medical services only accepting payment for medical treatment at point of contact rather than claiming through the delegation insurance.
 The Delegate would investigate the requirements of the designated hospital for Mondial 2020. The office would ask the brokers of the delegation insurance of a possibility to fast track payment should medical attention be required.
Action: ISC Delegate & Committee Secretary

5.2 Texair Contract
 Final prices were required before agreement could be reached. The Accuracy TEA would continue to liaise with Texair.
Action: Accuracy TEA

06/20 70th IPC Meeting, Moscow, Russia, 21-26 January 2020
 The committee thanked the Delegate for his thorough report and raised some queries:
 1. WADA appeal and the Mondial
 The Delegate reassured those present that ISC had considered this, and that the Mondial would take place regardless of the appeal outcome. However, should the host nation refuse to continue the Mondial following an unsuccessful appeal a contingency plan would have to be considered. British Skydiving would check the delegation insurance for competition cancellation terms.
 2. Visa Process
 The process was that passport scans were to be forwarded by the NAC point of contact to the host nation. Once cleared the NAC would be provided with a telex number to be passed on to the athletes as this would be required by them to apply for their visa. Application should be a simpler process as there was now an online form. Photo and form would then be sent to the embassy for processing, which may take up to three weeks.
 3. Two-week event
 All athletes were expected to stay the duration of the Mondial.

07/20 Competitions Open Forum
 Both the Chair and Secretary reported the main concern from members was sponsorship and how eligibility/criteria may change in the future. This would be a matter for the Sponsorship Working Group.

08/20 Domestic Competitions 2020
8.1 Rules for British Skydiving Meets
 The Secretary reminded the TEAs that the technical element of the rules may require amendment in line with the FAI rules and were to be circulated to the Judges Coordinator with copy to British Skydiving HQ, and the British Skydiving admin staff would update the admin element and liaise with the hosting DZs. The final drafts were to be available for the Judges Training Seminar to be held at the end of March before agreement by the Committee for final agreement. Word copies of the 2019 rules would be circulated to the TEAs.
Action: Competitions Coordinator, TEAs & Judges Coordinator
 It was recognised that early agreement of the rules was required for GPs in Accuracy and the first Meet of UKSL FS 4-way, as these were to take place in May.

8.2 Entry Form amendments
 There were no amendments required other than general admin.
Action: Competitions Coordinator

8.3 British Nationals in WS, Acrobatic, 18-19 Jul, Performance & Trackingsuit 18-20 July, Skydive Buzz

The WS TEA, who was unable to attend, provided the committee with an update, circulated with the agenda. Online registration was up and running, with 19 Performance individuals, 1 Acrobatic team and 1 Trackingsuit individual registering so far. The ISC Delegate would liaise with Steve Hubbard regarding the suggestion of new Wingsuit Performance records following the lowering of the exit altitude from the previous altitude that the past records were set.

Action: ISC Delegate

8.4 British Nationals in CP, 18-20 Sept, Skydive Buzz

Concerns were raised that the pond and other conditions may not meet the competition requirements, and that there would not be enough judges.

Action: Judges Coordinator, Chair, Vice-Chair & CP TEA

Those present recognised that feedback from athletes who had attended the 2019 Nationals at Klatovy had not been circulated, and costings for overseas judges due to the small number of UK based judges qualified. Going forward it may be possible to create an online feedback form for athletes, and to further support UK judges in their training.

8.5 VFS 2-way

The VFS TEA had spoken to the hosts of the UKSLs who were happy to include 6 rounds of VFS 2-way within the competition.

There were no updates for the other British Skydiving Meets.

09/20 2020 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-21 Aug, Tanay, Russia

9.1 Delegation Invitations

The final list of acceptances and declines to attend, compiled by the Competitions Coordinator, was circulated with the agenda for information. Final sponsorship allocations had been calculated and would be discussed in an in-camera session later in the meeting.

9.2 Contractual Obligation

Interests were declared by Wes Guest and Marcus Muir-Smith, as athletes.

The previous CF Rep required clarification regarding those competing in multiple categories within their discipline and the number of roadshows they would be committed to coach at as part of their contract requirements. Mark Bayada proposed that sponsored athletes who compete in more than one category be required to participate in one roadshow. Seconded by Mary Barratt.

Carried

9.3 Delegation Uniform

The Communications Manager tabled a design for athletes in place of the current t-shirts, that incorporated the new logo/brand. The Committee would like to see a short-sleeved version also. Both the Communications Manager and Secretary would continue to look into providers of the uniform.

Action: Communications Manager & Secretary

The Secretary enquired of the uniform that bares the previous BPA logo. Consensus of the meeting was that it could be donated to charity. The Secretary would research the various options.

Action: Committee Secretary

10/20 Judging matters

10.1 Judges Expenses clarity

This was deferred to the newly formed Finance Committee to provide clearer guidance.

Deferred to Finance Committee

10.2 Judges attending British Skydiving Meets

A spreadsheet provided by the Judges Coordinator had been circulated for information to the Committee.

10.3 Judges attending International Meets

The Judges Coordinator was pleased to say that Tash Higman had been invited as a FAI Judge at the Mondial.

10.4 Request to invite Overseas judges for British Skydiving Meets

The Judges Coordinator requested that as there was a lack of British Skydiving Judges there was a shortfall at some Meets, and in order to create the required judging panel that international judges be invited to judge at some British Skydiving Meets. A list of possible invitees with approx. costs had been circulated to those present. At the recommendation of

the Chair, the Vice-Chair proposed that the Judges Coordinator's request be accepted. Seconded by Wes Guest.

Carried unanimously

Those present would require a progress report of acceptances to the invitation to judge, as some of the UK Meets were very short of judges.

Action: Judges Coordinator

10.5 InTime Judging System

Purchase of the InTime system was in progress. The system would be ready in March in time for the Judges Training Seminar. Support for set-up at DZs would be required and a possible solution would be to train TEAs if they were willing, which could take place at the Judges Training Seminar or after an EPC meeting.

Reassurance was given with regard to the British Skydiving laptops being of the correct specifications, as the Vice-Chair had spoken to the developer of the system who advised of the best format videographers were to film in.

10.6 Judges Training Seminar

The seminar was confirmed to take place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March.

11/20 Skills Coaching Roadshows

Dates of the agreed roadshows were circulated to the committee for information. Those present noted that the Finance Committee Chair would be seeking to reallocate a portion of the EPC budget towards Membership Development Committee (MDC) as roadshows would now fall into that committee's remit.

12/20 Sponsorship Working Group

The Chair sought volunteers for the group who were to consider options in order to formulate criteria in which to invest funds in our international athletes. External advice and investigation of other small sports organisations and how they may financially support their teams or individuals would also be required.

13/20 Dates and times of the next meetings

The confirmed dates of the next EPC meetings were 5 May, 4 August and 20 October at 15.00 at the offices of British Skydiving.

The following items were held in-camera. The ISC Delegate was invited to stay.

14/20 IPC Non-attendance

The committee recognised that notification had been received regarding a visa which had not been attained in time due to extenuating circumstances. However, this was after an fee of €280 had been paid to the organiser towards accommodation. The Competitions Coordinator had requested a refund and the host had reacted somewhat positively to the request. Those present asked that the item be deferred until its next meeting in order to allow any such refund to be returned.

Deferred until 5 May

15/20 Sponsorship Reallocation

The final figures had been calculated following the deadline for acceptances/declines for 2020 Mondial – Russia attendance. Each team/individual would be notified of their full amount.

Action: Competitions Coordinator

The ISC Delegate then left the meeting.

16/20 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers for 2020 Mondial

1 application for Head of Delegation, and 3 applications for Team Manager positions had been received. Those present were made aware that whilst a call for applications had been made through social media the call had not been placed on the British Skydiving website. In recognition of succession planning those present provisionally agreed to two of the applicants as Team Managers, and one as Head of Delegation, subject to further applications from a call for applicants through the British Skydiving website, up to 25 February. Following this deadline should further applications have been received these would be considered via email, and any agreement from these and the provisional agreement as above would then be recommended to Council at its meeting on 10 March.

The meeting closed at 1815.

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Nationals, UKSL / Grand Prix dates 2020

<i>Event</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
British Skydiving National Championships	Arts and Speed	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	Arts: 18-19 July 2020 Speed: 18-20 July 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	Acro: 18-19 July 2020 Perform 20-22 July 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	FS 4-way	Skydive Hibaldstow	29 Aug-1 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	FS 8-way & VFS 4-way	Skydive Hibaldstow	5-7 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Canopy Formation	Skydive Northwest	12-14 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Accuracy	Skydive Buzz Dunkeswell	18-20 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	18-20 Sept 2020
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 1	APA Netheravon	2-3 May 2020
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Northwest	6-7 June 2020
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 3	Sibson Skydivers	4-5 July 2020
British Skydiving GP	Accuracy Meet 1	Skydive Northwest	16-17 May 2020
British Skydiving GP	Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	30-31 May 2020
British Skydiving GP	Canopy Formation Meet 1	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	27-28 June 2020
British Skydiving GP	Canopy Formation Meet 2	Skydive Langar	25-26 July 2020