
Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 13 February 2023 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

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| Present: | Alex Busby-Hicks | - | Chair |
| | Wes Guest | - | Vice-Chair |
| In attendance: | Liz Ashley | - | Editor, Skydive the Mag |
| | Mary-Lou Barratt | - | Chair of Council, Chair of IPWG |
| | Tony Butler | - | COO |
| | Dave Crowhurst | - | Classics TEA |
| | Matt Cumming | - | FS TEA (from item 11) |
| | Liam Domin-Goddard | - | Communications Officer |
| | Tim Gaines | - | VFS TEA |
| | Tash Higman | - | Chair of Finance Committee |
| | Helen Lucas | - | Committee Secretary |
| | Jeff Montgomery | - | STO |
| | Craig Poxon | - | Council |
| | John Smyth | - | Delegate to ISC, Vice-President |
| | Liz Warner | | |
| Apologies: | Rai Ahmed | - | Artistics TEA (given late via email during the meeting) |
| | Kate Lindsley | - | Council |
| | Konrad Wysocki | - | WS TEA |

| Item | Minute |
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01/23 **Quoracy**

As the meeting did not meet the requirements of two-stage quoracy as given in the committee Terms of Reference the meeting was deemed inquorate. With respect to those in attendance, it was agreed to allow the meeting to continue to cover items that did not require a possible proposal and vote.

The Terms of Reference had been circulated with the agenda for reference.

02/23 **Opening remarks**

The Chair welcomed those present but was disappointed by the lack of voting members and non-communication on attendance. The Chair would re-establish communication with those who had indicated that they might continue as voting members, to reconvene a meeting where agreements could be reached.

Action: Chair

03/23 **Composition of Committee**

Voting members of the EPC, aside from the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, were not agreed at the Plenary Council meeting held on Saturday 28 January 2023, but an indication of those who may wish to continue had been passed to the Secretary, who had emailed on 30 January 2023 to ask for confirmation. However, none had been received.

Alex Busby-Hicks: Chair of EPC

Wes Guest: Vice-Chair of EPC

John Smyth had expressed his intent, subject to agreement by the EPC, of continuing as Delegate to ISC.

Next meeting

It was agreed that TEAs were to be asked of their intent to continue in their roles. The Secretary was pleased to note that all TEAs wished to continue:

Technical Excellence Advisers (TEAs) (non-voting)

Rai Ahmed and Harry Shanker – Artistics

Matt Cumming – FS

Dave Crowhurst – Classics

Tim Gaines – VFS

Jimmy McCarthy – Speed

Marcus Muir-Smith – CF

Martin Reynolds – CP

Konrad Wysocki – WS

Judges Coordinator

The Chair thanked Liz Warner for her application for the role, which could not be agreed at this time.

Next meeting

04/23 Declarations of Interest

These would be listed under the relevant item.

05/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 10 November 2022

The minutes had been circulated to the 2022 committee for approval. With no comment made the minutes were published to the British Skydiving website on 26 January 2023.

There were no matters arising.

06/23 FAI ISC annual Plenary Meeting, 28-29 January 2023

The Delegate to ISC summarised his pre-circulated report and asked if there were any queries, to which there was none. The Delegate was pleased to highlight the valuable contribution of the British Skydiving members who had been asked to sit as committee members of the various discipline committees, whose meetings were held before the Plenary meeting of ISC. Those present thanked the Delegate for his report.

07/23 Competitions Open Forum

The Secretary had circulated notes from the forum, to which the previous Chair of the EPC highlighted some points that the committee could move forward with, such as how proposals could be put to ISC or the ISC discipline committees.

08/23 Domestic Competitions 2023

8.1 British Skydiving Nationals in CP

To note that on request Skydive Pink, Klatovy had agreed and were pleased to host the British Skydiving Nationals again, as part of their Pink Canopy Piloting Open 2023. The competition dates are 10-13 August 2023.

8.2 British Skydiving Nationals in VFS, WS, Speed and FS 8-way – Bids

As the meeting was inquorate this would be discussed at the next meeting. **Next meeting**

8.3 British Skydiving GP in Accuracy, 15-16 July, Skydive GB

Following the release of the dates for the FAI World Cup in Style & Accuracy, which clashed with the GP, Skydive GB had kindly changed the dates of the GP to accommodate the athletes. The committee thanked the TEA and DZ.

8.4 British Skydiving Rules

The Secretary reminded those present that the FAI rules were due for release at the beginning of March, and that she was currently working on the admin section to send on with the technical section for their amendments before sending on to the Judges Coordinator for any further amendment. These were to be approved at an EPC meeting in April.

Action: Secretary, all TEAs and Judges Coordinator

8.5 Freestyle Trophy

The Secretary, following discussion with Sapphire & Steel, a trophy provider and engraver, reported that smaller plaques were available and that it had been suggested to use those around the existing base. However, it may create a perception of lesser importance. The Secretary would approach Sapphire & Steel for a quote of a new base to attach to the bottom of the existing base that would accommodate plaques of the same size as those used previously.

Action: Secretary

09/23 International Competitions 2023

9.1 Overview

The Secretary had provided an update of those who had either declined or accepted the invitations to represent GB in their disciplines and would provide further update once the

deadline of 27 February had passed. The VFS TEA reported that team Omni99 would be declining. However, an acceptance was to come from team Dave.

9.2 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

This item was to be held in-camera with voting members of the committee. **Next meeting**

10/23 Judging Matters

10.1 Judges Training Programme

Liz Warner, who provided the programme documents for circulation with the agenda, in her work as Judges Coordinator last year, recognised the need for a robust training programme in order to encourage new trainee judges. On invitation to any comment the STO provided feedback to Liz and would email her his recommendations.

11/23 EPC Budget and British Team Fund (BTF)

This item was to be held in-camera with voting members of the EPC. The Secretary briefed those present that the Finance Manager had updated the budget sheet available in the EPC Sharepoint folder. **Next meeting**

12/23 Investment in Performance Working Group (IPWG)

The IPWG Chair reported that she was looking to step down from the role, and that Mark Bayada and Peter Mather would be continuing. She expressed that it would be of benefit to have TEA and Judge input. The FS TEA volunteered. She stated further that no other meeting had taken place since the proposal (item 58/22 refers) was agreed at Council.

13/23 Action Plan & Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2022 to 31 June 2023

No report at this time.

14/23 EPC Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment sheet was available in the EPC Sharepoint folder.

15/23 Any other Business

There was no further business.

16/23 Dates and Times of the next meetings

No dates were as yet agreed. Both Chair of Council and the EPC would seek expressions of interest and confirmations of the Council members as to who the EPC members are.

The Chair of the EPC would try to arrange a meeting of those members, likely to be held on Friday 17 February in the evening.

The meeting closed at 16.45

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