
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
Friday 17 February 2023 at 1800
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Alex Busby-Hicks	-	Chair
	Wes Guest	-	Vice-Chair
	Mark Bayada		
	Rob Hartley		
In attendance:	Rai Ahmed	-	Artistics TEA
	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
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Jeff Montgomery	-	STO
	Craig Poxon	-	Council
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
Apologies:	Liz Ashley		
	Tash Higman	-	Chair of Finance Committee
	Kate Lindsley	-	Council
	John Smyth	-	Delegate to ISC, Vice-President
	Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA

Item Minute

17/23 Opening remarks

The Chair thanked those present for attending at short notice.

18/23 Composition of Committee

The Chair welcomed Rob Hartley and Mark Bayada as voting members of the committee.

Judges Coordinator (JC), non-voting

Wes Guest proposed, seconded by Mark Bayada, that the Committee accept Liz Warner's application for Judges Coordinator. **Carried**

Delegate to ISC

Rob Hartley proposed that John Smyth, who had expressed his wish to continue in the role continue as Delegate to ISC. Seconded by Wes Guest. **Carried**

Alternate Delegate to ISC

Mark Bayada proposed, and was seconded by Rob Hartley, that Craig Poxon remain as Alternate Delegate. Craig accepted the role. **Carried**

Those present were aware that the procedure in which a delegate is selected was in the process of review.

- 19/23 Declarations of Interest**
These would be listed under the relevant item.
- 20/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 13 February 2023**
The draft minutes had been circulated with the agenda to provide information of the agenda item discussions that took place as the meeting was inquorate.
There were no matter arising.
- 21/23 Domestic Competitions 2023**
Two bids have been circulated with the agenda. The Chair asked the TEAs and Judges Coordinator for advice, then advised that the decision would be made in-camera.
- 22/23 International First Category Events (FCEs) 2023**
The Secretary had provided a list of acceptances and declines received so far and advised that a deadline of 27 February had been set. No bulletins had been published at the time of the meeting.
- 22.1 Invitation requests**
The FS TEA declared his conflict of interest as a FS competitor.
Requests to represent GB at the FCEs had been received from two individuals and one team. Those present discussed that selection criteria was available via Form 230b, but should not all available slots be filled there should be a mechanism in which to fill those slots, based on discipline, currency, recency, should the EPC wish to. The individual requests would be discussed at an in-camera session later that evening.
Form 230b – British Skydiving Support for Elite Athletes was to be forwarded to Mark Bayada for amendment following any recommendations from the TEAs before circulation to the voting members of the EPC for its meeting in April.
Action: Secretary, Mark Bayada. Agenda – next meeting
- 23/23 EPC Budget and British Team Fund (BTF)**
The updated budget was available to the EPC through Sharepoint. There were no comments at this time.
- 24/23 Investment in Performance Working Group (IPWG)**
Mark Bayada took on the role of Chair of the IPWG, as the former Chair stepped down from the role as she felt conflicted in her now role of Chair of Council. There was no further update.
- 25/23 Action Plan and Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2022 to 31 June 2023**
No further update.
- 26/23 EPC Risk Assessment**
The Committee were encouraged to read, amend and add any areas they believed should form part of the document.
Action: All Committee members
- 27/23 Any other Business**
- 27.1 British Skydiving GP Accuracy**
The change of date agreement was confirmed to the Classics TEA.
- 27.2 Head of Delegation (HoD) application**
Liz Warner withdrew her application for HoD to FCE CP, Eloy, as she had been invited to judge the competition.
- 28/23 Dates and Times of the next meetings**
Meeting times would be 16.00 on Mondays if available, or Wednesday.

[note: dates circulated after the meeting – Monday 3 April, Wednesday 31 May, Monday 24 July, Monday 11 September and Wednesday 15 November]

The meeting then moved in-camera with all non-voting members leaving the meeting, except the Chair of Council.
- 29/23 Domestic Competitions 2023**
- 29.1 British Skydiving National in VFS, Speed, FS 8way and WS Performance and Acrobatics**
Two bids had been received, from Skydive Langar for VFS only, and Sky-High Skydiving for all four disciplines. After much discussion of costs, judging arrangements such as remote

judging and locations Wes Guest proposed, seconded by Rob Hartley, that the Sky-High bid be accepted with the dates of 16-18 September. **Carried**
Advertising was not to be published until the judging arrangements had been made.

30/23 International First Category Events (FCEs) 2023 – Invitations

30.1 FS 8way Intermediate team request

The team had placed gold in the intermediate category at the 2022 Nationals. Mark Bayada proposed that the team be offered a slot with their entry fees covered by British Skydiving. Seconded by Wes Guest. **Carried**

30.2 CP athlete request 1

The individual had not competed at the 2022 but had represented GB at the 2022 World Championships and was suitably qualified. Mark Bayada proposed that the individual be offered the 12th slot. Seconded by Wes Guest. **Carried**

30.3 CP athlete request 2

In the interest of fairness it was agreed that further individuals with potential currency, recency and experience be considered should a slot become available. As there was no slot available the individual was not considered at this time.

31/23 Judges Training Programme

It was recognised that there were some items in the programme that would require further clarification. However, those present were confident it was a good programme. Wes Guest proposed and was seconded by Rob Hartley, that with the clarification the documents be accepted. **Carried**

The Chair of Council left the meeting.

32/23 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

Those present considered the applications, all of which were with merit. In the interest of succession planning, size of delegation and experience of the discipline those present agreed the following FCE HoDs:

WS and Speed World Cup – Liz Moor

FS And Artistic Events (AE) – Martin Soulsby

CP and CP Freestyle – Mary Barratt and Sam Bemment (Two persons due to the safety nature of CP)

Proposed by Mark Bayada, seconded by Rob Hartley. **Carried**

It was recognised that all those selected would be required to read, sign and return Form 303 - Volunteers Code of Conduct and Form 267a – Duties and Responsibilities HOD-TM.

A call was to go out for applications for HoD to the newly released World Cup in Accuracy, Ravenna, Italy, and for the British Skydiving Nationals in CP, Klatovy. The applicants were also to be asked if they would wish to apply.

Action: Communications Officer & Secretary

The meeting closed at 20.40

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