
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 31 May 2023 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Alex Busby-Hicks	-	Chair (to item 58)
	Wes Guest	-	Vice-Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair of Council
	Rob Hartley	-	Independent Director
In attendance:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair of Council
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
	Matt Cumming	-	FS TEA
	Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Officer
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Tash Higman	-	Chair of Finance Committee (to item 56)
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary & Competitions Coordinator
	Jeff Montgomery	-	STO (from item 55)
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator (JC)
	Lucy Westgarth	-	Judge (to item 54)
	Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA (from item 53.3)
Apologies:	Rai Ahmed	-	Artistics TEA
	John Smyth	-	Vice-President, Delegate to ISC

Item Minute

48/23 Quoracy

In accordance with the committee's terms of reference the meeting was declared quorate. The Chair gave warning that due to poor Wi-Fi availability at his current location he may drop out of the meeting at any moment.

49/23 Declarations of Interest

These would be listed under the relevant item.

50/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 4 April 2023

Wes Guest proposed, seconded by Rob Hartley, that the Minutes be approved for publication to the British Skydiving website. **Carried, Action: Secretary**
There were no matters arising that were not already listed on the agenda.

51/23 Domestic Competitions 2023 - Completed

51.1 UKSL FS 4way Meet 1, 6-7 May, Sibson Skydivers

The Chief Judge's (CJ) report had been circulated with the committee papers. An issue concerning the live draw publication, due to the time difference between the two countries, had been resolved, along with file storage on the InTime judging system. The Meet had been well run, and well attended.

51.2 GP Accuracy, Meet 1, 20-21 May, Skydive Headcorn

The inflation pump for the gazebo was discovered missing from the bag. The Coordinator was to chase up where the gazebo was last held before return to the office, and if not found a new one was to be ordered. **Action: Competitions Coordinator**

Inclement conditions had allowed for two rounds of Sport Accuracy only and no competition Sunday following windy conditions and plane issues.

51.3 GP CF, Meet 1, 27-28 May, Skydive Langar

A well-attended competition with good organisation.

Those present thanked the Judges and host venues.

52/23 Domestic Competitions 2023

52.1 UKSL FS4-way, Meet 2, 3-4 June, Skydive Langar

No further news.

52.2 GP CF, Meet 2, 10-11 June, Skydive Northwest

No news to report.

52.3 British Skydiving Nationals 2023 – Rules

52.3.1 CF, WS and CP

These rules had been approved by email and were due to be published.

52.3.2 FS 4-way

Wes Guest proposed, seconded by Rob Hartley, that the rules be approved.

52.3.3 Accuracy

Rob Hartley proposed, seconded by Wes Guest, that the rules be approved.

52.3.4 VFS

The JC, once she had perused the document, would let any amendments if required be known and the document would then be subject to e-vote approval.

52.3.5 WS

Rob Hartley proposed, seconded by Wes Guest, that the rules be approved.

52.3.6 Artistics

Wes Guest proposed, seconded by Rob Hartley, that the rules be approved.

The proposed rules were to be circulated to the committee for e-vote by 4 June.

The FS TEA had indicated that the FS 8-way rules required further amendment and would be available shortly. The Coordinator was to reach out to the Speed TEA with regard to the Speed Nationals rules. The Nationals entry form required a few more tweaks before being released to the committee and then published.

Action: FS TEA & Comps Coordinator

53/23 Judging Matters

53.1 International Judges to domestic competitions

The Committee were aware that three overseas judges would be budgeted for, two to Speed and WS Nationals, and one to FS-4way Nationals.

53.2 Judges Conflict of Interest – Form 277D

As some judges had raised queries such as how the forms would be stored and for how long, and what construed a conflict, a meeting had been convened with the Secretary-General, Chair of council. The committee was informed that the queries had been resolved satisfactorily and that the Secretary-General was to amend the form before reissue.

53.3 Form 243 – British Skydiving Records

Guidance for judges was sought and amendments to the Form was requested. After long debate Wes Guest proposed, and was seconded by Rob Hartley that participation criteria be amended to read that they must be eligible to hold a British Sporting Licence and that the composition be 'up to 25%, or a maximum of 10 participants be exempt from holding a British Skydiving issued Sporting Licence on condition of holding British Skydiving membership during participation of the record. **Carried**

Lucy Westgarth would amend the document which was to be circulated to the committee for e-vote and then publication.

54/23 International First Category Events (FCEs) 2023

54.1 15th FAI World Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing, Ravenna, Italy, 1-9 July 2023

The Official registration document was competed and to be returned to the host straight after the meeting so as not to miss the due date of 31 May, following a discussion that would be held in a closed session at the end of the meeting.

54.2 All other World Cups

Preliminary registration had been returned to the host venue for WS and Speed and the Preliminary for FS & Arts was to be received by the host by 8th June. There was no further news regarding the FCE CP but it was believed that the first bulletin would be available in the coming two weeks.

55/23 EPC Budget and British Team Fund (BTF)

The Chair of the Finance Committee spoke to the budget papers as presented to the Committee and explained why the budget allocation was higher than the 2022-2023 budget, with rising costs including entry fees. Those present agreed to work with the Finance Committee in order to find ways to lower the allocation. Rob Hartley proposed, seconded by Wes Guest, that the budget be presented to council. **Carried**

56/23 Action Plan and Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2022 to 30 June 2023 and 1 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024

The Action Plans were to keep track of deliverables. However, due to the pandemic there was no data in 2020 and no realistic data for 2021. Coming out of the pandemic there was now the opportunity to update these accordingly. This was to remain a standing item.

57/23 EPC Risk Register

Whilst this was a standing item the Secretary queried on how this was used as there had been no movement with the document. It was reported that there would be a Council meeting where directors could be advised. Those present were advised that the register be viewed and amended to keep it relevant. This was to remain a standing item on the agenda to be discussed early in the meeting together with the Action Plan and Performance Metrics.

Agenda, next meeting

The Vice-Chair took the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

58/23 Investment in Performance Working Group (IPWG)

An update would be provided at the July EPC meeting following an IPWG meeting over the next two weeks. **Next meeting**

59/23 Any other Business

There were no items of AOB.

60/23 Dates and Times of the next meetings

Meeting times would be 16.00 on Monday 24 July, Monday 11 September and Wednesday 15 November.

The meeting then moved in-camera, with the Chair of Council and staff invited to stay.

61/23 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

61.1 FCE Classics

A request was received to allow an addition to the delegation. However, this athlete had not competed at the 2022 Accuracy Nationals. Rob Hartley proposed, seconded by Mark Bayada, that as they had not competed at the selection event the athlete was therefore ineligible.

Carried, Action: Chair

The meeting closed at 18.15

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