

## Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Monday 11 September 2023 at 1600**

Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

<b>Present:</b>	Alex Busby-Hicks	-	Chair (to item 84)
	Wes Guest	-	Vice-Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair of Council (from item 79.3)
	Rob Hartley	-	Independent Director
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair of Council (from item 80.3)
	Dave Crowhurst	-	Classics TEA
	Liam Domin-Goddard	-	Communications Officer
	Kevin Dynan	-	STO
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA
	Robert Gibson	-	CEO
	Sam Haste	-	CF TEA
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary & Competitions Coordinator
	Ryan Mancey	-	STO
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice-President
	John Smyth	-	Vice-President, Delegate to ISC
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
<b>Apologies:</b>	Rai Ahmed	-	Arts TEA
	Jeff Montgomery	-	Head of Safety & Competitions

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### Item Minute

#### 76/23 **Declarations of Interest**

These would be listed under the relevant item.

#### 77/23 **Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 24 July 2023**

As the minutes had only just been completed the minutes were to be circulated for approval via email. ***Action: Secretary***

Should there be any matters arising these would be brought up at the next meeting.

#### 78/23 **EPC Risk Register**

The Risk register was to be shared with editing rights so all could add their considerations. ***Action: All Committee and Secretary***

#### 79/23 **Domestic Competitions 2023 - Completed**

79.1 **UKSL FS4-way Meet 3, 1-2 July, Netheravon** – report pending.

79.2 **British Skydiving Nationals in CF, 4-6 Aug, Skydive Langar** – report pending.

The Judges Coordinator would request the reports for the EPC meeting in November.

#### 79.3 **British Skydiving Nationals in CP, Klatovy, 10-14 Aug**

Those present thanked Emma for her in-depth report, and agreed with the circulated feedback and the TEA that she had done an excellent job and had benefitted the team greatly.

Those present congratulated Martin Reynolds - CP TEA on his new British record in Distance.

There had been a change to the Documentation section of the rules as it was brought to the attention of the Secretary that all members must hold CP4, as opposed to CT2. The competitors must arrive at the venue with the grade, as training and testing for the grade is not allowed during the practice days. This had led to a competitor not being allowed to compete.

A matter within the Head of Delegation report would be discussed at an in-camera session to be arranged at the earliest opportunity.

#### **79.4 GP Accuracy Meet 2, Skydive GB, 19-20 August**

Those present thanked the Chief Judge - Roger Flavell, for his comprehensive report and were pleased to note that all six rounds were completed in Classics despite poor weather at times.

#### **79.5 British Skydiving Nationals in FS 4-way, Skydive Hibaldstow, 2-4 Sept**

The committee thanked Chief Judge Amanda Kenny for her detailed report, and noted some points to bring forward:

- Rules to be published in good time
- Not all have Facebook in order to be able to follow links
- The BritSky website needs to be more easily accessible.

The CEO would take it on board to ensure the rules are published in a timely fashion, and the Communications Manager was open to suggestions on how to present the information.

- Possible rule changes to include refunds for circumstances beyond the teams control.

This would be raised at the November meeting of EPC.

***Next agenda***

- IT issues - Laptop 4 and InTime aren't working together correctly which slows down the judging panel. This would be looked into when the competitions season was over. ***Action: Competitions Coordinator***
- Change of planes during the active competition.

It was recognised that the DZ would not have changed plane on a whim. However, some categories felt they may have been disadvantaged as they had little experience exiting the alternative aircraft. The Chair would discuss the matter with the Meet Director.

***Action: Chair***

- Early Bird registration - if there was the opportunity to bring this back
- Last registration closer to the competition start - whilst may encourage more participants it may be more problematic for the host DZ for their manifest.
- Invitations to FCEs to be sent earlier
- Refund policy for those who could not continue through injury (Item 8.2 on the agenda brought forward) - It was recognised that this may be a DZ policy and that the bid form may be amended to allow the DZ a place to make the EPC aware of their specific policy.

#### **79.6 British Skydiving Nationals in Accuracy, 8-10 Sept, Skydive GB**

Those present thanked the Classics TEA for his report and were pleased to hear of two further new British records. It was noted that a new trophy was required for Team Sport. With 13 Classic competitors and 14 Sport 10 rounds were completed which had not been achieved in a while and was the first time since the 2cm pads were introduced. 6 rounds of Sport Accuracy were also completed.

In order to encourage new competitors, there was discussion to change the scoring for less the experienced pilots, and a proposal would be produced in due course.

Finally it was asked that the League scores, as provided by Bob King, be published to the British Skydiving website. The Secretary noted that the UKSL League scores should also be published.

***Action: Secretary and Communications Manager***

#### **79.7 Selection Policy**

Further work was required to create and adopt the policy. The committee thanks an athlete for their useful input, and the Chair would acknowledge receipt of their suggestions.

***Action: Chair***

#### **79.8 Competition Medals**

Leicester Trophy Centre, the supplier of the Regional medals and engraver of the Nationals medals, had approached the office with regard to supplying Nationals medals also. These may prove cost effective and could mean that the medals would be available

in good time. The only concern of the Secretary was that there may be a difference of quality as the production would be outsourced rather than produced inhouse such as with Toye & Kenning. The Committee were content to allow the Secretary to explore further and also considered:

- Purchase of an engraving machine for use at the office
- Inclusion of the year the medal was to be awarded
- Blank medal with a personalised ribbon

Frustration was expressed that blank medals had been supplied to the CP Nationals, and whilst an apology was given the circumstances to the medal engraving were out of the offices control. Engraved medals would be sent on to the winners of the CP event.

***Action: Secretary***

[Note: The Administration Secretary sent on the medals following the meeting]

#### **79.4 Trophy engraving**

It was brought to the attention of the committee that when the trophies are taken by the winner, who then goes on to have it engraved, that there is no knowing which font is used. This information was to be ascertained and kept with each trophy for future reference.

***Action: Competitions Coordinator***

### **80/23 Domestic Competitions 2023**

#### **80.1 British Skydiving Nationals in Speed, VFS, WS and FS 8-way, Sky-High Skydiving, 16-18 Sept**

Everything was in place with the medals etc, and the laptops were to be picked up by a Trainee Judge attending the event.

#### **80.2 British Skydiving Nationals in Artistics, Skydive Langar, 22-24 Sept**

Those present wished the Artistics TEA – Rai Ahmed a speedy recovery from her broken ankle. InTime would be set up in order for her to judge remotely.

#### **80.3 Postponement due to inclement weather**

2023 had seen the first competition postponed, in collective memory, due to a poor weather forecast, as it had predicted high winds and cloud. It was acknowledged that the decision by the host DZ was not taken lightly and had been made on discussion with the judges and had all concerned in mind.

The CEO brought forward the concept of an Organising Committee of responsible stakeholders which could include but not limited to:

- Competitors
- Chief Judge
- Meet Director
- Safety Officer
- TEA

A process required development of clear guidelines so all could be aware and no discipline disadvantaged. However, the current precedence was that all should arrive for the competition regardless of the weather as the DZ had paid for the event, which raised the question of event insurance should the meet be cancelled.

The consensus was that at the moment the balance with the Meet Director and the Chief Judge, and to consider best practice in order to support those making the decision.

### **81/23 Domestic Competitions 2024**

#### **81.1 Draft bid form**

The Coordinator had shared the document to committee and TEAs in order that they could comment or make amendment as required. Decision of the document was to be by email, preferably by 29 September for circulation to DZs, to be completed and returned by the end of October for decision at the meeting on Weds 15 November.

***Action: Competitions Coordinator***

### **82/23 Judging Matters**

#### **82.1 FAI Judge rating - complaint**

The Judges Coordinator, on behalf of the judges in training, had raised an issue with the training at a recent FAI course and subsequent withdrawal of a rating two weeks after being awarded. It was wished that the complaint be brought to the attention of the ISC Judges Committee at the earliest opportunity.

## **82.2 Update to Form 243a – British Skydiving Records**

Wes Guest proposed that his redraft of Form 243a, to include Highest Average, be accepted. Seconded by Rob Hartley.

***Carried. Action: Competitions Coordinator***

## **83/23 International First Category Events (FCEs) 2023 completed**

### **83.1 5<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 4<sup>th</sup> European Championships of Speed Skydiving, 4<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 2<sup>nd</sup> European Championship of Wingsuit Flying, 19-25 Aug, Prostějov, Czechia**

Those present thanked the Head of Delegation – Liz Moor. However, they had not yet had the opportunity to read through and process, but congratulated Kiera Chapman on her new British Speed record.

### **83.2 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup & 15<sup>th</sup> European Championship of FS, 14<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 12<sup>th</sup> European Championship of Aeristic Events, 22-26 Aug, Voss**

The Committee thanked Martin Soulsby for his report. Wes Guest was to request feedback from the competitors.

### **83.3 General Feedback**

- The Chair of Council requested that any new documents for FCEs 2024 must be submitted to the Inclusion, Diversity and Equality Subcommittee (IDES) before circulation to competitors to ensure correctness.
- Suitable uniform – the sizing was not always true and some items were not worn. There was a potential to save costs and that the tendering process may be resurrected.

***Agenda: November EPC meeting***

Due to an unexpected occurrence the Chair left the meeting. The Vice-Chair proceeded with the meeting.

## **84/23 International First Category Events (FCEs)**

### **84.1 15<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing, Ravenna, Italy, 1-8 October 2023**

Everything was in place for the Head of Delegation and athletes.

### **84.2 5<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 1<sup>st</sup> European Championship of Canopy Piloting Freestyle, 18-22 October, Eloy, Arizona**

The registration and payment was in place. The Delegate to ISC had been chosen to be on the Jury, and Liz Warner would be attending as an invited judge.

## **85/23 EPC Budget and British Team Fund (BTF)**

Those present noted specific items that appeared to be under budget but noted that there were still claims to come in where an event had not yet taken place.

Invoices for levies to the BTF would be sent now all Nationals had been completed.

## **86/23 Action Plan and Performance Metrics – 1 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024**

This would be discussed at the November meeting.

***Agenda: November EPC Meeting***

## **87/23 EPC Risk Register**

***Agenda. next meeting***

## **88/23 Investment in Performance Working Group (IPWG)**

Only two attendees, with no admin support had attended the WG meeting. Whilst behind schedule, it was to be noted that the entry fees for World Championships would now be covered,

## **89/23 Any other Business**

### **89.1 FCEs 2024 Selection**

The Secretary reminded the TEAs present to provide her with team lists for invitation to represent Great Britain.

***Action: TEAs & Secretary***

### **89.2 Overall Awards for AGM Awards Ceremony**

The Secretary reminded the relevant TEAs that team/individual award winner list would be required very soon in order to have the medals engraved in good time.

***Action: TEAs & Secretary***

**90/23 Dates and Times of the next meetings**  
16.00 on Wednesday 15 November.

The meeting closed at 18.57

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