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**Elite Performance Committee**  
Minutes of the special meeting held on  
**Tuesday 4 August 2020 at 1500**  
Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

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| <b>Present:</b>       | Sam Lee             | - | Chair                           |
|                       | Mark Bayada         | - | Vice-Chair                      |
|                       | Mary-Lou Barratt    |   |                                 |
|                       | Wes Guest           |   |                                 |
|                       | Simon Soper         |   |                                 |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | Ratul Ahmed         | - | Artistics TEA                   |
|                       | Liz Ashley          | - | Editor, Skydive the Mag         |
|                       | Tony Butler         | - | COO                             |
|                       | Jack Davies         | - | Council Member                  |
|                       | Steve Hastings      | - | Accuracy TEA                    |
|                       | Kate Lindsley       | - | Council Member                  |
|                       | Mike Lovemore       | - | Speed TEA                       |
|                       | Helen Lucas         | - | Committee Secretary             |
|                       | Jeff Montgomery     | - | STO                             |
|                       | Marcus Muir-Smith   | - | CF TEA                          |
|                       | Martin Reynolds     | - | CP TEA                          |
|                       | Martin Shuttleworth | - | Secretary-General               |
|                       | Martin Soulsby      | - | Vice-President                  |
|                       | Liz Warner          | - | Judges Coordinator              |
| <b>Apologies</b>      | Angel Fernandez     | - | Communications Manager          |
|                       | John Smyth          | - | Vice-President, Delegate to ISC |
|                       | Mike Williams       | - | Wingsuit TEA                    |

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**Item Minute**

**30/20 Declarations of Interest**

These would be listed under the relevant item.

**31/20 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2020 had been approved and published.  
There were no matters arising

**32/20 Judging Matters**

The Judges Coordinator informed those present that a more in-depth judges training session would be required this year as the cancellation of competitions due to the pandemic left some judges uncurrent in the judging disciplines. This would mostly affect CP where international judges. Those present were content with the planning of the training session assist in the re-training of judges whilst recognising that there may not be available funds to bring international judges over, should travel restrictions allow a greater freedom of movement.

**33/20 Sponsorship 2020-2021**

As sponsored athletes Wes Guest, Marcus Muir-Smith, Martin Reynolds, Martin Soulsby, Mike Lovemore and Steve Hastings declared their interest. The Chair was content for them to remain in the discussion.

**33.1 Team Training 2020-2021 – pre-approval**

Sponsored teams/athletes must seek the approval of the committee before commencing training for Mondial 2020 (to be held in 2021) (Minute 18/20 refers).

The Chair reassured those present that on discussion with the Finance Committee Chair and Finance Manager that British Skydiving funds would be more available from mid-September and the committee discussed some points below:

- PTOs are now open so opportunities to train
- Reduced income to British Skydiving during the restriction period
- Travel restrictions slowly lifting

Mary Barratt proposed that permission be given to all sponsored athletes to recommence their training, and that they can claim their remaining sponsorship for training undertaken from 5 August 2020. Claims were to be made from 21 September. Seconded by the Vice-Chair.

**Carried**

The Chair would write to the sponsored athletes informing them of the decision, and also to inform them that sponsorship claims must be staggered, and that there may be delays in payment due to the reduced income of British Skydiving who will endeavour to cover all claims.

**Action: Chair**

### **33.2 Sponsorship Working Group**

The Chair reported that the group was still to be formed and asked for volunteers. The group needed direction from Council in order to form a targeted strategy for sponsored/funded athletes.

## **34/20 Domestic Competitions 2020-2021**

### **34.1 Judging Equipment: InTime**

The committee had agreed by email to reimburse Skydive Hibaldstow the cost of £474 for the updating of the scoring system InTime, which was to have been used at the British Skydiving Nationals, as a gesture of goodwill. It was unfortunate that due to external circumstances these events had to be cancelled.

### **34.2 Bid forms for 2021 British Skydiving meets**

The Secretary reported that she was not content with the forms in their current format and that they still required further work.

Those present had more suggestions of what they wish to also be included and it was agreed that the forms would be shared to all to make their own additions before the forms could be agreed at the next meeting in October.

**Action: Secretary**

### **34.3 Medals and Uniforms**

#### **34.3.1 Medals and Uniforms**

The committee were content for the Secretary to now pursue quotes for the medals and uniforms should the companies now be open following the lifting of trading restrictions.

**Action: Secretary and Communications Manager**

#### **34.3.2 Trophies**

The Secretary was to liaise with the TEAs as to where the current British Skydiving trophies were in order to reach out and get photos.

It was noted again that the CF 2-way sequential trophy was missing. Min 26/19 refers to the budget of £250 for a replacement.

## **35/20 6<sup>th</sup> DIPC 2021**

Correspondence from the organising committee had been circulated to the committee. It was to ask the likelihood of NACs sending delegations should the event take place following the cancellation of the 2020 event due to Covid-19. Following discussion that some athletes wished to take part the survey, to be returned to the organisers by 14 August, would be completed positively.

**Action: Secretary**

## **36/20 Action Plan and Performance Metrics 1 July 2020 – 31 June 2021**

### **36.1 Action Plan**

The updated spreadsheet would be circulated when available. Council had agreed the proposed budget and the Chair made those present aware that £5000 was available towards focussed coaching, and asked that the committee and TEAs consider the best use of this available fund.

### **36.2 Performance Metrics**

Wes Guest, who would be looking into the matrices as presented, required further consultation with the Chair before these were presented to the committee.

## **37/20 Microclim8 team member**

Martin Soulsby was saddened to report the passing of Stefan Cocksedge (Potter), a Microclim8 team member for Mondial 2020. The Committee passed on their condolences to his family.

**38/20** **Date of next meeting**  
1500 on Tuesday 20 October 2020

The meeting closed at 1622.

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