
Elite Performance Committee
Minutes of the special meeting held on
Thursday 15 April 2021 at 1600
Virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada		
	Wes Guest	-	Volunteer, voting
	Sam Lee	-	Vice-Chair – to item 20.4
	Joanne Shaw	-	Independent Director
	Simon Soper		
	Eleanor Southworth	-	to item 21.6
In attendance:	Rai Ahmed	-	Arts TEA – to item 21.4
	Tony Butler	-	COO
	Dr John Carter	-	Medical Adviser to British Skydiving
	Tim Gaines	-	VFS TEA – to item 22.3
	Steve Hastings	-	Accuracy TEA
	Michael Lovemore	-	Speed TEA – to item 21.6
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Marcus Muir-Smyth	-	CF TEA
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair of Council
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA – to item 21.5
	John Smyth	-	Vice-President, Delegate to ISC – to item 22.1
	Lucy Westgarth	-	Judges Coordinator
	Konrad Wysocki	-	WS TEA
Apologies	Tom Rofe	-	Volunteer, voting

Item Minute

17/21 Declarations of Interest

These would be listed under the relevant item.

18/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March had been circulated. The Chair noted the lack of approvers and recommended that should this reoccur the minutes be taken as approved as should there be any amendments it was likely that these would be made known at the time of circulation.

There were no matters arising that were not itemised in the agenda.

19/21 FAI ISC Annual Plenary Meeting 2021, 22-24 January 2021

The ISC delegate briefed those present on his previously circulated report and answered queries on possible financial restraints following Covid-19 restrictions of 2020. The Delegate reassured those present any money-saving options would not impact the Commissions.

20/21 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 10-20 August 2021

20.1 News release from FAI / ISC

20.2 Release of Bulletin 1 and Preliminary Registration document

The news release with further comment from the Delegate to ISC had been circulated to the committee. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) were yet to reach a decision which had the potential to cancel the Mondial. Further comment was that whilst in 'normal' times the

released bulletin was excellent at this present time it appeared to be in breach of current Covid-19 restrictions. The organisers however were offering medical insurance specific to Covid-19. The British Skydiving Medical Adviser stated that travel restrictions of both England and Russia could change at any given moment and that there was currently little information on testing for Covid-19 and vaccination figures of the host nation. The ISC Delegate would work towards obtaining further advice and information from the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP). Joanne Shaw would liaise with International SOS in relation to an Emergency Business Plan. All information would assist British Skydiving in their duty of care towards the athletes who may wish to attend should the Mondial take place. [Note: The Preliminary registration, which was to indicate the number of attendees only, was forwarded to the host on Friday 16 April with a caveat that the registration may be subject to change or withdrawal at any time due to the uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 pandemic]

20.3 Selection of Head of Delegation and Team Managers

The session then moved in-camera with the Chair handing over to the Vice-Chair before leaving the meeting. The Chair for this session then invited all others to stay for the discussion before the decision. This procedure would be reviewed for the next meeting.

Agenda: Next meeting

4 applications had been received, from John Smyth for the Head of Delegation role, from Mary Barratt, Paul Capsey and Travis Wood. After due discussion, the meeting moved into a closed session with only voting members of the committee present.

Joanne Shaw proposed that John Smyth, as experienced with good communication skills, be offered the role of Head of Delegation. Seconded by Eleanor Southworth. **Carried**

Joanne Shaw then proposed Mary Barratt and Travis Wood as Team Managers as a good representation across all disciplines. Seconded by Eleanor Southworth. **Carried**

The meeting then returned in open session.

The committee were pleased and encouraged to see new applicants. The Secretary would write to the individuals to formally inform them of the decision. **Action: Secretary**

20.4 Sponsorship – email circulated to athletes

To formally note the email of Monday 29 March, sent to all sponsored athletes informing them that draw-down of sponsorship was on hold due to the uncertainty of the Mondial going ahead and Covid restrictions.

[Note: An email of 19 April 2021 was circulated to all sponsored athletes to inform them that the hold had been lifted]

20.5 Delegation Team Wear – to formally note the outcome of the team wear meeting

After reviewing the budget and with the quote provided by Workstuff, British Skydiving would provide team wear of Softshell jacket, polo shirts and tee-shirts to Mondial attending athletes.

20.6 Invited Judges attendance

The Judges Coordinator informed the committee that FAI had contacted the invited judges for the Mondial as to their likelihood of attendance. The committee were content that the judges respond as appropriate to their circumstances.

21/21 Domestic Competitions

21.1 Rules for British Skydiving Meets

The secretary would circulate the documents once completed.

Action: Secretary

21.2 APA equipment request – Intime

A request to use the British Skydiving judging equipment – InTime, had been received from APA. The committee were unsure as to the contract details of loaning the equipment and if there would be any insurance issues. The Judges Coordinator would look into the contract conditions and the Secretary would ask regarding the insurance.

[Note: The Judges Coordinator had found the terms of the InTime usage and had informed both Chair and Secretary]

21.3 Request for Judges – Skydive Buzz

A request for British Skydiving to cover Judges costs, should they attend, had been received from Skydive Buzz. This was for a private event. After some discussion it was the consensus that the request was outside the remit of EPC. The Chair would respond to the request to outline such support as may be given.

Action: Chair

21.4 Planning for selection with the possibility of Nationals cancellation

It was recognised that EPC could decide the selection of athletes to FCE1 2022, should a Nationals in that discipline not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions or should no bid be placed.

Recommendations from TEAs were:

Accuracy – 1, Hold a National in Early 2022. 2, Pre-registration then if cancelled select from those who pre-registered

Speed – 2021 selected athletes with possible further selection based on best speeds.

VFS – Previous results or pre-registration

CP – Last Nationals results

The committee welcomed the input.

21.5 Future of CP Nationals in the UK

As potentially a large investment to keep the CP Nationals in the UK this would likely require a study with input from:

- CP community
- PTOs who may want a CP pond, maintain it and host a CP Nationals
- Judges – for training and currency

This list was not exhaustive. The committee also recognised that it may assist with the progression of 'A' licence skydivers in their canopy handling abilities.

The Chair would discuss further with the CP TEA.

Action: Chair

The Judges Coordinator commented that it would assist currency to have a judge at Klatovy if keeping CP Nationals overseas. If in the UK more CP judges would be required.

Costings for a Judge to attend Klatovy were capped at £500 which included flights and accommodation if not included for the competition.

A concern was raised that quarantining on return to the UK may still be in place and that British Skydiving may be liable to cover the hotel quarantine fees. Whilst there was no decision made the consensus was that judges should not travel to Klatovy for the 2021 meet because of the potential travel and cost implications.

However, the secretary would approach Klatovy as to their willingness to allow British Skydiving judges to judge the Nationals in the future to assist with currency should the Nationals remain overseas.

Action: Secretary

21.6 Meets postponed

As noted in the calendar below.

22/21 Judging Matters

22.1 Judge recruitment issues

The Judges Coordinator had created documents showing the issues and areas the judges found enjoyable. She asked as to the number of Temporary Memberships a judge may hold during a membership year to which there were currently no limits.

A viable solution to judges membership fees would be sought.

Next agenda

22.2 InTime training / Implementation

InTime training was virtual learning. The Secretary informed those present that the Judges laptops, currently used by staff who were working from home due to Covid restrictions, would be returned and passed on to Computerlink in order to remove the staff data whilst keeping InTime data intact.

[The laptops were now available for judges use]

22.3 Judges Procedures – From 277 amendments

The form, with comment and amendments, had been circulated for information.

22.4 Purchase of Accuracy equipment

The Accuracy TEA gave those present costings for 2 accuracy scoring pad and associated cables, an anemometer and tripod. An allocation of £3000 had been agreed and it was believed that the purchase was within budget. The chair would liaise with the Finance Committee Chair to confirm the budget was still available.

Action: Chair

22.5 Request to lift minimum of Accuracy judges

A recommendation of an uplift to five judges from 3 judges at British Skydiving Accuracy meets was discussed, and that the use of any trainee judges should be declared in the Accuracy rules.

As the meeting was now not quorate a proposal by email on 16 April 2021 by Wes Guest proposed that British skydiving increase the number of judges for accuracy events from 3 judges to 5 qualified judges. Seconded by Simon Soper.

Carried

23/21 Action Plan and Performance Matrices – 1 Jul 2020 – 31 June 2021

The Chair and Eleanor Southworth would liaise with the Vice-Chair in order to hand this over. The documents would be circulated when available.

23.1 Investment in Performance Working Group

The Terms of Reference for the Working Group had been circulated to the committee for information.

24/21 Any other business

The Chair and Secretary would consider arranging the agenda to be more TEA friendly and to consider the relevancy to TEAs of such papers for circulation to aid their involvement in such discussions relevant to their discipline. **Action: Chair and Secretary**

25/21 Date and Time of Next meeting

Thursday 15 July at 1600.

The meeting closed at 19.35.

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British Skydiving Meets 2021

British Skydiving Nationals 2021		
Discipline	Location	Date
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Pink Klatovy	28 July-1 August 2021
FS 4-way and VFS	Skydive Hibaldstow	27-30 August 2021
FS 8-Way	Skydive Hibaldstow	3-5 September 2021
Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	3-5 September 2021
Accuracy	Skydive GB - Bridlington	10-12 September 2021
Wingsuit, Performance - Acrobatics - Trackingsuit	Tbc	Tbc
Speed	Tbc	Tbc
Artistics	Tbc	Tbc
British Skydiving UKSL FS 4-way 2021		
Meet 1 - Postponed	Skydive Langar	1-2 May 2021
Meet 2	Sibson Skydivers	5-6 June 2021
Meet 3	Skydive Hibaldstow	3-4 July 2021
British Skydiving Grand Prix 2021		
Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	22-23 May 2021
CF	Skydive Langar	19-20 June 2021