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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 1300

at the offices of BPA, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF

Present:	Mark Bayada	-	Acting Chair
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Tim Gaines	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
	Sam Lee		
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS (via Skype from item 19.2.5)
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 19.2.5)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President
	Joy Ledger	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Observer	Wes Guest		
	Peter Mather		
Apologies	Brian Vacher	-	Chair, Discipline Rep: CP

Item Minute

16/19 Declarations of any conflicts of Interest
These would be declared under the relevant item.

17/19 Minutes of the previous meeting
Those present recognised that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2019 had been approved electronically and published on the BPA website:
<http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>
Sam Lee, as the only Council member present who had attended the February Competitions Committee meeting, duly signed the master copy as a true record.

18/19 Matters arising
18.1 Open & Female category funding
Correspondence had been circulated to the Committee for information and those present noted that this was an item on the agenda for Council discussion at its meeting later this evening. **Noted**

19/19 **BPA Competitions 2019**

19.1 Queries from the Chair of Council – in relation to BPA competitions 2019
Circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting.

19.1.1 FCE team selection in the event of no competition jumps

The Chair raised a query in an email to the Chair regarding circumstances, such as the weather, that may result in no jumps and therefore no scores with which to select a GB delegation for the following years FCE. After due discussion Sam Lee proposed that a line be added to all discipline Nationals rules, that if no competition jumps are made, that selection is referred back to the Competitions Committee in order to select teams for the relevant FCE. Seconded by the Judges Coordinator. The line is to be added to all Nationals rules. **Carried unanimously. Action – Secretary**

19.1.2 Nationals costs covered by BPA

The Judges Coordinator stated that Hibaldstow were aware of the costs that BPA covered, and that she was liaising with the Competition Committee Chair. The Speed Rep confirmed that Skydive Buzz were also aware. Confirmation was required from the Chair with regard to further liaison with other PTOs. The Acting Chair would seek this confirmation. **Action: Acting Chair**

19.1.3 Comparison of Entry fees

The Chair of Council noted that the entry fees for Nationals in CF and WS differed greatly. It was noted that CF required lower altitude flights, and that the WS entry fee also included some meals, t-shirts and multiple items within a goody bag. Those present were content.

19.1.4 Queens Cup 2019

The Secretary confirmed Skydive Hibaldstow was aware the Queens Cup would run in conjunction with the FS 4-way Nationals. Reference was to be made to the Queens Cup within the BPA National rules for FS-way. **Action: FS Rep**

19.2 BPA Competition Rules

All rules, once approved, would be uploaded to the BPA website by the BPA office.

19.2.1 BPA Nationals in CP, 14-18 Aug, Klatovy, Czech Rep

The Judges Coordinator made the committee aware that the host centre had rules specific to their DZ that should be incorporated within the admin section of the BPA rules. The CP Rep was to be made aware of this. **Action: CP Rep**

19.2.2 BPA Nationals in WS Performance, Acrobatics and Tracking Suit, 1-4 Jul, Skydive Buzz

With few minor amendments those present approved the rules. Tracking Suit was to be added to the Nationals Entry form. **Approved**

19.2.3 BPA Nationals in Accuracy, 3-4 Aug, Skydive Buzz

The rules as circulated were approved for publication. **Approved**

19.2.4 BPA Nationals in Artistics and Speed, 3-4 Aug, Skydive Buzz

No rules had been forthcoming from the Artistics Reps. This would be chased up. Once the draft rules had been received by the office these would be circulated to the Committee for email approval. **Action: Acting Chair**
The Speed rules, as circulated, were approved for publication. **Approved**

19.2.5 BPA Nationals in FS 4-way & VFS, 24-27 Aug, Skydive Hibaldstow

No changes were required. **Approved**

19.2.6 BPA Nationals in FS 8-way, 31 Aug-2 Sep, Skydive Hibaldstow

Approved for publication. **Approved**

19.2.7 BPA Nationals in CF, 8-10 Sep, Skydive Buzz

19.2.8 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy, 20-21 Apr, Peterlee and 8-9 Jun, Skydive Headcorn

As the 1st Meet was before the meeting the rules had been approved by email. **Noted**

19.2.9 BPA UKSL FS 4-way 4-5 May, Peterlee, 8-9 June, Skydive Sibson and 6-7 July, Skydive Buzz

The rules were approved for publication.

Approved

19.2.9.1 Non-sponsored coaches to UKSL Skydive Buzz

A request had been received through the FS Rep of 2 non-sponsored team members who were willing to coach at the named event, as no sponsored athletes were available to conduct a roadshow. Sam Lee proposed that expenses could be claimed by the 2 members of Pajama Pumas to coach at the UKSL – Skydive Buzz. Jump ticket costs could not be claimed.

Seconded by the FS Rep.

Carried unanimously

20/19 BPA Competitions 2019 – completed

20.1 BPA GP in Accuracy, 20-21 April, Peterlee

The Meet had seen fewer competitors, with 6 attending, inclement weather had cleared to allow the Meet to be completed in 1 day.

The Committee thanked the host DZ, attending judges and Texair for a successful meet.

21/19 Sponsorship 2019

The written allocation criteria for the 2020 sponsorship allocation was currently a work in progress and would be circulated as soon as available.

22/19 International Competitions 2019

The Competitions Coordinator informed those present of various aspects of the international competition administration and some points were discussed, below:

22.1 22nd FAI World Cup of FS, 7-12 Oct, Eloy, Arizona

Pete Mather, on behalf of Satori XL, gave the unfortunate news that the team were now unable to attend due to team member changes.

The invitation to attend would be extended down to Eros, who had not replied to the initial invitation, then to Anti-Matter, then to Pajama Pumas. **Action: Competitions Coordinator**

[Note: Pajama Pumas were sent an invitation on 9/5/19]

22.2 4th FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, 12-15 Aug, Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell

Tim Gaines declared his interest as a jumper at Skydive Buzz and abstained from the vote.

Mikey Lovemore declared his interest but was invited to stay as main organiser of the World Cup.

Sam Lee proposed that selected athletes from the selection events of 2016 & 2017 be invited to attend should slots be available. Seconded by the Accuracy Rep.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 (Tim Gaines & Mike Lovemore.)

Carried

The Speed Rep would send on a list of those to be invited.

Action: Speed Rep

[Note: Invitations sent 9/5/19]

22.3 10th World Cup of CP, 20-24 Nov, Pretoria, RSA

Invitees were required to confirm their attendance and have their Sporting Licence in place at least 30 days before the event. The Secretary and Competitions Coordinator would liaise as to the best time for acceptances to be received by after the 1st bulletin release in order for further invitations to be sent in good time. **Action: Secretary and Coordinator**

The Secretary and Competitions Coordinator were reminded to be more proactive in their approach to receiving all the information that was required.

22.4 Call for Heads of Delegation

The CF Rep proposed that Sam Bemment attend the World Cup in CF as Head of Delegation. Seconded by the Classics Rep. **Carried unanimously. Action: Secretary**

No applications had been received for Head of Delegation to the World Cup of Speed Skydiving. Those present asked that as the Delegate to IPC was attending in other duties, that Vice-President and former Alternate Delegate – John Hitchen be invited. John Hitchen, after seeking clarification that he was available, was delighted to accept the invitation.

22.5 4th Handifly International Challenge, 20-24 Aug, Portugal

This event was a Tandem event for disabled athletes.

BPA did not collect data regarding protected characteristics and were therefore unable to select persons who may be deemed suitable to attend. A response would be given to the organisers to thank them for their invitation but at this moment in time BPA were unable to send a delegation, but to please keep us up to date with future competitions of this sort. Discussion then centred around what may be deemed as a disability.

Refer to Development/Council

23/19 Judging Matters

23.1 Form 277 – Judges Procedures – proposed amendments

The Judges Coordinator proposed that the amendments, as produced and circulated by the previous Judges Coordinator, be accepted. Seconded by Sam Lee.

Action: Secretary

23.2 Funding judges to non-BPA events

23.2.1 Wingsuit Acrobatic Coaching event

Those present were content that sending 1 to 2 judges to train at the coaching event would be good for the growth of the discipline and for personal development of the judges.

23.2.2 FAI FS and Artistic Judges training

The Judges Coordinator informed the committee that judges who wished to obtain their FAI rating in either FS and/or Artistics were now required to judge an indoor event. Those present asked that the Judges Coordinator liaise with British Indoor Skydiving Association (BISA) to discuss financial responsibility when judges attend Indoor competitions.

Action: Judges Coordinator

23.3 Judges to Wingsuit Roadshows

Those present were content with the Judges Coordinator's request of 1-2 WS judges attending WS roadshows, and that they be allowed to claim their expenses in line with BPA policy. This would allow these judges to familiarise themselves with the Skyderby software ahead of the WS Nationals.

23.4 Judges Training Seminar

The Judges Coordinator reported that the majority of judges had been able to attend for 1 day, as not all could stay the 2-day duration. The seminar had been successful. Future consideration was to be given for the seminar to run for 1 day only.

24/19 Action Plan & Performance Metrics

Tash Higman, who was no longer on Competitions Committee, was still updating the budgets etc until the new financial year where Sam Lee would take over. The Committee noted that all budgets were on target and that there had been no overspends. The Performance Metrics were pending.

25/19 Skills Coaching Roadshows

25.1 Discipline Roadshows dates and coaches

At this time the Secretary had been unable to allocate time to the production of the spreadsheet but would follow-up at the earliest opportunity.

Action: Secretary

25.2 Clarification of jump costs for non-sponsored coaches to BPA roadshows

Each individual request must be made to and decided by the committee.

The CF Rep was asked if these coaches were of benefit and informed that should they be able to produce logbook history, receipts/invoice and make a complete and proper claim that these would be considered on a reasonable basis.

Those present asked that BPA Roadshows be reported for budgeting purposes at each meeting.

Agenda – 11 June meeting

26/19 Any other business

26.1 CF 2-way Sequential Trophy

The CF Rep asked if there was a budget allocation for replacement trophies, as the CF 2-way Sequential trophy had been retired. The Secretary informed her that it was typically around £250.

27/19 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11 June at 1300

The meeting closed at 1635

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2018 medal winning performance	2019 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2019 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2017	£
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2018 Supported events	2019 Continued support of events	Jun 2019	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£
3. Judging Team	2018 UK pool of 10 Judges	2019 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to non-National UK events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings • Supply of Judges Jackets & T-shirts • Judging Equipment Specialists 	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2018 Current holding	2019 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2019	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£
5. Delegation Uniform	2018 Delegation uniform	2019 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets & polo shirts • Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution 	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2018 Coaching Support	2019 Coaching Support	Jun 2019	Coaching support for National Champion 2017 teams of all disciplines moving to progress to higher event that meet the criteria of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having won Nationals in 2017 • Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level 	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2018 5 Officials	2019 Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£***
Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund *Target 7: Reoccurring item					



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BPA National Championships 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA National Championship in WS Performance & Acrobatics	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	1-4 Jul
BPA National Championship in Accuracy	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	3-4 Aug
BPA National Championships in Artistics and Speed	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	3-4 Aug
BPA National Championship in Canopy Piloting	Skydive Pink, Klatovy, Czech Rep	14-18 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 4-way & VFS	Skydive Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 8-way	Skydive Hibaldstow	31 Aug-2 Sep
BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	8-10 Sep

BPA Grand Prix & UKSL 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA UKSL Meet 2	Sibson Skydivers	8-9 June
BPA UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	6-7 July
GP in CF Meet 1	Skydive North West, Cark	15-16 June
GP in CF Meet 2	Skydive Langar	13-14 July
GP in Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	8-9 June