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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Brian Vacher		Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Sam Lee		
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
<b>Observer</b>	Sam Bemment		(from item 34.2)
	Wes Guest		
<b>Apologies</b>	Tim Gaines	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS

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### Item Minute

#### 28/19 **Quoracy**

The Secretary informed those present that under the Competitions Committee Terms of Reference (Form 278), this meeting was inquorate, and that any agreed proposals of the meeting were to be recommended to Council later that evening.

#### 29/19 **Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**

These would be declared under the relevant item.

#### 30/19 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Those present recognised that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2019 had been approved electronically and published on the BPA website:

<http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

Mark Bayada, as Chair of that meeting, duly signed the master copy as a true record.

#### 31/19 **Matters arising**

##### 31.1 **Open & Female category funding**

A second tranche of correspondence had been circulated to the Committee for information only.

**Noted**

##### 31.2 **Sponsorship Allocation Criteria**

The draft criteria, circulated with the agenda, was agreed to be presented to Council at its meeting later that evening as it was an agenda item of that meeting.

**Council**

### **31.3 Form 277 – Judges Procedures**

The amended Form 277, as agreed at the previous meeting, had been published on the BPA website. **Action: Completed**

## **32/19 BPA Competitions 2019**

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

The WS Rep was pleased to note that 36 performance athletes, including International athletes, and 3 Acrobatic teams, a third more than the previous year had preregistered.

Although there was only 1 tracking suit athlete registered at this time the competition was to go ahead.

[Secretary's note: Further communication from the WS rep reported 2 further performance registrations and 2 more tracking suit registrations].

### **32.2 BPA Nationals in Accuracy, 3-4 Aug, Skydive Buzz**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **32.3 BPA Nationals in Artistics and Speed, 3-4 Aug, Skydive Buzz**

#### **32.3.1 Speed**

John Smyth, reporting on behalf of the Speed Rep, asked that those present consider the Reps request to register the event as a FAI 2<sup>nd</sup> Category event, and passed on a registration form that required a signature on behalf of BPA. As IPC Delegate John Smyth would look into the procedure. The Secretary would retain the form and await instruction. **Action: IPC Delegate & Secretary**

#### **32.3.2 Artistics Rules**

Those present approved the rules on proviso that the Secretary would make the slight amendments as requested by the Judges Coordinator. **Action: Secretary**

[Secretary's note: On publication of the rules it was noticed that another amendment was required with regard to the plane type used. The Secretary would amend and upload to the BPA website]

### **32.4 BPA Nationals in CP, 14-18 Aug, Klatovy, Czech Rep**

Amendment to the entry date to bring it in line with the hosting centre was required and the FAI rules were to be added as an addendum. With these amendments the Committee approved the rules. The Secretary would amend and publish the rules to the BPA website. **Action: Secretary**

The Secretary asked how the medals and trophies were to arrive at the event. The CP Rep would contact those who held the trophies as to whether they could take them. The office would seek a way to send the medals and associated paperwork to the event. **Action: Secretary**

### **32.5 BPA Nationals in FS 4-way & VFS, 24-27 Aug, Skydive Hibaldstow**

There were no issues at this time. Further information was to be sought from the Communications Committee concerning the RAeC Queens Cup.

### **32.6 BPA Nationals in FS 8-way, 31 Aug-2 Sep, Skydive Hibaldstow**

No issues.

### **32.7 BPA Nationals in CF, 8-10 Sep, Skydive Buzz**

No issues.

### **32.8 BPA GPs in CF Meet 1, 15-15 Jun, Skydive Northwest and Meet 2, 13-14 Jul, Skydive Langar**

No issues.

### **32.9 BPA UKSL Meet 3, 6-7 Jul, Skydive Buzz**

No issues.

### **32.10 Regional competition admin**

Those present echoed the Secretary's grateful thanks to Trudy Kemp – PA to the COO & STO, in making up and organisation the collection of the rules, general admin and medals to each regional hosting PTO.

### **32.11 Competency to compete**

Concerns had been raised at the previous meeting with regard to the level of competency required of an athlete to be selected to attend international meets. The current process was that the relevant Rep supplies a list of invitees based on their scores and placings. The right was reserved, in any discipline, to observe and remove athletes from the invitee list if safety concerns were raised. Mark Bayada agreed to document the process as it stands, and further feedback was to be sought from the Safety & Technical Officer (STO) and from the Judges Coordinator with regard to 'red-flagging' athletes as to safety issues.

## **33/19 BPA Competitions 2019 – completed**

### **33.1 BPA UKSL Meet 1, 4-5 May, Peterlee**

Some points from the report and feedback were:

- Potential use of the Bank Holiday would require prior arrangement
- Late release of rules.

The Secretary explained the various circumstances such as the change of meeting date which left very little time for the rules to be agreed plus extenuating circumstances.

Those present asked to aim to have the first UKSL meet rules out by 1 month before the Meet, and to approve the rules by email if required.

### **33.2 BPA UKSL Meet 2, 8-9 June, Sibson Skydivers**

### **33.3 BPA GP in Accuracy Meet 2, 8-9 June, Skydive Headcorn**

As both events had only recently taken place there were no reports at this time. Once reports had been received these would be circulated to the committee.

## **34/19 International Competitions 2019**

### **34.1 Sporting Licence application requirements**

Sam Lee spoke to his paper, circulated with the agenda, requesting a change to the proof of eligibility documentation requirements, as it was believed to be unnecessarily stringent. The Chair gave a brief history as to why the eligibility criteria had been strengthened but agreed it may be possible to provide a lesser amount of or alternative documents. Sam Lee would provide a rewritten draft of the application and eligibility requirements for the next meeting.

**Action: Sam Lee**

### **34.2 4<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, 12-15 Aug, Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell**

#### **34.2.1 Head of Delegation**

John Hitchen, via email to the Chair, gave his apologies as he would no longer be available to act as Head of Delegation. Those present wished him well.

The Committee considered the alternatives, as no application had been received, and were content for the Chair to approach Max Hurd if he would consider a Team Manager role.

**Action: Chair**

#### **34.2.2 Athlete request**

Item discussed in an in-camera session held later this evening.

#### **34.2.3 Flysight purchase**

The WS Rep, speaking on behalf of the Speed Rep also, believed further Flysights would be required. However, a breakdown of costs involved had not yet been received and those present asked that a quote/s be provided.

### **34.3 10<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup, 8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in CF, 17-20 Aug, Strinic, Romania**

The Secretary reported that everything was coming together with the Official registration, to be returned by 21 June 2019, almost complete.

### **34.4 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup in WS, 23-30 Aug, Ravenna, Italy**

The Secretary was aware the Official registration was due by 8 July and would plan accordingly.

#### **34.4.1 Athlete request**

Item discussed in an in-camera session held later this evening.

#### **34.5 13<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Artistic events, 22<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Cup of FS, 7-12 Oct, Eloy, Arizona**

The Secretary had assured the athletes by email, and those present at the meeting that the online preliminary registration had been completed in good time before the due date.

#### **34.6 10<sup>th</sup> World Cup of CP, 20-24 Nov, Pretoria, RSA**

Bulletin 1 was not yet available.

The meeting then moved in-camera. John Smyth was invited to remain.

#### **34.7 4<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, 12-15 Aug, Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell – athlete request**

The organiser had waived the late entry fee, and the committee were sympathetic to the situation.

After due discussion those present agreed two options.

1. Repayment of the sponsorship allocation already claimed by monthly instalments until the new membership year if the athlete indicated non-attendance before registration.
2. The remaining sponsorship allocation is put towards the entry fee and the remaining balance of the entry fee is found from another source, and that the athlete competes.

The Secretary would correspond with the athlete and Financial Administrator.

**Action: Secretary**

[Secretary's note: The athlete responded that he was happy to utilise option 1]

#### **34.8 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup in WS, 23-30 Aug, Ravenna, Italy – athlete request**

Those present agreed the reimbursement of €50 towards the missed Closing Ceremony banquet and kindly offered that should the athlete place in the top 3 they would gladly cover the costs in order to change the flight home, as they would be proud to have the athlete stand on the podium.

**Action: Secretary**

#### **35/19 Texair contract and equipment supply – from agenda order**

As the Texair contract was coming to an end, and those present noted that Texair were happy to store and service the BPA kit. More information would be sought from Steve Hastings, an experienced Accuracy performer.

The meeting then continued in open session.

#### **36/19 International Competitions 2019 – completed**

##### **36.1 14<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, 19-25 May, Cordoba, Argentina – Head of Delegation report**

The report was still pending.

#### **37/19 Judging matters**

The Secretary reported that a final version of the Judges Allocations had been circulated with the agenda.

#### **38/19 Action Plan & Performance Metrics**

##### **38.1 Competitions Finances & Performance metrics**

Sam Lee spoke to his pre-circulated papers and spreadsheets and those present noted the underspends whilst recognising there were still further outgoings. Those present thanked Sam, the Financial Administrator and the Chair of Council for their assistance.

##### **38.2 Competitions Budgeting 2019/2020**

A request would be made to Council that the Competitions budget allocation for 2019/2020 remain at £206,074, the same as for 2018/2019.

**Action: Sam Lee - Council**

#### **39/19 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

##### **39.1 Discipline Roadshows dates and coaches**

The Secretary thanked the Committee for providing the information and thanked them for their patience as the spreadsheet was still not available due to recent circumstances.

**Action: Secretary**

### **39.2 WS Roadshow – Peterlee, 25-26 May**

The WS Rep spoke to his feedback paper, circulated with the agenda, and reported that the DZ had covered the jump ticket cost, and despite disappointing weather conditions time was well spent with one WS1 being awarded. The Chief Judge for the WS National attended with a trainee judge in order to hone their skills on the scoring system. The committee thanked the Rep for organising and coaching, Chris Berte (Coach) and Peterlee on a well organised productive roadshow.

Further coaching was provided at Skydive GB, on the way to the Roadshow, which had resulted in a further WS1 and a WS2 being awarded. The committee echoed the Reps thanks to the DZ for covering the jump ticket cost.

### **39.3 Additional coaches to CF roadshow**

The CF Rep confirmed the additional coaches as agreed at the previous meeting, as Marcus Muir-Smith and Jason Hobbs. These were now permitted to claim their jump tickets through the appropriate expenses claim form and providing logbook proof and receipts. No accommodation could be claimed for.

### **39.4 Jump costs for non-sponsored coaches to BPA Roadshows**

There were no further requests.

### **39.5 CF Coaching Roadshow 22-23 Jun**

Concerns had been raised as to whether the inclusion of a CF Big-Way should be considered for a BPA Roadshow. CF Big-Ways were for senior experienced CF jumpers. However, a Roadshow was to be open to all regardless of level of experience. After due discussion it was resolved that the advert for the Roadshow was incorrect, in that the Big-Way should not have been added, and Wes Guest, present at the meeting, would seek its removal. However, it was noted that Big-Ways could take place as valid Roadshow jumps if suitable attendees were present and requested it. This is in-line with Roadshows for other disciplines.

**Action: Wes Guest**

**40/19 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 6 August 2019 at 1300.

The meeting closed at 1710

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2018</b> medal winning performance	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> Supported events	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> UK pool of 10 Judges	<b>2019</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all currency requirements under FAI rules</li> <li>• Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training</li> <li>• Supply judges to non-National UK events</li> <li>• Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings</li> <li>• Supply of Judges Jackets &amp; T-shirts</li> <li>• Judging Equipment Specialists</li> </ul>	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2018</b> Current holding	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2019</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design</li> <li>• Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges</li> <li>• Supply Jackets &amp; polo shirts</li> <li>• Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution</li> </ul>	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	<b>2018</b> Coaching Support	<b>2019</b> 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"> <li>• Having won Nationals in 2017</li> <li>• Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle &amp; Freely)</li> <li>• Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level</li> </ul>	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	<b>2018</b> 5 Officials	<b>2019</b> Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 <sup>st</sup> Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Fees</li> <li>• Reasonable Travel Expenses</li> </ul>	£***
<b>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</b> <b>***Target 7: Reoccurring item</b>					



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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 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