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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Mark Bayada	-	Acting-Chair, Discipline Rep: CP
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF (from item 59.2)
	Tim Gaines	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
	Sam Lee	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Tony Butler	-	COO (to item 59.2)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice-President
	Marie Kent	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair – Council (from item 60.3)
<b>Observer</b>	Wes Guest		From item 57
<b>Apologies</b>	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice-President & IPC Delegate
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator

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### Item Minute

**55/19 Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**

These would be declared under the relevant item.

**56/19 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Those present recognised that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2019 had been approved electronically and published on the BPA website. The Acting-Chair duly signed the master copy as a true record.

**57/19 Matters arising – not listed elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

**58/19 Domestic Competitions 2020**

**58.1 Bid document**

The draft document required further work in relation to:

- The days of the week the event was to be held
- Listing of the costs covered by BPA
- The Accuracy scoring system and tuffet.

Once completed to the Committees satisfaction the form was to be circulated to all DZO and CIs for completion and return by the November 2019 meeting.

**Action: Competitions Coordinator**

**58.2 Texair Contract** – taken from agenda order

The Acting-Chair would discuss further with the BPAs current provider as to his willingness to supply the equipment to BPA events after the January 2020 contract end and asked again that the Accuracy Rep consider the specifications in order to create an open tender document.

**Action: Acting-Chair and Accuracy Rep**

**59/19 BPA Competitions 2019 - completed**

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

16 Senior including 1 foreign national, 3 Intermediate and 2 Novice athletes registered and completed 6 Rounds at what had been a well ran and enjoyable Meet, despite the weather. The committee noted from the circulated competitor feedback a discrepancy where the FAI rule regarding landing times had been used instead of the published BPA rule, and that the 5 highest placing individuals were eligible for invitation to Mondial 2020 following the ineligibility of the 1 foreign national.

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

**59.2.1 Artistics**

5 Freestyle A, 1 Freestyle B, 2 Freefly A and 2 Freefly B athletes completed at a well ran enjoyable event. The committee noted further issues with the scoring system, and that the BPA laptops may need to be upgraded to cope with a higher camera resolution.

**59.2.2 Speed**

12 Competitors competed, with 4 National records, and 1 Continental record being set at a very well organised event.

The Committee noted the late payment for the Parallog scoring system, and also for the Flysights which had resulted in athletes borrowing or using their own for the competition.

Those present understood the Meet Director's disappointment that a new world record and continental records set under the new GPS measurement rules, meaning that all previous records had been retired, would not be recognised as the registration to award the Meet as a FAI Second Category Event had not been completed.

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

No official feedback had been received. However, a brief note from the Judges Coordinator recommended that, as the Meet was overseas, there should be a Team Manager in order to cope with any incidents that may occur, such as accidents requiring medical attention. The committee would consider this once completed bids for 2020 domestic competitions had been received.

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

For FS 4-way AAA - 13 teams, AA - 5 teams, A - 13 teams and Rookie - 9 teams. For VFS 4-way Advanced - 2 teams and Intermediate - 1 team. For VFS 2-way Intermediate – 3 teams. The committee recognised a new British record in VFS of 20 points in time on Round 6 by team Omni 99.

Those present noted issues surrounding the Judges accommodation, communication between judges and manifest, and that the FAI rule of 70% for camera motion should have been published within the BPA rules.

The VFS Rep reported that there was further interest in the VFS 2-way, with the possibility to include them at UKSLs in the future. The practicality of this would be further developed, with a view to include them beyond 2020.

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

No report had been received.

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

12 teams consisting of Senior 4-way Rot – 1, Senior 4-way Seq – 1, Senior 2-way Seq – 4, Intermediate 2-way Seq – 3 and Rookie 2-way Seq – 3. It was unfortunate that bad weather had closed the competition after 4 rounds.

The committee noted a list of recommendations made by the CF Rep, and were aware of the issues surrounding available judges which would have meant the Meet cancelled had an

athlete not step down from their team in order to judge. (Min 50.1 of the 6 Aug 2019 Competitions Committee meeting refers). Those present thanked the judges, hosting dropzones and athletes on their successful competitions, and looked forward to receiving bids for the 2020 domestic competitions.

The meeting then moved in-camera. The Vice-President were invited to remain.

#### **59.6.1 BPA Nationals in CF**

A number of complaints had been received, of which the Chair briefed the committee. The Chair informed those present that it was his intention to discuss the nature of the complaints with all parties involved and will report to the committee at the next meeting. **Action: Chair**

#### **59.6.2 BPA Nationals in WS**

The Chair reported that a complaint had been received that required further discussion with the parties involved. Once feedback had been received the Chair would report back to the next meeting. **Action: Chair**

The meeting returned in Open session.

### **59.7 General domestic competition matters**

#### **59.7.1 Medal Allocation**

A query regarding whether medals could be allocated to a team that had withdrawn drew further discussion on:

- Points scored before the withdrawal still standing or if they are then 'wiped'
- Disqualification
- If withdrew as they no longer wanted to jump.

Clarity would be sought from the FAI Sporting Code.

### **60/19 International Competitions 2020**

#### **60.1 Proposed rule change at IPC**

The committee noted the circulated documents and further comment from the Delegate to IPC for information. The matter was on the agenda for the Development Committee at its meeting later that afternoon. **Noted**

#### **60.2 Sponsorship Documents**

To note the committee and BPA admin staff were content that the drafts for standardised communications to International athletes regarding sponsorship, and the amended sponsorship contracts were in good order and to be used for the forthcoming season once the sponsorship allocation was agreed. **Action: Competitions Coordinator**

#### **60.3 2020 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-21 Aug, Tanay, Russia**

Those present were currently waiting for the release of Bulletin 1, which was due for release in November.

##### **60.3.1 Delegation Invitations**

Team / Individual names of whom were eligible for invitation were to be with the Competitions Coordinator by Monday 14 October.

##### **60.3.2 Replacement Discipline Reps**

###### **60.3.2.1 FS Rep**

The WS Rep proposed that Sam Lee stand in as Acting FS Rep for the remaining season. Seconded by the VFS Rep. **Carried unanimously**

###### **60.3.2.2 CP Rep**

The Classics Rep proposed that Mark Bayada stand in as Acting CP Rep for the remaining season. Seconded by the Speed Rep. **Carried unanimously**

The meeting then moved in-camera.

Martin Soulsby left the meeting after declaring his interest. The Speed, VFS and WS Reps declared their interests but were invited to stay.

### **60.3.3 Sponsorship Allocation**

Those present considered the circulated sponsorship allocation spreadsheet and recognised that there were some discrepancies that would require amendment before agreement could be reached. The amended spreadsheet would be circulated to the committee via email.

In recognition that the process has its imperfections the committee agreed the recommendation to Council that the committee convene a Working Group for Sponsorship, with the possibility of Sam Lee as Chair.

**Action: Chair**

The meeting returned to Open session.

### **60.3.4 Head of Delegation and Team Managers**

A call was to go out for volunteers to apply for the roles, with CVs to be sent to the office. A decision regarding the requirement of a small number of Team Managers would be discussed at the February 2020, as more information from Bulletin 1 and athlete numbers would provide a better-informed decision.

## **61/19 International Competitions 2019 – Completed**

### **61.1 4<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, 12-15 Aug, Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell**

The Speed Rep/Meet Director thanked BPA and John Smyth for their support, and Tony Butler and Martin Soulsby for their attendance at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies respectively. Those present congratulated the Speed Rep on a successful event and thanked him as Meet Director.

### **61.2 10<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup, 8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in CF, 17-20 Aug, Strjnic, Romania**

A Head of Delegation report had not been received. However, Sam Bemment, Head of Delegation, had provided an article to Skydive the Mag.

### **61.3 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup in WS, 23-30 Aug, Ravenna, Italy**

The WS Rep commented further on the circulated Head of Delegation report, as John Smyth was unable to attend the meeting, with regard to possible rule changes. Those present thanked John Smyth for his support of team GB.

## **62/19 International Competitions 2019**

### **62.1 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 registration had been forwarded to the organisers; everything was in place at this time.

### **62.2 10<sup>th</sup> World Cup of CP, 20-24 Nov, Pretoria, RSA**

The Official registration for those initially invited was complete.

#### **62.2.1 Athlete request to attend**

A request to represent GB had been received from Danny Kelly. Danny had been unable to compete at the selection Nationals but had competed at the 2017 and 2019 Nationals, and represented GB at Poland in 2018. After due consideration Sam Lee proposed, and was seconded by the WS Rep that as Danny had FCE and recent BPA Nationals experience and that there were slots available, that Danny represent GB at the FCE.

**Carried unanimously**

## **63/19 Judging matters**

### **63.1 British Records Form 243**

Those present wished to discuss this further with the Judges Coordinator so deferred until the next meeting.

**Deferred until 26 November**

### **63.2 Scoring system**

The CF Rep proposed the Judges Coordinator's recommendation of changing to the InTime scoring system for all disciplines, with possible exception for WS and Speed. Seconded by Sam Lee.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chair would seek further communication with Intime Scoring as to pricing, cost of training, technical support and updates. **Action: Chair and Secretary**

**64/19 Action Plan & Performance Metrics**

**64.1 Competitions Finances & Performance Metrics**

Those present thanked Sam Lee on his presentation of the budgets, and noted that there were no abnormalities, whilst recognising that there will be an influx of invoices following the Nationals which will lessen in the winter months.

**64.2 Texair Contract**

Discussed under item 58.2.

**64.3 BPA Delegation Uniform**

With a view to the new logo the Secretary alerted the committee the need of new delegation uniform and asked if they wished the previous tender bidders to be contacted once the uniform logo design had been received as requested from Creative Sponge. Those present wished the uniform to be of an improved quality and asked the Secretary to liaise with the Communications Manager.

**65/19 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

The request form was to be drafted and circulated to the committee for comment before circulation to the PTOs.

**Action: Secretary**

**66/19 Any other business**

**66.1 NFTO Settlement Agreement**

The document was circulated to the committee for information only and in confidence.

**66.2 FAI Sporting Licence**

The committee were informed that it was possible that in the near future the Sporting Application process and payment method would change. This was to be discussed at Council later this evening.

**67/19 Thanks**

Having both resigned from Council and Committee those present wished Brian and Georgie Vacher best wishes in their future endeavours.

**68/19 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 1300.**

The meeting closed at 1720

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