

Elite Performance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 1500

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present:	Sam Lee	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada	-	Vice-Chair
	Mary-Lou Barratt		
	Wes Guest		
	Simon Soper		
In attendance:	Ratul Ahmed	-	Arts TEA (from item 19.5)
	Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag
	Tony Butler	-	COO (to item 23)
	Angel Fernandez	-	Communications Manager
	Steve Hastings	-	Accuracy TEA
	Kate Lindsley	-	Council Member
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Marcus Muir-Smith	-	CF TEA
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP TEA
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice-President
	Liz Warner	-	Judges Coordinator
Observer	Anna Hicks	-	Team: NFTO
	Vana Parker	-	Team: NFTO
Apologies	Craig Anderson	-	FS TEA
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice-President & ISC Delegate
	Mike Williams	-	WS TEA

Item Minute

17/20 **Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**
These would be listed under the relevant items.

18/20 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The Minutes of the 1 April 2020 meeting had been approved electronically and were circulated with the agenda. The meeting had been called at short notice to discuss the potential impact of the Mondial 2020 being cancelled or postponed during the global pandemic of Covid-19 which had caused quarantine and travel restrictions across nations.

[Note: Communication from FAI/ISC was received through the ISC Delegate on 24 April to indicate that Mondial 2020 was to be postponed, with further communication to say that the World Cups of 2021 had agreed to be moved to 2022 in order for the Mondial to take place in 2021, however would remain titled Mondial 2020]

There were no matters arising that had not been listed in the agenda.

19/20 **Domestic Competitions 2020**
Discussion centred around the viability of holding National, UKSL and GP competitions whilst government restrictions on travel and of social distancing were and may continue to stay in place for the foreseeable future, and the financial challenges of both British Skydiving and PTOs.

19.1 UKSLs and GPs 2020

The Vice-Chair proposed, and was seconded by Mary Barratt, that all remaining USKL and GP events for 2020 be cancelled. The Chair would contact those affected and would discuss the possibility of hosting roadshows, which would be followed up by Membership Development Committee (MDC) **Carried unanimously, Action: Chair**

19.2 British Skydiving National Championships 2020

The consensus was that all competition hosting PTOs would be consulted as to whether they still wished to host a National competition or, of those due to run later in the year, if they would rather wait until later in the year to make a decision, given that government restrictions may change. **Action: Chair**

[Note: Of the Nationals hosting PTOs one wished to postpone until next year, one wished to cancel and the last wished to continue for 2020 whilst reviewing circumstances as they arise]

19.3 Selection of athletes to compete in Mondial 2020

All committee members, TEAs, attendees and observers who declared their interest as sponsored athletes were invited to remain in the meeting in the interest of openness and transparency.

Mary Barratt proposed that the selection of athletes for the Mondial would remain the same as those selected for the original meet. The Vice-Chair seconded. **Carried**

British Skydiving Nationals that may take place in 2020 (item 19.2 refers) would not be selection events.

19.4 Medals and Trophies

The Secretary believed that it would be unreasonable to expect the trophies to be returned in time for any competitions that may take place, and added further that whilst the medal style for the British Skydiving Nationals with the new logo had been agreed an order had not been placed in time before the supplier closed due to the current restrictions. With lead times and no date as to when the restrictions will be lifted there was no guarantee that new medals could be awarded. The old BPA medals may be awarded in their place, or no medals be presented.

19.5 Rules for British Skydiving Nationals

All rules containing references for FCEs 2021 would have the sentence removed. (item 19.3 refers) **Action: Secretary**

19.5.1 WS Nationals

With reference to item 19.5 these rules were approved.

19.5.2 CF Nationals

With reference to item 19.5 they required further amendment and would be circulated to the committee for approval. **Action: Secretary & CF TEA**

19.5.3 CP Nationals

Further clarification was required from the host PTO as to their ability to provide the judging cameras in line with the FAI rules before these could be approved.

Action: CP TEA

19.5.4 Accuracy Nationals

These would be emailed to the Committee for email approval once the admin rules and version 5 of the technical rules had been merged.

Action: Classics TEA & Secretary

19.5.5 Nationals Entry form

A change was required to take into account the new Accuracy categories. Once completed the form would be circulated for approval.

Action: Classics TEA & Secretary

The Secretary would endeavour to have the draft rules that were pending circulated to the committee for approval. **Action: Secretary**

19.5.6 Cancelled British Skydiving competitions

Those present noted the cancellations of

UKSL Meet 1, 2-3 May, APA

Accuracy Meet 1, 16-17 May, Skydive Northwest

Accuracy Meet 2, 30-31 May, Skydive Headcorn

From the 1 April meeting and agreed the further cancellations of:

UKSL Meet 2, 6-7 June, Skydive Northwest

20/20 70th IPC Meeting, Moscow, Russia, 21-26 January 2020

Postponement of the Mondial was discussed and deferred until such time the committee had received confirmation of dates etc. Item 18 refers.

In the interest of transparency all sponsored athletes who were attending the meeting were asked to remain if they so wanted.

Further amendment was required within the Nationals rules, to note that during these exceptional circumstances EPC reserved the right to make selection decisions.

The committee wished it to be noted that at this point in time any athlete may withdraw from competing, and that sponsored athletes will not be pursued for any sponsorship that had been claimed should they also wish to withdraw. However, they may still be asked to contribute via magazine articles etc.

Following an email call from the office that all remaining claims for sponsorship for training taken before 4 April 2020 and within the sponsorship timescale, were to be with the office by 1700 on Monday 4 May 2020 the committee now had a clear view of the remaining sponsorship balance.

The Vice-Chair proposed, and was seconded by Simon Soper, that the ratio of sponsorship allocated per the existing mechanism would remain, but outstanding sponsorship available would be dependent upon availability of funds from the Finance Committee, and that any amount previously claimed for would be deducted from the resulting allocation per team/competitor. Wes Guest abstained from the vote. **Carried**

It should be noted that further restrictions may be placed on the claiming of sponsorship to aid the financial position of the association, including deferred payments or similar.

20.1 Uniform

Companies were closed due to the pandemic. This would be pursued at a later date.

20.2 Heads of Delegation and Team Managers

The Secretary would ask if the agreed Head of Delegation and Team Managers would still wish to attend. **Action: Secretary**

21/20 Judging matters

21.1 Judges Training Seminar

The Judges Coordinator had circulated her feedback with the agenda and stated that using virtual meetings were possibly the way forward in order to drive down expenses and travel time for the judges.

21.2 Chief Judges Handbook

Circulated with the agenda for information.

21.3 Form 277 – Judges Procedures

The circulated document had been amended to represent the change to British Skydiving from BPA and the change of the international commission from International Parachute Commission (IPC) to International Skydiving Commission (ISC).

21.4 Judges attending British Skydiving Meets

A spreadsheet would require amendment following the cancellations and travel restrictions of the overseas judges. **Action: Judges Coordinator**

21.5 Accuracy Equipment

The equipment and price list were circulated with the agenda. Those present agreed to have the purchase as an item on the budget proposal that would be taken to the Finance Committee.

23/20 Action Plan and Performance Matrices 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

The spreadsheet and breakdown were circulated to the committee to give a clear picture of the budget required for the 2020/2021 season.

23.1 Budget Proposal 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Mary Barratt proposed that the completed Budget Proposal be presented to the Finance Committee. **Action: Chair**

24/20 Sponsorship Working Group

Guidance was sought from Council as to the expected goals. The objectives would then be discussed at EPC.

25/20 Skills Coaching Roadshows

This had now passed on to Membership Development Committee and was no longer required to be on the agenda for EPC.

26/20 Dates and times of the next meetings

The confirmed dates of the next EPC meetings were 4 August and 20 October at 15.00, venue to be confirmed in consideration of government restrictions

The meeting closed at 1740.

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Nationals, UKSL / Grand Prix dates 2020

<i>Event</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
British Skydiving National Championships	Arts and Speed	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	Arts: 18-19 July 2020 Speed: 18-20 July 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	Acro: 18-19 July 2020 Perform 20-22 July 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	FS 4-way	Skydive Hibaldstow	29 Aug-1 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	FS 8-way & VFS 4-way	Skydive Hibaldstow	5-7 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Canopy Formation	Skydive Northwest	12-14 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Accuracy	Skydive Buzz Dunkeswell	18-20 Sept 2020
British Skydiving National Championships	Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	18-20 Sept 2020
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 1	APA Netheravon	Cancelled
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Northwest	Cancelled
British Skydiving UKSL	FS 4-way Meet 3	Sibson Skydivers	Cancelled
British Skydiving GP	Accuracy Meet 1	Skydive Northwest	Cancelled
British Skydiving GP	Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	Cancelled
British Skydiving GP	Canopy Formation Meet 1	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	Cancelled
British Skydiving GP	Canopy Formation Meet 2	Skydive Langar	Cancelled