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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 14 April 2015 at 1000

at the BMFA Office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Adam Mattacola	-	from item 16.2
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President, STC Chair & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (to item 18)
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS

Item Minute

14/15 **Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

15/15 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2015 had been approved electronically by the Committee, ratified by Council, and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

16/15 **Domestic Competitions 2015**

16.1 **Grand Prix Canopy Piloting – Bid Form**

The Committee viewed the bid and discussed the concerns raised:

- The Meet was currently advertised as European Swoop Cup 2015

The Chair would ask Dunkeswell to rebrand as BPA Grand Prix.

[Secretary's note: The rebrand had been updated on the Skydive UK Ltd website on 16/4/15]

- BPA medals would not be available due to the lateness of the bid and date of the 1st meet after acceptance of the bid.

Dunkeswell were supplying medals, but BPA medals would be presented at the 2nd and 3rd Meet, and given in retrospect for the 1st Meet. The Overall winner would receive a medal at the AGM Award Ceremony 2016.

- No rules available.

FAI had not yet released their rules for 2015. As there was likely to be substantial rule changes that may come between the Meets the 2014 Nationals rules would be used for all 3 Meets.

Ian Marshall proposed that the bid be approved, subject to the conditions listed above.
Seconded by Mike Lewis. **Approved**
Dates listed on appendix iii and would be published on the BPA Calendar.

16.2 BPA Nationals Rules 2015

16.2.1 Funding criteria wording

Weed Stoodley asked that the Committee consider re-wording the funding and that the selection criteria be updated for consistency across all Nationals rules. Jason Kelleher would devise wording to encompass that the aim was to establish selection guidelines for National teams and individuals to be invited to FAI Category 1 events, and that all funding details were to be removed.

Action: Jason Kelleher, All Discipline Reps

16.2.2 Formation Skydiving

Jason Kelleher proposed that the FS Nationals rules be accepted subject to a change in NB 1: change 'Event' to 'Event Class' and to the rewording of the Selection criteria. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

16.2.3 Canopy Formation

Subject to the rewording of the Selection criteria Jason Kelleher proposed, and was seconded by Ian Marshall that the rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

16.2.4 Artistics

Adam Mattacola proposed that the wording under Section 5 be removed and replaced with the Selection criteria wording as produced by Jason Kelleher under 'Aims'. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

16.2.5 VFS

As there were no changes Adam Mattacola proposed that the rule be accepted. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

16.2.6 Speed

The Speed Discipline Rep explained to the Committee some of the changes that had been made and the Committee were content. Ian Marshall proposed, and was seconded by Jason Kelleher, that these rules be accepted.

Carried unanimously

16.2.7 Canopy Piloting

FAI had not yet released their rules for 2015. On release the CP Discipline Rep would update the 2014 Nationals rules and would forward for email approval.

Action: Discipline Rep – CP

16.2.8 Wingsuit

The Wingsuit Nationals rules were not available at the time of the meeting so would be submitted for email approval.

Action: Discipline Rep - Wingsuit

16.2.9 Accuracy

The Classics Discipline Rep made note that the altitude had been changed to bring it in line with the BPA Operations Manual. There was 1 rule change missed therefore the change would be made and the new draft circulated for email approval by the Committee.

Action: Discipline Rep - Classics

16.3 Grand Prix rules 2015

16.3.1 2-way VFS

Adam Mattacola proposed, seconded by Mike Lewis, that these be accepted.

Carried unanimously

16.3.2 Canopy Formation

Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Mike Lewis, that these be accepted.

Carried unanimously

16.4 UKSL rules 2015

Jason Kelleher proposed that the UKSL rules be accepted. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

16.5 Texair service contract

The Committee thanked Andy Houston for his explanation to the points raised at the previous meeting and all agreed that the BPA equipment had been maintained in exemplary fashion. The Committee agreed to invite Texair to a meeting at the BPA office with Brian Vacher, Mike Lewis and Kate Charters, at a mutually agreed date and time, in order to discuss and finalise the new contract. **Action: Committee Secretary**

16.6 Senior 2-way seq trophy location

The CF Discipline Rep had informed the Committee by email that the trophy was with Doug Preston and would be returned to the BPA at the next Committee meeting.

Action: Discipline Rep - CF

16.7 VIP invitation to Nationals 2015

The Development Chair had asked, via email, that the Competitions Committee consider inviting Patrick Naegeli to a BPA Nationals competition, as he had expressed an interest in attending as Chair of RAeC. The Committee decided to ask the Development Committee Chair to extend an invitation to Patrick to attend the 1st Wingsuit World Cup to be held at Netheravon.

16.8 Wingsuit world record attempt

David Butterell circulated a paper to explain the forthcoming record attempt and asked that the Committee consider adopting the FAI criteria for Large Formation Records in Wingsuit Flying and asked if a suitably qualified Judge be provided.

Jason Kelleher proposed that the FAI criteria be used. Seconded by Mike Lewis. Ian Marshall then proposed that the BPA provide a suitably qualified judge. Seconded by Mike Lewis.

Both decisions Carried unanimously

The meeting moved in-camera with all non-voting members leaving the meeting. The Chair of Council remained at the invitation of the Competitions Committee Chair.

17/15 International Competitions 2015

17.1 1st FAI World Cup in Wingsuit Performance Flying, 25-29 May, Netheravon, Wiltshire

17.1.1 Confirmed Delegation

Tony Uragallo, Spike Harper, Jackie Harper, David Ruffell, Steve Murfin, Max McLeod, Paul Cain, Sam Stevens, Mike Williams, Colin Preece, Jonathan Charles and Gareth Jones had accepted the invitation and been preliminarily registered.

17.1.2 Head of Delegation

The Committee agreed that due to location and the size of the delegation a Team Manager was not required. Mike Lewis proposed, seconded by Jason Kelleher, that John Hitchen attend as Head of Delegation.

Carried unanimously

17.2 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 23-29 Aug, Farnham, Canada

17.2.1 Confirmed Delegation

Acceptances had been received from Martin Reynolds, Wez Westley, Brian Vacher and Henry Van Halewyn.

17.2.2 Head of Delegation

Brian Vacher proposed that Kate Charters attend as Head of Delegation. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

Ian Marshall declared his interest as having applied to act as Head of Delegation for some of the following Meets and duly left the meeting.

17.3 8th FAI European & 5th FAI Junior Freefall Style & Accuracy Championships, 22-29 Aug, Erdan, Bulgaria

There was no delegation at this time. However, subject to a delegation being selected, Mike Lewis proposed and was seconded by Jason Kelleher that Ian Marshall attend as Head of Delegation.

Carried Unanimously

17.4 20th FAI World Cup & 13th FAI European Championships in FS, 11th FAI World Cup & 10th FAI European Championships in Arts, 2nd FAI World Cup in Speed Skydiving, 8-12 Sept, Teuge, Netherlands

17.4.1 Head of Delegation

Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Adam Mattacola, that John Smyth assume the role of Head of Delegation. **Carried unanimously**

17.4.2 Delegation list

Paul Bantock (Speed), Phoenix and 4mula (both FS 4-way Open) had confirmed attendance whilst other teams/individuals were waiting for the release of Bulletin 1.

[Secretary's note: Bulletin 1 had been released and circulated to all relevant Discipline Reps to circulate to the Team Leaders on 17/4/15]

The FS Discipline Rep had received an email enquiry from a team wishing to represent GB at this Meet. The Rep had declared his interest via email to the team, as a member of the team that would be displaced should the new team be selected, and declared this interest to the Committee at the meeting.

The Committee were aware that the teams individuals had competed separately in other teams at the 2014 Nationals; but had not competed as a complete team and were therefore not eligible for selection to compete at this World Cup.

17.5 2015 World Air Games, 1-12 Dec, Dubai

17.5.1 Head of Delegation

As the PLAs for FS/Arts and CF were likely to be at separate DZs the Committee agreed that a Team Manager would be required also. Brian Vacher proposed, and was seconded by Jason Kelleher that John Smyth attends as Head of Delegation, and Ian Marshall as Team Manager. **Carried unanimously**

The meeting then continued in open session.

17.5.2 Delegation

Graeme Windsor, President of IPC, had communicated to the Committee through the IPC Delegate that the BPA were to select the highest placing National team and that should they not be able to attend that the next placing team could be invited. The Committee discussed and agreed that as the FAI selection was based on positioning at the World Cups 2014 that teams would be selected on their equivalent score or better from the 2014 Nationals.

Invitations would therefore be extended to:

FS 4-way Open - Voodoo, should they decline then to Vision

FS 4-way Female – As NFTO had a more than 50% team change they did not meet the team change criteria and no other team met the equivalent score criteria

FS 8-way – Microclim8. However Martin Soulsby, as a team member had declined on behalf of the team.

Freestyle – Freestyle Euphoria

Freefly – Freefly Euphoria

CF 2-way Sequential – CFUK

CF 4-way Rotations – CFUK.

Action: All relevant Discipline Reps

17.6 BPA Funding Criteria – AGM Seminars – min 12 of the 24 Feb 2015 Council meeting refers

The Committee noted the suggestion from the Editor for inclusion to the funding criteria document. **Noted**

17.7 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, Czech Rep, 21-24 Oct 2015

Indoor skydiving was not in scope to BPA however the Committee acknowledged that those wishing to compete would require FAI Sporting Licences of which they would be required to be BPA members before issuance. The Committee agreed that until the BPA had discussions with the UK based Wind Tunnel operators, that for this year only teams' selection would be

based on placing at the 2015 Bodyflight World Challenge, BPA membership and FAI Sporting Licence. The Secretary informed the Committee that the delegation may not fall under the terms of the delegation insurance, as provided by Romero Sports & Leisure and would ask for clarification.

[Secretary's note: on 17/4/15 Martin Mansley of Romero Sports & Leisure clarified that the current policies, including both 3rd party Liability and the Personal Accident & Travel policies, in place for BPA delegations, only provide cover for Sport Parachuting and does not cover wind tunnel activities.]

18/15 Competitions Budget 2014/2015 and Action Plan 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

The Committee thanked Weed for maintaining the budget records and noted that all spends had been within their allocated budgets.

19/15 Competitions Budget 2015/2016 and Action Plan 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 – see appendix ii

Weed Stoodley had produced and circulated the 2015/16 budget based on figures provided by the Financial Administrator and allocated budgets to the draft Action Plan with which the Committee were content. Jason Kelleher proposed and was seconded by Adam Mattacola, that the draft budget and Action Plan be recommended to Council at its meeting tonight.

Carried unanimously, Recommend to Council

20/15 Skills Coaching Roadshows

Jason Kelleher declared his interest as he was a team member of Phoenix. However the Chair believed there was no conflict. The Committee thanked team Phoenix for their offer of assistance at Coaching Roadshows in order for the team to learn from the experience. Brian Vacher proposed that the team members be allowed to attend, subject to the current coaches and Hibaldstow's agreement. Seconded by Ian Marshall. The vote was For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (Jason Kelleher). **Carried**

The Committee acknowledged Weed's circulated dates for forthcoming Artistics roadshows and Mike Lovemore commented on the forthcoming Speed roadshows. Please see BPA diary for dates <http://www.skydivethemag.com/events-calendar/>

21/15 Judging Matters not already covered

The Judges Coordinator was pleased to report that BPA judges had been selected for every international competition, including 6 out of 25 judging slots available at the World Air Games in Dubai. The Judges Training Seminar was to be held at Dunkeswell this coming weekend (18-19 Apr).

22/15 Any other business

22.1 Grand Prix in CF, 9 May, Skydive Langar

Ian Marshall proposed that the Grand Prix be approved, subject to the bid form being correctly completed and returned with the costs involved. Seconded by Mike Lewis.

Carried unanimously

22.2. Dubai 2014 – Administration

The Committee Secretary highlighted to the Committee some of the challenges both herself and the Head of Delegation had faced with regard to the official registration:

- Return of the Official registration to the hosts 45 days before the start of the competition with bank transfer from BPA of any entry fees paid to the BPA
- Entry fees which could be made via cash direct to the host on the 1st day of registration at the event
- Head of Delegation making payments to cover some competitors at the event who had not paid
- A competitor remaining on the registration form who did not attend.

The Secretary did not have the authority to remove the competitor as they may have arrived to make payment and compete but disallowed due to not being registered. The Committee agreed that for future Gulf Cups all competitors must be made aware that entry fee payment should be made direct to the BPA by a given time and should no payment be received they would be removed from the registration form and notified as such.

22.3 Funding Application

The Committee acknowledged the funding request received from Tim Porter however it was not considered at this time.

23/14 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 16 June, 11 August and 6 October and 1 December at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1402

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 14 to 30 June 15

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2014 medal winning performance	2015 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2015 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2014	£77024
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2014 Supported events	2015 Continued support of events	Jun 2015	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	2014 UK pool of 18 Judges	2015 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2015	<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 	£12000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2014 Current holding	2015 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2015	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£6000
5. Delegation Uniform	2014 Delegation uniform	2015 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets & polo shirts 	£5000**
6. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2014 Not available Off year	2015 Coaching Support	Jun 2015	Coaching support for National Champion 2014 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 2014 • Have 75% of their team (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2015 Nationals at a higher level 	£10000
7. Development of a Committee Handbook	2014 Not available	2015 Booklet available to Committee members	Jun 2015 and on going	Reference guide to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Roles of Committee members & ex officio • Agenda salient points and timetable • Secretariat role • Forms for reference 	£1000
**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 15 to 30 June 16 DRAFT

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2015 medal winning performance	2016 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2016 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2015	£97,323
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2015 Supported events	2016 Continued support of events	Jun 2016	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2015 UK pool of 20 Judges	2016 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2016	<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 	£12,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2015 Current holding	2016 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2016	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£6,000
5. Delegation Uniform	2015 Delegation uniform	2016 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2016	<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 	£5000**
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Competitions Dates 2015

British Open Nationals 2015

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics – Accuracy	Skydive Swansea	22 – 24 May 2015
Canopy Formation	BKPC	10 – 12 Jul 2015
Canopy Piloting	Skydive UK Ltd, Dunkeswell	24 – 26 July 2015
VFS 4-way	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	15 – 16 Aug 2015
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	22 – 24 Aug 2015
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		29 – 31 Aug 2015
Wingsuit Performance	APA Netheravon	12 -13 Sept 2015
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	26 – 27 Sep 2015

UKSL & Grand Prix 2015

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 1	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	24 – 26 April 2015
GP Canopy Formation Meet 1	BPS Langar	9 – 10 May 2015
GP VFS 2-way Meet 1	Target Skysports	16 – 17 May 2015
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 2	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	12 – 14 June 2015
GP VFS 2-way Meet 2	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	27 – 28 June 2015
GP Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	19 – 20 Sept 2015
GP Canopy Formation Meet 2	Army Parachute Association	19 – 20 Sept 2015
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 3	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	18 – 20 Sept 2015
UKSL Meet 1	BPS Langar	23 – 24 May 2015
UKSL Meet 2	Army Parachute Association	20 – 21 June 2015
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	18 – 19 July 2015