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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 1300

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

Present:	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF, from Item 26.2
	Adam Mattacola		
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) to item 27.3
	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President, STC Chair & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
	Brian Vacher	-	Chair

Item Minute

24/15 Acting Chair

As the Chair was overseas it was agreed that the Vice-Chair - Ian Marshall, chair the meeting.

25/15 Declaration of Interest

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

26/15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 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/>

27/15 Matters arising

27.1 Texair Service Contract

Mike Lewis reported to the Committee that the meeting with Andy Houston of Texair had gone very well, that changes to the contract had been well received and that after clarification the fees would work out far less than the Committee had first understood. The new contract was now signed, with copies held at the BPA office and with Texair. **Completed**

27.2 Judges laptop purchase

2 quotes, with specifications, had been provided by Computerlink and circulated to the Committee. After due discussion Mike Lewis proposed that 2 laptops be purchased as quoted in Option 2, quoted at £1443.72 per unit. Seconded by Jason

Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

[Secretary's note: Before Council of that evening Mike Lewis, on further discussion with Gavin McLeod that the specifications in Option 1 would be better suited for judges as will be viewing HiDef competition videos, that proposal is amended to Option 1, quoted at £1803.72 per unit. By email the Committee agreed]

The Judges Coordinator would store the laptops and distribute as required to the various competitions. Clarification regarding equipment insurance coverage would be sought from Romero Sports & Leisure.

Action: Committee Secretary

28/15 1st FAI World Cup in Wingsuit Performance Flying, 25-29 May, Netheravon,

Wiltshire – taken out of agenda order as the COO was due to attend another meeting based at the BPA offices.

28.1 Head of Delegation report

John Hitchen, as Head of Delegation, and the Wingsuit Discipline rep, via their reports to Committee circulated before the meeting, stated that it had been a successful, well organised event. The Committee congratulated Jackie Harper, Mark Bayada, and their DZ teams on their organisation and running of the meet, given the challenges that the weather had presented at times. 57 competitors from 19 countries had attended and the Committee extolled Spike Harper on his Silver medal and those that had set new World records. Details could be found via the BPA websites: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/skydiving-world-cup/> and <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/uk-records/>

28.2 Matters arising

The Committee were made aware that there were some concerns leading up to and during the event and in order for the Committee to understand these in more detail, Mike Lewis proposed a meeting with the Chair of APA, Chair of Council and himself as representative of the Competitions Committee at a mutually agreeable date and time. Seconded by Jason Kelleher. The Chair of Council would be requested to invite the APA Chair.

Carried unanimously

Jason Kelleher proposed, and was seconded by Gavin McLeod, that the office write to the delegation members as the Committee would value their perspective of events.

Action: BPA Office

28.3 Competitor contract

The consensus of the meeting was that the competitor contract required updating. Mike Lewis asked that this be discussed as an item on the August Competitions Committee meeting agenda.

Defer until next meeting

28.4 Wingsuit trainee judges course

John Smyth reported on feedback received by him, that the course ran by Kate Charters had been superb. The Committee congratulated Kate, and Frank Mallabone on achieving FAI Wingsuit Judge status.

29/15 Domestic Competitions 2015 – completed

Results uploaded to BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/>

29.1 Grand Prix CP Meet 1, Skydive UK, 24-26 Apr

The Judges Coordinator reported that it was a good competition with brilliant weather, and was a beneficial training weekend for the Judges.

29.2 Grand Prix CF Meet 1, BPS Langar, 9-10 May

The weekend had been very successful and the DZ and judges had been excellent in their capacities. 1 senior team had not made the event due to a misprint in the magazine.

29.3 Date Clashes

The Judges Coordinator stated that there had been a number of date clashes this year and at times had struggled to provide judging team cover and would continue to as further in the year there are 4 competitions over 1 weekend. It was recommended that for next year that the dates are checked as the bids are received and that there is better liaison is required between the Discipline Reps and Judges Coordinator when arranging competitions and roadshows.

29.4 Grand Prix VFS 2-way Meet 1, Target Skysports, 16-17 May

The Artistics & VFS Discipline Rep, via email circulated to the Committee commented that 3 teams had registered but due to poor weather the competition had not taken place.

29.5 BPA Open Nationals – Accuracy, Skydive Swansea, 22-24 May

The Judges Coordinator reported that it had been a brilliant weekend with 23 competitors, including IPC President Graeme Windsor who had competed in the Open category. The Committee congratulated Carl Williams on his comeback to Accuracy and placing 1st. Comment had been made that the inflatable tuffet had caused some competitors to bounce. This had been discussed with Texair, who had provided the judging equipment.

29.6 UKSL Meet 1, BPS Langar, 23-24 May

Jason Kelleher reported that it was a good competition with challenging weather. All rounds had been completed except Round 6 of the Rookie category. There was 1 question regarding a camera malfunction and whether the team should have been allowed a re-jump. The Judges Coordinator reiterated that a cameraperson, including a 'Pool' cameraperson was included in the team and the consensus of the meeting was that re-jumps because of cameraperson error and camera failure would be at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

29.7 Grand Prix CP Meet 2, Skydive UK, 12-14 June

Kate Charters reported that all rounds had been completed for 10 competitors. A query arose with regard to yellow-carded competitor. The Judges Coordinator reassured the Committee that the competitor would be monitored during training jumps and throughout following CP meets; and that he would be red-carded should there be any serious breach of safety.

30/15 Domestic Competitions 2015 – to be completed

30.1 BPA Open Nationals in Wingsuit – Rules

The draft rules, as completed by the Wingsuit Discipline Rep, had been circulated to the Judges Coordinator. She informed the Committee that the rules were correct and needed no further amendment. **Approved**

31/15 International Competitions 2015

31.1 8th FAI European & 5th FAI Junior Freefall Style & Accuracy Championships, 22-29 Aug, Erdan, Bulgaria

Ian Marshall reported that there had been no interest.

[Secretary's note: The Preliminary registration had been returned on 19/6/15 as some had subsequently communicated their interest to attend on 18/6/15]

31.2 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 23-29 Aug, Farnham, Canada

7 delegation members had been registered – Brian Vacher, Maxine Tate, Martin Reynolds, Max Bruffell, Wez Westley, Alexis McNaughton and Henry Van Halewyn. The Committee Secretary would follow up on those who had not yet responded.

Action: Committee Secretary

31.3 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

At this time the delegation comprised of Phoenix and 4mula (both FS 4-way Open) Paul Bantock, Jason Bird, Mike Lovemore and Max Hurd (Speed), Freefly Euphoria (Freefly) and Euphoria Freestyle (Freestyle). Further invitations were to be sent to Brit Chicks (FS 8-way) and Eclipse (FS 4-way Open).

The potential eligibility of other 4-way Open FS teams was discussed (including DWS, Antimatter and Raykipo (flying as ACM)) however it was agreed as four eligible teams had accepted their invitations, it would not be possible to facilitate a further entry.

[Secretary's note: Brit Chicks had since declined and the invitation extended to Awkward Turtles, who had accepted. Eclipse (FS 4-way Open) had also accepted]

31.4 Team uniforms for International Meets

The Committee Secretary reiterated that this would be the last year she would be ordering and distributing delegation uniform. Jason Kelleher made the Secretary aware that he knew of a designer with links to clothing embroiderers. The Secretary stated that there was enough

stock to cover the delegations for this year and that an offer of design and assistance for next year would be of great benefit. Jason Kelleher would facilitate correspondence with the designer.

Action: Discipline Rep – FS & Committee Secretary

31.5 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, Czech Rep, 21-24 Oct 2015

31.5.1 Team Selection

Based on the results at the Bodyflight World Challenge 2015 invitations would be sent to:

FS 4-way: Co-Motion then to Vision99 if Co-Motion decline

FS 4-way Women: Fly Like a Girl – Claire Scott had expressed the teams interest to attend by email

D2W (2 slots available): Josh O'Donogue and team Floh Well – Luke Warren had expressed interest to attend via email

Freestyle – Dave Reader had expressed interest. However it was reported that he would now compete for Norway.

As VFS 4-way was not included in the Bodyflight World Challenge Adam Mattacola would discuss attendance with teams QFX and Omni.

Adam Mattacola would provide the Committee Secretary with the team members for invitation.

Action: Adam Mattacola and Committee Secretary

[Secretary's note: After receiving further information it was agreed that Voodoo, who were looking to replace a team member, be invited to represent GB in FS 4-way. Josh O'Donogue had declined the invitation]

30.5.2 Head of Delegation

Jason Kelleher proposed that Kate Charters act as Head of Delegation. Seconded by Adam Mattacola.

Carried unanimously

31.6 2015 World Air Games, 1-12 Dec, Dubai

31.6.1 Team Selection

Jason Kelleher acknowledged that the minute regarding NFTO from the previous meeting had had been based on information available at the time. The team are eligible under the 50% change criteria (as Kaizen) and could accordingly be issued with an invitation. Jason Kelleher proposed the NFTO represent Great Britain in FS 4-way Women. Seconded by Mike Lewis.

Carried unanimously

Mike Lewis proposed, based on new information that it was the country not the team to be invited; and that the dates were now staggered allowing the team to organise time off from work, that Microclim8 represent Great Britain in FS 8-way. Seconded by Adam Mattacola.

Carried unanimously

VFS was now included and selection would be based on the 2014 Nationals.

[Secretary's note: During writing the minutes the Secretary made the Committee aware of an email she had missed including in the Council post before the meeting, sent by the Artistics & VFS Discipline Rep to inform the Committee that QFX were eligible, as they had competed and placed highest at the 2014 Nationals, and of their acceptance to an invitation to represent GB in VFS 4-way]

31.6.2 Different dates for disciplines CP, FS & Arts

It was reported that the CP would take place over 2-7 December and the other disciplines on 6-11 December. It had not yet been clarified as to the timings of the Opening and Closing ceremonies, and to the medal presentations. The Committee would await further news from FAI.

32/15 Competitions Budget 2014/2015 and Action Plan 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

Weed Stoodley, who was not at the meeting, had circulated a budget statement to the Committee before the meeting. The Committee noted an overspend of the allocated funds for the Judges budget however all other targets were well within budget.

33/15 Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Committee acknowledged Weed's email report of the VFS/Artistics Roadshow which been well attended and had had good weather. Verbal reports were received from Jason Kelleher, that included a roadshow by team 4mula at Black Knights, who had been

appreciative of the assistance from some members of team Phoenix, and from Gavin McLeod where 1 roadshow at Hibaldstow had been blown out but the coaches were able to cover safety briefs, and another at BPS Langar that despite bad weather on the 1st day, had been attended by 7 of mixed ability with one attendee gaining a CF1 and another receiving a Coaches rating.

34/15 Judging Matters not already covered

The Judges Coordinator reported that BPA judges received a lot of requests to judge at overseas competitions and that their hard work was being recognised. The Committee echoed her pride in the BPA judging team.

34.1 Up & Coming Cameraperson Award criteria

The Committee Secretary asked of the criteria's availability as to be included in the Committee Handbook. The Judges Coordinator replied that as the Judges would have new laptops each judge would be able to highlight any new camerapersons work. The Judges were working together to provide workable criteria that would be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Action: Judges Coordinator

35/15 Any other business

35.1 BPA policy of use and embroidered badges

This was to be discussed at the Communications Committee meeting however the Committee Secretary asked the Committee if they had any comments as she believed the wording of the policy at this time was ambiguous. The consensus of the meeting was that those who had not competed at international level for 2 years would not be considered for replacements.

35.2 National token gift

Following on from the previous item the Judges Coordinator suggested that at some International meets other delegations gave tokens of their NGB or similar, and that the BPA may wish to consider to do the same. As the meeting had overrun it was asked that this be considered at the next meeting.

Agenda, next meeting

35.3 2016 World Parachuting Mondial, 9-22 Sep, Chicago

Carl Williams, as winner of the BPA Open National in Accuracy 2015 had expressed a team's interest to attend, which included Carl, Pete Sizer, Nicky Johnson, Janos Leszko and Steve Hastings. The Committee agreed that they would be eligible. John Smyth reported that accommodation was already being booked and volunteered to source and block book 50 rooms.

Action: John Smyth

35.4 Funding Criteria document – 1st draft

Mike Lewis spoke to his document which had been circulated to the Committee via email and reported that it was to make it clearer to the competitor which category they would fall in. As was the 1st draft he asked the Committee to read the document and provide feedback.

Action: Competitions Committee

35.5 Member communication regarding funding

The Committee noted the email, circulated with the agenda, from Stubert Ferglstein regarding coaching funding and that his team had been refused coaching funding on the basis that they had not met the criteria of a 75% team change which was then confounded by the criteria reported in the e-newsletter dated May 2015 of 50%. The Committee acknowledged that the criterion as reported in the e-newsletter, was incorrect, for which the Committee could only apologize. As 2 team members, inclusive of the cameraperson, had stood down the Committee agreed that the team would not be eligible for coaching funding and could only apologize for the reported error. Mike Lewis asked that a memo be sent to all Discipline Reps to consider a team percentage change for each discipline to be included in the funding criteria document.

35.6 NFTO – Coaching funding

The FS Discipline Rep stated that he has received an email from NFTO enquiring of coaching funding for teams at the top of their game. The Committee responded that off-year coaching was only available for non-senior teams who were looking to compete at a higher level.

36/14 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 11 August, 6 October and 1 December at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1735

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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

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>
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 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 2	Army Parachute Association	20 – 21 June 2015
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	18 – 19 July 2015