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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Adam Mattacola		
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President, STC Chair & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
Observers	Natasha Higman	-	for item 63.2
Apologies	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate

Item Minute

51/15 **Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

52/15 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 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/>

53/15 **Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

54/15 **Report on IPC and RAeC**

The report was circulated to Committee by email as John Smyth could not attend the meeting. Many points will be noted under the relevant item in the minutes.

John Smyth requested that the Committee consider the registration of Liam McNaulty to the forthcoming IPC Plenary meeting as he was not able to register through his usual channel. Ian Marshall proposed that Liam McNaulty be registered through the BPA office as an official observer, subject to BPA Membership and Liam covering his own costs. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously, recommend to Council

The Committee thanked John Smyth for his report.

55/15 Domestic Competitions 2016 – Bid Forms – Dates in calendar

Held in-camera. The Judges Coordinator and John Hitchen were invited to stay.

55.1 BPA British Open Nationals in Wingsuit Performance and Aerobatics

APA Netheravon – 2nd year of agreed 3 years.

Mike Lewis proposed, seconded by Adam Mattacola, that the dates and prices as provided by APA Netheravon be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

55.2 BPA British Open Nationals in Artistics, FS 4-way, FS 8-way and Speed

Target Skysports, Hibaldstow – 2nd of 3 years.

Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that the dates and prices as provided by Target Skysports be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

55.3 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, 7-8 May

2 bids were received, from Peterlee and from Skydive Langar. The Committee agreed that it was a hard choice as both were good bids.

Brian Vacher proposed Skydive Langar, seconded by Adam Mattacola. Jason Kelleher counter proposed Peterlee however this failed to find a seconder. The initial proposal then carried unanimously. **Carried unanimously**

55.4 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, 11-12 June

1 bid was received, from APA Netheravon. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Mike Lewis, that the bid be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

55.5 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, 16-17 July

1 bid was received, from Target Skysports, Hibaldstow. Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Adam Mattacola, that this bid be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

55.6 BPA British Open Nationals in Accuracy only

1 bid was received, from Skydive Swansea to host the event for 3 years. The Committee recognised that there may be a possible change of PLA which may involve extra costs. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Jason Kelleher, that this bid be accepted.

Carried unanimously

55.7 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy

1 bid received, from Skydive Headcorn. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Mike Lewis, that this bid be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Dates and locations were to be published in appendix ii, on the BPA website and in Skydive the Mag.

55.8 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Formation, Canopy Piloting and 2-way VFS

No bids had been received for these Meets. The Committee discussed the poor turnouts for the 2-way VFS events but agreed that as the category was new better publicity may improve attendance. Brian Vacher proposed that one 2-way VFS meet be included on the re-bid to all centres. Seconded by Adam Mattacola. **Carried unanimously. Action: BPA Office**

[Secretary's note: 4-way VFS would also be included in the re-bid, as had not been agreed for 3-years in 2014, as originally believed]

The meeting then continued in open session.

56/15 Domestic Competitions 2015 – completed

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

56.1 BPA British Open Nationals in VFS 4-way, Skydive Buzz, Dunks, 15-16 Aug

It was unfortunate that only 3 teams had registered. It was believed that this may have been that it was too far for some teams to comfortably travel. The event had been well managed and none could fault Dunkeswell's hospitality.

56.2 BPA British Open Nationals in FS 4-way, Target Skysports, 22-24 Aug & BPA British Open Nationals in Artistics, FS 8-way & Speed, Target Skysports, 29-31 Aug

The FS Discipline Rep reported that the FS 4-way had gone very well. There had been 6 Senior teams in FS 8-way with no Rookie teams. There was discussion regarding changing

'Rookie' to 'Novice' to better describe the category, that the divepool for Novice may require tweaking as John Hitchen had mentioned that some had found the current divepool too difficult and some 8-way specific roadshows with early promotion may be of benefit. The Artistics Discipline Rep reported that in Freely there had been 8 A and 4 B category teams, and in Freestyle 3 A and 2 B category teams had competed. There had been communication issues surrounding the transportation of Elizabeth Pettersson; and that the Slovenian Nationals, which were taking place at the same time, were also to be judged online by Liz Warner in her free time. Both issues had been resolved at the events. The Discipline Rep for Speed commented that there had been 11 competitors. 6 rounds had been organised however this did not account for the semi-final and final. The Rep noted that judging was under resourced and that at least 2 judges were required and that more Protracks were required. The Rep would look into the hire of further Protracks to report back at the next meeting. **Action: Discipline Rep: Speed**

56.3 BPA British Open Nationals in Wingsuit Performance, APA Netheravon, 12-13 Sep

It was reported that the Nationals had gone well.

56.4 BPA British Open Nationals in Speed 8, UK Para Sibson, 26-27 Sep

Unfortunately no judge had arrived until the Sunday of the event. This was due to an oversight by the Judge who should have been attending. The Judges Coordinator had attended in his place; unfortunately this was not until the Sunday of the meet. The Committee agreed that it did not look good to the hosts or teams. 6 teams had competed and it had been a well run event.

56.5 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Formation, APA Netheravon, 19-20 Sep

To note the cancellation due to low early registration numbers of which 3 had registered. The CF Discipline Rep commented that he had been made aware of the cancellation on talking to a further three 4-way Rotations teams that would have registered on the day who had then discovered the Meet was not to take place.

56.6 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy, Skydive Headcorn, 19-20 Sep

The Committee noted the report received from Pete Sizer and that the Grand Prix had gone well.

56.7 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Piloting, Skydive Buzz, 18-20 Sep

The Meet had been well run with a good turnout. The Committee noted the 3 CP GPs had been judge intensive and had taken a disproportionate amount of the available funds to cover the judges' costs. The CP Discipline Rep reported that there would be fewer CP GPs in 2016.

56.8 ESL 2015 Finals, Target Skysports

The Finals to be held at Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, had been cancelled.

Noted

56.9 Cancellation of BPA events

The Secretary queried the Committee as to whether it would be worth having a clause within the rules or bid form that would alert would-be competitors that the event may be cancelled due to low early registration numbers. The Committee replied that they would expect the event to take place regardless of low turnout.

57/15 International Competitions 2015 - completed

57.1 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 23-29 Aug, Farnham, Canada

The GB delegation had performed well and enjoyed the Meet. The Committee extended congratulations to Wez Westley who had earned a Silver medal in the European Championships.

57.2 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

The Committee noted John Smyth's Head of Delegation report which was circulated with the agenda, and congratulated Mike Lovemore on his Silver medals in the World Cup and in the European Championships, and also extended congratulations to Euphoria Freely – Dave Pacey, Paul Capsey and Sean Freeman, on their Bronze medals in the World Cup and the European Championships.

58/15 **International Competitions 2015** – yet to be completed

58.1 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, Czech Rep, 21-24 Oct 2015

The Committee noted the teams registered and that the delegation insurance would not cover indoor skydiving. The Secretary reported that due to the lateness of being informed, that only polo shirts would be available due to there not being enough time place an order.

58.2 2015 World Air Games, 1-12 Dec, Dubai

58.2.1 Head of Delegation

John Smyth, through his report, had reported that he had been privileged to have asked by RAeC to be Head of Delegation for all airsport disciplines in which GB had representations. John had reiterated through his report that he was honoured to take up the role and that his overarching concern would be to the GB skydivers.

58.2.2 Invitation to Tim Porter – Speed

The Committee noted that an invitation to compete in Speed Skydiving had been extended to Tim Porter.

59/15 **Funding Criteria & Team Selection Criteria for 2016**

59.1 Feedback from Committee of Form 285 – Competition Funding

Ian Marshall as Vice-Chair initially chaired this item as the Chair was engaged on an important 'phone call. The Committee discussed some minor tweaks that were required to Form 285 – Competition Funding and to Form 284 – BPA Team Funding Application. Weed Stoodley would make the amendments to Form 285, and Gavin McLeod would amend Form 284. Both would then be forwarded to Mike Lewis who would check before forwarding to the Committee Secretary for publication and dispersal to those who had or were looking to apply.

Action: Committee Secretary

59.2 UK resident competing for and at 2 different host nations Nationals

As the resident had adhered to the rules of the BPA Nationals the Committee did not pursue this further.

No further action

60/15 **International Competitions 2016**

60.1 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, Fareham, Canada, 21-28 Aug

The CP Discipline Rep would provide a list of eligible competitors to the Committee Secretary so that invitations could be sent.

Action: Discipline Rep – CP & Committee Secretary

60.2 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, Chicago, USA, 9-22 Sep

The Discipline Reps were to provide lists of eligible competitors in order for the Committee Secretary to send invitations. John Smyth, through his report, informed the Committee that he had reserved 25 double rooms with the option to reserve a further 5-10. The Committee Secretary would inform John of the likely numbers once the team lists had been received.

61/15 **Competitions Budget 2015/2016 and Action Plan 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016**

Weed Stoodley spoke to her spreadsheet, circulated before the meeting and informed the Committee that the accumulated levy of £5 per entry and £1 per jump had not been received from the Nationals hosting parachute training organisations to the BPA, and asked the Financial Administrator to send invoices. After further debate the Committee agreed that the subject of remittances to the British Team Fund be discussed at its next meeting.

Agenda: Next meeting

The Committee thanked Weed for her continued updates and upkeep of the Competitions Budget.

62.1 Refurbishment of equipment held in the care of Texair

After brief discussion the Committee were content with the quoted costs of refurbishment to the accuracy landing pads. Brian Vacher proposed, seconded by Jason Kelleher, that the refurbishments go ahead.

Carried unanimously

61.2 Request to use British Team Fund Levy to pay Judges costs

An email received from the Wingsuit Discipline Rep requested that the Committee consider covering the Judges costs for the Wingsuit Nationals from the Levy to the British Team Fund. The Judges Coordinator believed the higher cost may have arisen from the specialised judging equipment required and that the equipment could only be hired with the technician. The Committee recognised that it was a new consideration but would have to adhere to the agreed contract as in the bid – ‘at no cost to the BPA’ therefore the levy would need to be paid for 2015. The Committee believed that as many disciplines had bespoke specialised judging equipment they would need to discuss this further at its next meeting.

Agenda: Next meeting

62/15 Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Speed Discipline Rep spoke of a roadshow at Netheravon which had been attended by 3 members who had found the roadshow of great benefit.

63/15 Judging Matters not already covered

63.1 Up & Coming Cameraperson Award criteria

As there were difficulties producing the criteria Brian Vacher proposed that the award longer be considered and not presented at the BPA Awards Ceremony.

Carried unanimously. No further action

63.2 Judges ratings held at more than 1 NAC/NGB

The Judges Coordinator confirmed that Natasha Higman could hold a BPA National FS Judges rating alongside her USPA Judges ratings.

63.3 UK Record recording forms

The Judges Coordinator, unsure of how the UK Record forms were recorded and stored as she had some in her possession, enquired of what should be done with them. The Committee Secretary informed her that all such forms that come to the BPA office are recorded via the BPA website and the forms then stored on file in the Secretary-General's office.

64/15 Any other business

64.1 Speed 8 Trophy

There was no BPA trophy therefore Brian Vacher proposed that with a budget of up to £100 Kate Charters purchase a trophy for Speed8. Seconded by Jason Kelleher. The vote was For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

Carried

65/15 Date of next meeting

As the majority of the Committee would be at the World Air Games in Dubai Ian Marshall duly proposed that the December meeting be brought forward to Tuesday 24 November.

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 1720

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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	£166,573*
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 	£14,000
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**
*Target 1: Includes carry forward from 2014/15					
**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund					



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Competitions Dates 2016

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British Open Nationals 2016

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	27 - 30 May 2016
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	20 – 22 Aug 2016
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		27 – 29 Aug 2016
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	26 – 29 Aug 2016

UKSL & Grand Prix 2016

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	14 – 15 May 2016
UKSL Meet 1	Skydive Langar	7-8 May 2016
UKSL Meet 2	APA Netheravon	11-12 June 2016
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Hibaldstow	16-17 July 2016