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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Tash Higman		
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (to item 87)
Observers	Kate Lindsley	-	Team <i>Volition</i> (to item 83)
	Liz Matthews	-	Team <i>Volition</i> (to item 83)
	Vana Parker	-	Team <i>NFTO</i> (to item 83)
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS

Item Minute

80/16 **Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

81/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2016 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/>

82/16 **Funding Requests** – Team *Volition* and Team *NFTO*

As representatives were present, one with a young baby, these 2 requests were brought forward. Each representative spoke to their requests and answered questions from the committee as they arose. The meeting then moved in-camera.

82.1 Team Volition (Indoor FS 4-way)

After due discussion regarding the Indoor team and whether they met the requirements of the Funding Criteria document Jason Kelleher proposed that entry fees of up to £650 per person and funds up to the value of £7740 towards coaching costs only be allocated to Team Volition to assist their efforts at the FAI Indoor World Championships 2017. This was on a trial basis. Seconded by Tash Higman. **Carried unanimously**

82.2 Team NFTO (FS 4-way Female)

After due discussion Jason Kelleher proposed £2000 towards coaching costs only as per the principles agreed at the Competitions Committee meeting held in February 2015 (min 8.7 of that meeting refers). Seconded by Ian Marshall. **Carried unanimously**

The meeting returned in open session.

The Chair informed the representatives of Volition that Indoor tunnel flying had not been integrated into the governance of the BPA and of the committees funding award towards entry fees and coaching to further the training of the team as BPA members.

On speaking to the representative from NFTO the Chair informed her that the committee don't support 'Off years' but following the agreement in February 2015 they were able to award £2000 towards coaching only. Both teams were to provide receipts of their training to the BPA office.

83/16 Matter arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There was only 1 matter arising, concerning the contract conditions of Varial Freestyle. The Committee recognised that there was nothing enforceable within the contract, therefore there was no decision to be made or action to be taken. **No further action**

84/16 Competitions Coordinator Role

Jason Kelleher proposed that the position of Competitions Coordinator within the BPA staff structure be made a permanent role. Seconded by Ian Marshall. This would be recommended to Council at its meeting later that evening.

Carried unanimously, recommend to Council

85/16 Letter from Alixandra Raymond

The Committee acknowledged receipt of this and a further report. The Committee were content that this matter would be discussed at IPC Plenary 2017.

86/16 Confidential letter received

This item was held in-camera. Martin Soulsby, as Chair of Council, stayed as ex-officio member of the committee. Tash Higman declared an interest and left the meeting. John Smyth wished it to be noted that as IPC delegate he should be allowed to stay but would leave the meeting.

After due discussion Gavin McLeod proposed that a draft letter to be sent from the Committee Chair be compiled, based on the information presented, to inform the complainant that there was not sufficient evidence to take further formal action at this time. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

The committee wished it to be minuted that all volunteers performing roles within the BPA that they are duty bound to act within the Code of Good Conduct.

Carried unanimously, recommend to Council

The meeting resumed in open session.

87/16 Domestic Competitions 2017

87.1 BPA National Championships in Speed 8, UK Parachuting Sibson

No confirmation of dates and prices had been received. **Action, Discipline Rep: FS**

87.2 BPA National Championships in Wingsuit Acrobatics, APA Netheravon

No confirmation of dates and prices had been received.

Action, Chair and Judges Coordinator

87.3 BPA National Championship in Accuracy, Skydive Swansea (dates in calendar)

The committee were made aware that the dates proposed were for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and that historically national events were held over a long weekend. The Accuracy Discipline Rep proposed, and was seconded by Tash Higman, that on confirmation of dates and equipment to be used that the competition be accepted.

Carried unanimously

87.4 BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation, BKPC (dates in calendar)

The CF Discipline Rep proposed that subject to the competition being held over 3 days rather than the 4 days proposed by BKPC, that the dates and prices be accepted.

Carried unanimously

87.5 BPA National Championship in VFS 4-way, APA Netheravon

As no dates and prices had been received the Chair would discuss with the new APA Secretary Rob Camps.

Action: Chair

87.6 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy (Dates in calendar)

2 bids had been received, from Skydive Buzz and Skydive Headcorn. The committee discussed whether there was enough interest within the discipline to warrant 2 GPs. Jason Kelleher proposed that 2 GPs in Accuracy be held. Seconded by Ian Marshall. Upon further discussion Jason Kelleher revised his proposal to include that registrations must be made at least 1 week in advance of the competition start date, as there was to be a minimum of 5 competitors at each meet for the competition to go ahead. The revision was seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

87.7 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Formation, Skydive Langar, 8-9 Jul 2017

The committee noted that the dates provided within the bid form had been incorrect when agreed at the previous meeting, and that the new dates as in the title were confirmed correct.

Noted

88/16 International Competitions 2016 – completed

88.1 2nd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 11-16 Oct, Warsaw, Poland

The committee acknowledged the Head of Delegation report received from Ruth Cooper. The Chair had responded to the queries by email to the Head of Delegation when the report was received. Tash Higman proposed that the 2017 Competitions Committee fully document the Head of Delegation selection process and review Form 267 – Aide Memoir to Heads of Delegation. Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously

88.2 1st FAI World Wingsuit Performance Championships & 1st World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatic, 2-11 Nov, Zephyrhills, Florida

The committee acknowledged the Head of Delegation report received from Mark Bayada. The IPC Delegate would be speaking to Mark as he wished him to have some input into the discussion at IPC Plenary.

89/16 IPC Plenary meeting, 28-29 Jan 2017, Faro, Portugal

The IPC Delegate reported to the meeting that the WS Discipline Rep had communicated to him of her wish to attend as an advisor to the Wingsuit committee, and requesting funds towards costs. The Chair reminded the Delegate that a formal request must be made to the Committee through the BPA office and would not be considered until a formal request had been received. The Delegate would inform the Discipline Rep.

Action: IPC Delegate, Discipline Rep: WS

Tash formally requested through the BPA office to the committee, and Kate Charters at the meeting requested that the BPA consider covering their entry fees, as each would be attending discipline meetings (Tash - CF, Kate – Wingsuit & Speed) before the Plenary, Tash also wished to observe at the Plenary meeting. Both would cover her own travel costs. Tash Higman and Kate Charters then left the meeting to allow the Committee to consider their requests. Ian Marshall proposed funding Tash's entry fees up to €720 as per last year. Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously

Ian Marshall recommended proposed funding Kate's entry fees up to €720 as per last year on receipt of receiving her formal request through the BPA office. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

[Secretary's note: Kate's request was received 30/11/16. Requests from Jackie Harper was received 1/12/16 and from Mike Lovemore on 5/12/16. By email vote a proposal to fund both Jackie and Mike's entry fees only up to €720 was carried with 1 abstention (Tash Higman who had declared her interest)]

The IPC delegate also noted that Wayne Loxton required a letter from the BPA regarding his registration as an observer through the BPA. The Delegate was content that the BPA should provide him with a letter as per the previous year and all were content that he would be covering his own costs.

Action: Competitions Coordinator

90/16 International Events 2017

90.1 2017 The World Games, 20-30 Jul, Wroclaw, Poland

Brian Vacher declared his interest as a CP competitor but as he was not competing at this event the Committee were content for him to Chair this item.

Jason Kelleher proposed that following precedence set the BPA fund flight costs of up to \$1800, as detailed in Maxine's request. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried

90.2 FAI World Cups & European Championships in Canopy Formation, Speed Skydiving, Artistics and FS, 7-12 Aug 2017, Saarlouis, Germany

The Discipline Reps would list the eligible teams based on the results of the 2016 BPA National Championships. The Competitions Coordinator would compile an informal email invitation at this time.

Action: Discipline Reps – FS, Speed, Artistics, CF & Competitions Coordinator

90.3 9th FAI European & 6th Junior European Championships in Style & Accuracy, 24-31 Aug 2017, Podgorica, Montenegro

The Classics Discipline Rep would list those eligible to attend.

Action: Discipline Rep - Classics

90.4 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship, 20-22 Oct 2017, Laval, Quebec, Canada

Team selection would be from the World Indoor Bodyflight 2016 results. The BPA office would administrate the event as had happened historically.

90.5 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

The CP Discipline Rep would list those eligible.

Action: Discipline Rep - CP

90.6 Funding requests not covered in item 82

2 requests had been received, from team *Chimera* (FS 4-way) and team *Microclim8* (FS 8-way). The Committee discussed the requests with reference to item 8.7 of the Feb 15 meeting. Ian Marshall proposed Chimera be allocated £1000 towards coaching only as per the previous year. Seconded by Jason Kelleher. Tash Higman proposed, and was seconded by Gavin McLeod, that Microclim8 be allocated funding of £1000 towards coaching only as per the previous year.

Carried unanimously

[Secretarys note: 23/12/16 – By email Jason Kelleher proposed an award of £1000 towards coaching only to team 4Mula, in line with the funding award item 90.6. Seconded by Tash Higman, and Carried]

91/16 Delegation uniform tenders

2 completed documents had been received, from KK Stitches and from Workstuff, the current provider. Tash Higman would chase up those who had made no indication of intent and would report at the next meeting in February, should she remain on Council

Agenda - next meeting

92/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Weed Stoodley, who was unable to attend, had circulated to the committee via email a budget breakdown for which the committee were grateful. Those present noted an overspend on Target 7 and were now aware that the budget may require an increase.

92.1 Texair Contract

The Chair spoke to an email in which an amended contract, which superseded the copy circulated to the committee previously, was discussed by himself and Texair to mutual satisfaction, and listed to those present the changes. As the committee were content with the changes the Chair proposed that the new copy, which would be circulated to the committee after the meeting, be accepted. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

92.2 Coaching support for eligible teams

Tash Higman declared her interest as a team member likely to apply. Those present were content for her to remain. Jason Kelleher proposed that this remain an Action Plan target for every year, not just a selection year, subject to there being sufficient budget allocation.

Seconded by Ian Marshall. For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (Tash Higman)

Carried

The Committee Secretary highlighted that there were no coaching support guidelines with which to provide reference to enquiring teams. Jason Kelleher would prepare these guidelines and provide to the office and Committee for review.

Action: Jason Kelleher

93/16 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Committee noted that completed roadshow request forms had been returned and forwarded to the Discipline Reps.

94/16 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda

94.1 BPA Judging Procedures document

After brief discussion of the changes that had taken place and some small minor changes version 5.6 of the Judging Procedures document was now ready to be agreed and uploaded to the BPA website. Brian Vacher proposed, seconded by Tash Higman that, subject to the small word changes as discussed at the meeting, the procedures be adopted for 2017.

Carried unanimously

Tash Higman listed judges that she believed were eligible, and proposed that they become Senior Judges. Seconded by Jason Kelleher. Tash would provide the list to the BPA office.

Carried unanimously

The Committee thanked Tash Higman for her enduring spirit whilst producing the document, and recognised the invaluable contributions of the judges.

94.2 AGM Award Ceremony 2017

The Competitions Coordinator reported that the arrangements were going well and that team member names were required for only 1 team – Pajama Pumas. The Judges Coordinator and FS Discipline Rep were aware.

95.3 Judges Membership 2017

The Committee Secretary reminded the Judges Coordinator for the list in order that it may be circulated.

[Secretarys note: List was received from the Judges Coordinator on 30/11/16]

95.4 Judges Webpage on BPA website

The consensus of the meeting was that as the Judges Procedure was now adopted and shortly available for download from the BPA website there would be no need for a Judges webpage on the website

No further action

95.5 Forms 277 removal from BPA website

The BPA Judging Procedures was to be given form number 277 and uploaded to the BPA website. All other forms previously F277 had now been removed.

Action: Committee Secretary

96/16 Any other business

There was only 1 item of AOB. The Committee were sad to note the email received from Weed Stoodley stating that she would no longer be continuing in her roles of Artistics Discipline Rep and BPA Judge. The Committee wished Weed well in all her endeavours in the future. Ian Marshall proposed that Weed be recommended for a Certificate of Appreciation, and a gift from the committee. Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously, recommend to Council

97/16 Date of next meeting – to be agreed at the 1st meeting of Council 2017 after the AGM on Saturday 28 January 2017.

The meeting closed at 1715

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2017 medal winning performance	2018 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2018 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2016	£101,437*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2016 Supported events	2017 Continued support of events	Jun 2017	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2016 UK pool of 22 Judges	2017 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2017	<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 • Judging Equipment Specialists 	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2016 Current holding	2017 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2017	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£6000
5. Delegation Uniform	2016 Delegation uniform	2017 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2017	<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*
6. Selection year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2016 Not available Championship year	2017 Coaching Support	Jun 2017	Coaching support for National Champion 2016 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 2016 • Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2017 Nationals at a higher level 	£8000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2016 6 Officials	2017 Continued funded support	Jun 2017	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£6000***
<p>*Target 1: to be carried forward to the 2017/2018 Action Plan **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund ***Target 7: Reoccurring item</p>					



Competitions Dates 2017

BPA National Championships 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Wingsuit Performance	APA Netheravon	26-29 May 2017
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	2-4 Aug 2017 (Weds-Fri)
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	19-21 Aug 2017
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving (Back-up weekend of FS 4-way)		26-28 Aug 2017 Back-up weekend FS 8-way, Arts & Speed 2-4Sep 2017)
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz	1-3 Sep 2017
Canopy Formation	BKPC	8-10 Sep 2017
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	tbc
Wingsuit Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	tbc

BPA UKSL & BPA Grand Prix 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 1	Skydive Buzz	6-7 May 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Langar	10-11 Jun 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3	Skydive North West	15-16 Jul 2017
Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	9-10 Jul 2017
GP Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz,	5-6 Aug 2017
GP Accuracy Meet 1	Skydive Headcorn	13-14 May 2017
GP Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Buzz	15-16 Jul 2017