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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 1320

at the offices of BPA, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF

Present:	Tash Higman	-	Acting Chair, Acting Judges Coordinator
	Mark Bayada		
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts (via Skype from mid-item 68)
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Pete Mather (PM)	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Brian Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: CP (intermittently via Skype)
In attendance:	Georgie Vacher (GV)	-	Discipline Rep: FS (via Skype from item 67.1)
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
Observers	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 69)
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
Apologies	Steve Hastings	-	Mens Accuracy Team (to item 72)
	Vana Parker	-	Team: NFTO (to item 72.2)
Apologies	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS

Item Minute

64/17 Opening remarks

Tash Higman, as Acting Chair welcomed those present.

65/17 Declarations of Interest

These would be minuted as they arose.

66/17 Minutes and Matters arising

The Committee were content for Mark Bayada, who had been present at the previous meeting, to sign the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 October 2017, which had been circulated electronically to the Committee and Council, and would be ratified at Council later that evening. The Minutes were published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

67/17 Matters arising from the previous meeting

67.1 Judges expenses

The Acting Judges Coordinator asked those present if they were content to allow the volunteers such as BPA judges and Coaches at BPA Coaching Roadshows, to claim £65 a day overnight accommodation allowance. It was raised that the Committee should consider the costings of running a Roadshow, for example the maximum expense for each coach over 2 days and people attending in order to provide value for money. The Committee were made

aware that the Roadshow request form sent to DZ's in order that they may make an initial request for a roadshow had since been changed to include that it was now expected, but not compulsory, for the DZ to cover the Coaches jump slot in order to increase participation. Mark Bayada proposed the Committee agree the increase of £15 to £65 for accommodation. Seconded by Peter Mather. **Carried unanimously**

The Acting Chair requested that all Discipline Reps explore the costs of roadshows and the cost of each attendee, pertinent to their respective disciplines. Costings were to be brought to the April meeting. **Action: All Discipline Reps – April Meeting**

68/17 AAAs for CF Coaches and Students - taken from agenda order

The COO, speaking in relation to a Panel of Inquiry recommendation to STC of CF event attendees using AADs, asked the Committee to consider their disciplines use of AADs and how this would impact their disciplines in order to advise the Working Group. The Acting Chair informed the COO that the CF Discipline Rep was willing to join the Working Group.

Action: All Discipline Reps

69/17 Committee Composition Policy

As the tenure to the Competitions Committee would not automatically renew all volunteer members would be required to submit a summary of the skills and experience they have and will continue to bring to the role. The 3 elected members of Council who will compose the Competitions Committee will look to the summaries to decide suitability. A copy of Form 219 – Role Description of a BPA Discipline Rep was to be made available on the BPA website.

Action: Committee Secretary

70/17 Recommendations from the Panel of Inquiry into the conduct of Kate Charters

The meeting moved in-camera.

The Committee were informed that some BPA and international judges may be owed monies for their expenses whilst judging in the UK, who's expenses may have been fraudulently claimed by another judge. Those present acknowledged that the BPA Financial Administrator had contacted those who may be affected, and that the recommended change of any expenses being paid directly to the claimant and not through a third party was already in place. Further discussion was to be taken to Council at its meeting that evening.

Action: Refer to Council

The meeting continued in open session.

71/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018: appendix i – taken from agenda order

The Acting Chair, commenting on her previously circulated spreadsheet, and the Committee were pleased to note that 2017 had seen the most number of Judges in Training than for a good while.

71.1 World Class Performance - Sponsorship Allocation

The Committee thanked all those who had completed and returned their sponsorship application forms, and clarified points including:

- 2 stage process – 1. Application and 2. Completion of Contract by team then entitles draw-down of sponsorship funds, on receipt of invoices/receipts
- Fulfilment of contract in respect of coaching at roadshows for those who may not hold a coaching rating may be given by volunteering specifically for a BPA event i.e. as pool camera, as opposed to already being in attendance.

Mark Bayada proposed that the spreadsheet and associated formulas be accepted as the mechanism for allocating funding. Pete Mather seconded. **Carried unanimously**

Ian Marshall proposed that the conditions of draw-down of sponsorship include the contract signed and returned by all team members and that a valid Sporting Licence be held. Seconded by Mike Williams. **Carried unanimously**

Pete Mather proposed that £122,962 be allocated to the spreadsheet. Seconded by Ian Marshall. **Carried unanimously**

Allocations are listed on Appendix iii.

72/17 Judging Matters

72.1 Changes to Judges Procedure document (Form 277)

Ian Marshall proposed that the circulated requested changes be approved. Seconded by Peter Mather. The updated document would be available on the BPA website.

Carried unanimously

72.2 Judges Nomination and Proposed Judges to FAI events 2018

The Committee were content that the draft had been completed and would be circulated to all judges before return to IPC by 31 December 2017.

Action: Secretary & Judges Coordinator

72.3 Free membership for eligible judges

The list, which would be compiled once historical data from the judges own logbooks had been analysed, would be circulated to Committee for comment.

Action: Judges Coordinator & Secretary

73/17 FAI IPC Plenary Meeting 2018, 23-28 January 2018

2 Committee members were attending in advisory roles at the various discipline meetings before the Plenary meeting. As entry fees had historically been covered from the Committee's budget the Secretary had requested a breakdown of fees from the host, as the 2 members would not be staying for the Plenary meeting. A breakdown of entry fees had not yet been provided.

74/17 Domestic Competitions 2018

74.1 BPA National Championship in FS & VFS 4-way

1 bid had been received, from Target Skysports. After due consideration of the 2 different dates for the Artistic, Speed and FS 8-way Mark Bayada proposed, and was seconded by Georgie Vacher, that the bid be accepted with the Artistics to be held in September.

Carried unanimously

Dates in appendix ii and would be published on the BPA website.

The Secretary would make Target Skysports aware of the decision.

Action: Secretary

The Discipline Reps would make inquires at the DZs as to their willingness to host CP, WS and CF BPA National Championships, and the Accuracy Rep would chase up Skydive Swansea for their proposed dates for BPA National Championship in Accuracy, as the final year of 3 years as hosts.

Action: Discipline Reps – CP, CF, WS & Accuracy

75/17 International Competitions 2017 - completed

75.1 2nd World Cup of Wingsuit Flying, 2-8 Nov, Overton, USA

The Acting Chair, as Head of Delegation, briefly spoke of some of the difficulties the delegation had faced regarding reserve packing seals and their eligibility under the brief in the bulletin against the rules of the DZ/location, and recommended that the IPC Delegate take to the Plenary meeting the suggestion of making sure DZs communicate better through bulletins as to rules in their local area in order that all delegation members are fully briefed before arrival.

75.2 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

Those present acknowledged there were only 2 attending plus the Head of Delegation and accompanying person. Don Tomkinson was also attending as an FAI judge in training.

75.3 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, 19-22 Oct, Laval, Quebec

The Committee thanked John Smyth for his Head of Delegation report which was taken as read.

76/17 International Competitions 2018

76.1 1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships, 11-14 Apr, Voss, Norway and 3rd FAI World Cup in Indoor Skydiving, 25-28 Oct, Zallaq, Bahrain

The Secretary would check for responses from Chimera in order that the invitation to represent GB in FS Open be extended to ACM, for the European Championship.

Action: Secretary

77/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 - contd

77.1 Judging laptops

The Secretary informed those present that Council had made the decision not to attempt to recover the laptops and hard drive following the County Court Judgement.

Noted

77.2 BPA Scoring System

The Acting Chair commented on her previously circulated recommendations with regard to BPA owning a scoring system. The Discipline Reps advised of the systems best suited to their disciplines but no decision was made with regard to any particular scoring system. Mark Bayada proposed that the equipment budget for 2018 Action Plan include money for 2 new laptops with the same or improved specifications. Seconded by Mike Williams.

Carried unanimously

The Committee would seek the advice of Graham Spicer, of the ITSG. The new laptops were to be held at the BPA office and were to be signed in and out as required.

78/17 BPA Awards Ceremony, 27 January 2018, EMCC, Nottingham

The UKSL and GP CF had been received, and the Secretary reminded the Accuracy Discipline Rep that the overall winners for that discipline were required as soon as possible in order that the winners be contacted for confirmation of names etc. and that the medals be ordered, engraved and received in good time before the ceremony.

Action: Discipline Rep – Accuracy & Secretary

79/17 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

78.1 Artistics – Camerapersons

The Artistics Discipline Rep spoke to her paper requesting:

1. The use of 3 pool camerapersons and making the roadshow a competition event to assist new competitors who may wish to enter in the new intermediate category
2. Expenses are covered for 3 additional camerapersons per roadshow event.

The Committee gave due consideration to the costs of coaches to 2 roadshows, and that DZs are now being asked to consider covering the coaches jump tickets through the roadshow requires form. Emma proposed the change in format to the Artistic Roadshow format in principle. Seconded by Pete Mather.

Carried unanimously

78.2 CF Roadshow Coach

After due discussion of the paper tabled late by the CF Discipline Rep, of which the Acting Chair gave background to, Pete Mather proposed that subsistence allowance of up to £65 and a potential to claim for mileage when traveling in the UK only be granted to French CF coach Benoit Laurent. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

- 80/17 Date of next meetings** - These would be confirmed by the meeting of the Council immediately after the AGM. Subject to confirmation, the next meeting would be on Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 15:30 at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1720

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 17 to 30 June 18

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 2017	£55,862* £69,600 £125,462
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2017 Supported events	2018 Continued support of events	Jun 2018	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£4,670* £10,000 £14,670
3. Judging Team	2017 UK pool of 13 Judges	2018 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2018	<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 	£30,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2017 Current holding	2018 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2018	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£6,000
5. Delegation Uniform	2017 Delegation uniform	2018 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2018	<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 	£5,000**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2017 Coaching Support	2018 Coaching Support	Jun 2018	Coaching support for National Champion 2017 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 2017 • Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level 	£8,000 £3,000 £11,000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2017 5 Officials	2018 Continued funded support	Jun 2018	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£8000***
*Targets 1 and 6: brought forward from the 2016/2017 Action Plan **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund ***Target 7: Reoccurring item					



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BPA National Championships 2018

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Formation Skydiving 4-way & Vertical Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug 2018
Artistics, Speed and Formation Skydiving 8-way		1-3 Sept 2018

BPA Grand Prix 2018 & BPA UKSL 2018

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 1	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	5-6 May 2018
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Langar,	9-10 June 2018
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3	Skydive North West, Cark	7-8 July 2018
GP Accuracy Meet 1	Skydive Headcorn	19-20 May 2018
GP Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	9-10 June 2018
GP Canopy Formation	Skydive North West, Cark	23-24 June 2018



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Sponsorship 2018

FS 4-way	Satori	£26,792
	4mula	£13,396
	Chimera	£4,465
FS 4-way Female	NFTO	£7,442
	PTW	£3,721
	Kesshin	£1,240
FS 8-way	Microclim8	£7,144
	Ride The Dragon	£3,571
VFS 4-way	Omni 99	£2,443
Freefly	Varial	£6,251
	Parallel	£3,125
Freestyle	FSU	£2,678
	Nova	£893
Speed	Max Hurd	£9,355
	Matthew Byrne	£4,677
Canopy Piloting	Wes Westley	£1,238
Accuracy Team GB	Dave Crowhurst	£3,364
	Les Carroll	£2,403
	Carl Williams	£1,923
	Pete Sizer	£1,250
	Steve Hastings	£673
Accuracy Female	Esther Reynolds	£814
CF 4-way rotations	Team CRWsaders	£1,485
CF 2-way sequential	Waffle Stack	£1,904
Wingsuiting	Tutti Frutti	£2,041
Acrobatics	Angry Birds	£1,020
Wingsuiting	Paul Cain	£5,103
Performance	Angelo Grubisic	£2,551