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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 1320

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Mark Bayada		
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts
	Pete Mather (PM)	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Georgie Vacher (GV)	-	Discipline Rep: FS (via video link)
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 44, from partway to end of item 45.2)
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Graham Spicer	-	IT Strategy Working Group (from partway item 43.2 to item 44)
Apologies	Tash Higman	-	Vice Chair, Acting Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS

Item Minute

40/17 Committee Composition

The Committee noted that Kate Charters had stepped down from Council and therefore from Committee, and in order to remain within the Committee's own Terms of Reference (Form 278 refers) Mark Bayada, elected member of Council, stepped over from Communications / Development Committees to offer his expertise to Competitions Committee. Those present were in agreement and the decision would be ratified at Council later that evening.

Ratification by Council

41/17 Declarations of Interest

These would be minuted as they arose.

42/17 Minutes and Matters arising

The Committee were content for the Chair to sign the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 which had been circulated electronically to the Committee and Council, and would be ratified at Council later that evening. The Minutes were to be published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

There were no matters arising.

43/17 Judges Currency and Judges attending BPA competitions

Those present were pleased to note that all BPA events had now the correct allocation of judges. The Committee thanked the judges, both BPA and Judges from across Europe for their support.

43.1 New Judges in Training

The Committee were pleased to note that there were potentially 13 new training judges, some of whom had already judged or would be training at forthcoming BPA competitions. Those present thanked the Judges Coordinator and the trainees for their support. **Noted**

43.2 Judges Laptops

The Committee were disappointed to hear that the laptops had not been provided to the BPA competitions as was necessary. The COO made those present aware that steps were being taken for their recovery and return to the BPA. **Noted**

44/17 BPA Competitions 2017 - completed

44.1 BPA National Championship in Accuracy, 2-4 Aug, Skydive Swansea

Once received the report would be forwarded to the Committee by email for information.

44.2 BPA UKSL Meet 3, 15-16 Jul, Skydive North West

The 1st day of the competition had been weathered out but 5 rounds had been completed on the following day. The event had been well attended with 2 AAA, 3 AA, 2 A and 7 Rookie teams. The Committee thanked Frank Mallabone, as Chief Judge, for his continued hard work despite non-receipt of the judging laptops. and to Skydive North West on a well organised competition.

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

2x 4-way rotations teams had completed 5 rounds, and 2x Senior 2-way Seq, 3x Intermediate 2-way Seq and 3x Rookie 2-way Seq had completed 6 rounds. The Committee thanked Frank Mallabone for his report as Chief Judge and noted that again the judging laptops had not been made available. The Committee echoed Frank's thanks to the competitors for the use of their computer hardware, and to Skydive Langar for the use of their PC and their excellent support of the event.

44.4 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy, Meet 2, 15-16 Jul, Skydive Buzz

The Committee mirrored Bob King's sentiments in the report circulated with the agenda, on behalf of the Chief Judge - Roger Flavell, that it was unfortunate the competition had not taken place due to low cloud, and that all were grateful for the hospitality shown by Skydive Buzz.

44.5 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Piloting, 5-6 Aug, Skydive Buzz

The Committee thanked Chief Judge Liz Warner for her report, circulated with the agenda, which noted that 3 competitors had made 21 jumps. 7 judges had been in attendance, 2 of whom were trainees. At the Chief Judge's suggestion those present agreed discussing with Texair the use of his CP judging equipment. **Action: Discipline Rep - CP**

45/17 Domestic Competitions 2017 – not completed

45.1 BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation, 1-3 Sep, BKPC

The CF Rep, through email indicated that there were no issues at this time.

45.2 BPA National Championship in 4-way Formation Skydiving, 19-21 Aug, Target Skysports

The FS Reps requested a representative from BPA attend in order to allay any safety concerns the competitors or DZ may have. It was reiterated that the Meet should not be continued at safety's expense. The COO consented to attending to which the Committee thanked him. The FS Reps also informed those present, last year had seen a shortened competition due to inclement weather, and that that Meet had been called with consideration to the length of the jumping day, tiredness of the competitors and their safety on their return home. However, this had raised some complaints from some competitors. The Reps therefore wished to discuss an end time that could be publicised before the Meet so all would be informed. The Committee were content for the discussion to take place with the Meet

Director.

Action: Discipline Reps: FS

45.3 Further BPA National Championships

There were no issues at this time.

46/17 International Competitions 2017

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

The Competitions Coordinator reported verbally that 3 contracts were still outstanding.

46.2 9th FAI European & 6th Junior European Championships in Style & Accuracy, 24-31 Aug 2017, Podgorica, Montenegro

There were no issues

46.3 2nd FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying, 2-8 Nov 2017, Overton, USA

The Competitions Coordinator reported that there had been conflicting information regarding the registration process, but with assistance from the host the delegation was now preliminarily registered. No delegation member was able to fulfil the Head of Delegation role. Therefore, Mike Williams proposed, and was seconded by Pete Mather, that the position be re-advertised through social media channels. **Carried unanimously**

46.4 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

9 competitors had expressed their interest, and the Competitions Coordinator would look into sending the official delegation paperwork the following week.

47/17 Domestic Competitions 2018 – Draft bid forms

The bid forms were circulated with the agenda, and the Secretary took onboard all amendments for update before circulation to DZ Owners and Operators.

Action: Committee Secretary

48/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 – appendix i

The Vice-Chair, who was currently attending the Meet at Saarlouis had communicated by email that there was nothing significant to report.

48.1 World Class Performance – Sponsorship allocation

The sponsorship allocation proposal was not yet available but would be offered at the October meeting. **Action: Chair and Discipline Rep: FS (GV)**

48.2 World Class Performance – Sponsorship and Contract

Some points discussed were:

1. Penalty if a team that has committed to attend then pulls out or does not attend
2. Competition slot not confirmed unless contract signed and returned by the given date.

This would be added to the Competitor contract.

Action: Secretary/Coordinator

3. Allocated sponsorship would not be available until contract signed and returned
4. Individual drops out of the team then their portion of the allocated sponsorship is returned. The FS Rep (PM) proposed that the penalty incurred for nonreturn of allocated sponsorship if individuals breach their contract is that they will remain exempt from representing GB and will not be considered for future sponsorship until the monies are returned. Seconded by Mike Williams. **Carried unanimously. Action: Add to competitor contract**

5. Mileage claims for coaches. Expenses claim form needs to stipulate travel in the UK only

6. Uniform to identify Roadshow coaches. The FS Rep (PM) would liaise with the Competitions Coordinator on price and design.

49/17 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

49.1 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow request form

With a few amendments, the form would be circulated to DZ Operators and Owners, and made available for download via the BPA Forms page of the BPA website.

Action: Committee Secretary

49.2 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow Feedback Form 217

The form was now to also include feedback for the GP events.

Action: Committee Secretary

49.3 Wingsuit Roadshows

The WS Discipline Rep briefly outlined his proposal as circulated to the Committee, and after due discussion proposed the purchase of 6 Flysight units at a cost of £190 per unit.

Seconded by Pete Mather.

Carried unanimously

The Wingsuit Discipline Rep – Mike Williams, would look into storage conditions, maintenance and providing the BPA financial department with the serial numbers for insurance purposes. The Secretary would compose a custodian statement.

Action: Discipline Rep – WS and Committee Secretary

49.4 FS Coaching Roadshow, BKPC – report circulated with agenda

Ruth Morrison, Martin Cressey, Ane Brentford and Martin Soulsby had coached a total of 23 people and 9 pre-FS1. The event had been well advertised and the DZ had offered excellent manifest flexibility, allowing the completion of as many jumps as possible. The Committee mirrored the coaches thanks to Paul Yeoman, Mark Lord and all staff at BKPC.

49.5 FS Coaching Roadshow, UKSL Meet 1, Skydive Buzz – report circulated with agenda

Dennis Parker, James Woods, Sarah Ashworth and Kate Lindsley had coached 11 teams of various skill levels. It was felt to be a little ‘coach heavy’ however the weather forecast had been poor which may have put teams off attending the UKSL. Those present thanked the Coaches and DZ for a worthy event.

49.6 FS Coaching Roadshow, UKSL Meet 2, Skydive Langar – report circulated with agenda

Simon Brentford, Anna Hicks, Debs Lamsley and Liz Matthews had coached 17 teams of various skill levels. Unfortunately, the weather had not been kind but Simon had given 2 camera flying seminars, which were very much appreciated, and had provided advice to up-and-coming camera flyers by looking through their previous footage. The Committee thanked the host and coaches, especially Simon, on a very well received roadshow.

The consensus of the meeting was to have more coaches at specific roadshow events and to try to have less at UKSLs where a focus was more on the competition or where teams were more likely to have their own coaches.

50/17 Any other business

50.1 Satori XL – Sponsorship Request

The request, circulated to the Committee with the agenda, asked for the availability and supply of entry fees to the 2017 World Indoor Championships. Mark Bayada proposed that as Council currently do not support Indoor tunnel flying the Committee would have to refuse the request. Seconded by Mike Williams. For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2

Carried

51/17 Date of next meeting – 1300 on Tuesday 3 October at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1655

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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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Competitions Dates 2017

BPA National Championships 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
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	16-17 Sept 2017
4-way VFS	Skydive Buzz	16-17 Sept 2017 Reserve weekend: 23-24 Sept 2017