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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher		
	Tash Higman	-	Vice-Chair, Acting Judges Coordinator
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to mid item 5.4)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice-President
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Observers	Vana Parker	-	Team: NFTO
Apologies	Mark Bayada		
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF

Item Minute

01/18 Composition of Competitions Committee 2018

1.1 Composition

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting of Competitions Committee following the first meeting of Council on Saturday 27 January at the Discovery Room, De Vere Orchard Hotel, University of Nottingham. NG7 2RJ

Brian Vacher (elected by Council)	Competitions Chair & Discipline Rep – Canopy Piloting (CP)
Tash Higman	Vice-Chair & Judges Coordinator
Mark Bayada	
Georgie Vacher	Discipline Rep: FS

And the following voting members, from those who had volunteered, as discussed and agreed at the informal meeting:

Emma Hart	Discipline Rep: Artistics
Mikey Lovemore	Discipline Rep: Speed
Georgie Vacher	Discipline Rep: Formation Skydiving (FS)
Gavin McLeod	Discipline Rep: Canopy Formation (CF)
Mike Williams	Discipline Rep: Wingsuiting (WS)
Michael Wilson-Roberts	Discipline Rep: Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS)

The Committee expressed their grateful thanks to Pete Mather for his hard work and support of the discipline as FS Discipline Rep and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

1.2 Discipline Rep – Accuracy

1 application had been received, after the published deadline, from Ian Marshall. Tash Higman proposed that the Committee accept Ian Marshall as the Accuracy Discipline Rep and as a voting member of the committee. Seconded by Mikey Lovemore.

Carried unanimously, Action – Secretary

1.3 Discipline Rep Handover

The FS Rep had recognised that there appeared to be no handover between the outgoing and newly appointed Reps and proposed that

- the outgoing rep ensures involvement of newly appointed rep from the AGM, upon appointment, up to the February meeting
- agreed roadshows/competition dates and communication from those events be passed on to the new Rep
- the BPA domain email address specific to the discipline is inherited after the February meeting

Tash Higman seconded. The Secretary would update Form 219 – Role description of BPA Discipline Reps.

Carried unanimously, Action - Secretary

02/18 Declarations of any conflicts of Interest

These would be minuted as they arose.

03/18 Minutes and Matters arising

Brian Vacher duly signed the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 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/>
There were no matters arising.

04/18 FAI IPC Plenary Meeting, 23-28 January 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

4.1 BPA procedure for registering IPC committee members

The Committee were content with the procedures as detailed:

- The Delegate to IPC provides and signs off a list of members who are selected for an IPC committee in accordance to the IPC Rules and Regulations – para 6.4 – Members
- Invitations, whether by phone or email, made direct to the invitee are forwarded to the Delegate and Secretary who will in turn confirm receipt
- Arrival and departure dates are given in good time in order to allow the Secretary to negotiate the best price if invitee is not staying for the Plenary meeting
- Requests to attend that are received after the registration date will be deemed as too late

Any decision to cover costs of entry fees and/or travel costs would then be decided on an individual basis at the November meeting.

4.2 Report from BPA Delegate to IPC

The report was tabled as read and some minor points raised including that the chosen Chief Judges be included where possible in the report, as this may prove useful to the Judges Coordinator.

05/18 Domestic Competitions 2018 – dates included in appendix ii

5.1 BPA National Championships in Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics

1 bid had been received, from Target Skysports. The WS Rep proposed that the bid as tabled be accepted. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried unanimously

5.2 BPA National Championship in Canopy Piloting

1 bid received, from Skydive Buzz. The CP Rep spoke to the email discussion and indication of whether the Competitions Committee budget should cover the costs of the judges and asked that any issues or ideas be brought to the table. After much debate the CP Rep proposed that the Competitions Committee budget cover the CP judging costs at Dunkeswell for 2018 only., and that the bid be accepted. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried unanimously

5.3 BPA National in FS 4-way Female

The FS Rep explained that the Female event would run concurrently with the Open event and that it required an all-female team to choose to register in the Female category in addition to the Open. If a senior all-female team did win the Nationals overall, they would be offered the choice of representing GB in either the Open or the Female category but not both and sponsorship could only be applied for in 1 category, Open or Female. The FS Rep proposed the new category of FS 4-way Female and was seconded by Tash Higman.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (EH)

Carried

5.4 Updated Nationals entry form

With the additions of Intermediate Freely and FS 4-way Female categories the FS Rep would amend and circulate to the Committee via email for any final amendments before the final draft be presented to the Committee at the April meeting.

Action: FS Rep & Secretary

5.5 BPA Meet rules

The Secretary asked that in light of the Competitions Coordinator not yet being able to return to the position, that the Reps also complete the admin section of the rules as well as the technical rules. The Secretary would circulate the 2017 rules for amendment alongside the agreed bid document. The draft rules were to be completed in good time for circulation before the April meeting.

Action: Secretary & All Reps

5.6 Multi event weekends and judge coverage

An issue had been raised concerning how many chief judges to event judges on multiple Nationals weekends. It was requested that there be 1 chief judge per weekend with a different event judge per event. This had been trialled for 2017 and had appeared to work but not all events had had judges allocated to them at this time.

06/18 Judging Matters

6.1 Judges attending BPA meets

Ongoing as judges provided their availability.

6.2 Judges attending International Meets

The Judges Coordinator was proud to say that Frank Mallabone had been selected to the judges panel at the 2nd World Wingsuit Flying Championships, 26-31 Aug, Prostějov, CZE, and that she had been selected for the panel at the 1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships, 11-14 Apr, Voss, Norway.

6.3 Judges Training Seminar

Dates of 24/25 March 2018 at BPA HQ had been circulated to the judges.

07/18 9th World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov – 1 Dec, Dubai -Head of Delegation report

The Committee thanked John Smyth for his report, circulated in advance and taken as read. There were no matters arising.

08/18 International Competitions 2018

The Secretary was to prepare a comprehensive list of invitees and acceptances to all overseas meets.

Action: Secretary

The meeting went in camera. John Smyth, John Hitchen and Tony Butler were permitted to stay.

8.1 1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships, 11-14 Apr, Voss, Norway

With the closeness of the registration a call had been placed on social media for potential Heads of Delegation to send their competition CVs to the Secretary. 3 had been received, from David Rodgers, Marc Fletcher and Liz Warner, and were tabled for consideration. On discussion that Marc and David were team members attending as competitors, and whilst they had extensive knowledge of competitions it was decided that the many facets of the role and challenges that may be sprung on the Head may distract them from the competition. Mike Williams proposed Liz Warner, as an FAI judge in Artistic and FS disciplines with extensive knowledge of the Sporting Code and General Section, as a non-competitor at the event would be best placed to serve Team GB. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried unanimously. Action: Secretary to inform all those involved

The meeting returned in open session.

09/18 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018: appendix i – taken from

9.1 WS Flysight judging equipment

Item withdrawn by WS Rep as will be covered in item 9.3 -Scoring System update.

9.2 Timescales for sponsored teams representing GB and administration purposes

With confirmation from the Secretary that the dates provided in the document were workable to the office the FS Rep proposed that the document be accepted and created as a new form. Seconded by Mikey Lovemore. **Carried unanimously, Action: FS Rep & Secretary**

9.3 Scoring system update

After due discussion on comparison between Omniskore and InTime scoring systems the Judges Coordinator proposed that the 2 laptops and router, when purchased, use the Omniskore system for 1 year Seconded by Georgie Vacher. **Carried unanimously**
With regard to wingsuit there was the possibility of running the Omniskore and Skyderby systems at an event for comparison purposes where the judges and competitors would be able to provide feedback.

10/18 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

10.1 All discipline dates and coaches

As roadshows were still being arranged the Secretary advised those present to send in the details they had in order to update a master spreadsheet. This would be used to list sponsored coaches in line with their contract fulfilment. The Secretary was to confirm to the Committee who had returned their contract by 31 March.

Action: All Reps & Secretary

10.2 Coaches coaching at own DZs

On request of an exemption to the rule that a sponsored coach must not coach at a BPA roadshow at their own DZ the Committee considered:

- Exemptions for disciplines
- Dropping of the rule or a change of wording to 'preferred'
- Exemption given to the person on request

On consideration it was decided that those who had made a request did not require an exemption at this time but that 2 specific disciplines had limitations which may require exemptions in the future. Mike Williams proposed, and was seconded by Tash Higman, that the rule be revisited next year but with permissions this year for Accuracy and Canopy Formation sponsored athletes only. **Carried unanimously**

11/18 Any other business

11.1 Team NFTO – Grievance

A grievance raised as per Form 282 – BPA Grievance Procedure had been received after the agenda had been issued, would be considered at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 April. As a team member was present the Chair allowed for a brief question and answer session to assist all parties in their consideration of the grievance.

12/18 Date of next meetings - on Tuesday 17 April at 1300 at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1730

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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

Accuracy	Skydive Swansea	10-13 April 2018
Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	13-15 July 2018
Formation Skydiving 4-way Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug 2018
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		01-03 Sept 2018
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	07-09 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