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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	
	Mark Bayada	-	(from mid-item 42.1)
	Tash Higman	-	Vice-Chair, Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed (via 'phone for item 46.3 only)
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS (via Skype from item 44.2.6)
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS (from item 43)
In attendance:	Joy Ledger	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Apologies	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts

Item Minute

40/18 Declarations of any conflicts of Interest
These would be declared under the relevant item.

41/18 Minutes
The Chair duly signed the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018, 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/>

42/18 Matters arising – In camera session. John Smyth was invited to stay.

42.1 CF Discipline Rep

3 applications were received and circulated to the Committee for consideration. All were worthy candidates and those present were pleased to have received such a response. After much deliberation the WS Rep proposed Mary Barratt as CF Rep and voting member of the Competitions Committee. Seconded by Mark Bayada. For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (TH)

Carried

Mary was invited back into the meeting and was informed of the decision, was welcomed and reminded of the significance of in-camera sessions and the requirement of confidentiality.

42.2 Varial Freestyle

The Secretary would send a reminder letter via postal service and email.

Action: Committee Secretary

43/18 BPA Nationals, UKSL & GP bid form – draft

The Secretary invited those present to peruse the draft form and let her know of any amendments that may be required before circulation to the parachute training organisations.

Action: Committee Secretary

44/18 Domestic Competitions 2018

44.1 Domestic Competitions completed

44.1.1 BPA UKSL FS 4-way Meet 2, 9-10 June, Skydive Langar

20 teams had jumped all 6 rounds. 2 trainee FS judges had performed well.

44.1.2 BPA GP in CF, 23-24 June, Skydive North West

7 CF teams in 2-way sequential completed 6 rounds and the senior 4-way rotation team members, whilst not competing, had offered their expertise and support to the less experienced teams. An issue with the laptop Microsoft Office licences had since been resolved.

44.1.3 BPA UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3, 7-8 July, Skydive North West

19 teams completed all rounds. It was unfortunate that the judging laptops were unable to communicate with each other however judging was able to take place via Cark's own system, pen & paper, media player and stopwatch.

44.1.4 BPA Nationals in WS Performance & Acrobatics, 13-15 July, Target Skysports

Performance had seen 18 competitors with 105 jumps taking place, and Acrobatic had 2 teams with 14 jumps. The Judges Coordinator expressed her appreciation to Buzz Bennett, as acting Chief Judge and Event Judge for Acrobatic, at short notice, and Liz Warner as Event Judge for the Performance category. Those present congratulated Mike Williams on his Gold Medal in the Senior Performance category.

44.1.5 BPA GP in Accuracy, 4-5 August, Skydive

Texair Ltd had made the Chair aware of an urgent issue in which Green Dragons Paragliding and Hang Gliding Club had not transported the tuffet from Headcorn to Dunkeswell, as was their agreement with Texair for Green Dragons permittance to use the kit. Due to the urgency the Chair asked for understanding that he had agreed costs, circulated with the agenda, to cover van rental and associated costs which would allow Texair to collect the judging equipment from Headcorn and take to the GP Accuracy at Skydive Buzz. The Committee were content with the decision.

The Committee thanked all Judges, trainees, competitors and the hosting parachute training Organisations for their continued support of BPA competitions.

44.2 Domestic Competitions to be completed

44.2.1 Delegation Insurance

The Competitions Coordinator advised the Committee that the insurance documents had been provided but required amendment as there was a small mistake. The document would be ready for circulation once Romero had made the amendment.

[Secretarys note 16/8/18: The documents had since been returned and circulated to the relevant persons]

44.2.2 BPA National Championships in FS 4-way & VFS 24-27 Aug, Target Skysports

The FS Rep had provided feedback from athletes to the Hib Cup, of which the CI of Hibaldstow was aware. The CI has assured the smooth running of the Nationals.

44.2.3 BPA Nationals in Artistics, FS 8-way & Speed, 1-3 Sep, Skydive Buzz

No issues.

44.2.4 BPA Nationals in CF, 3-5 Sep, Skydive Buzz

Attendance may be low as the Meet was mid-week. However, the PTO had given

assurance that even if 1 team registered the event would take place. The Committee asked that teams be encouraged to attend as sponsorship depended on Nationals attendance.

44.2.5 BPA Nationals in CP, 7-9 Sep, Skydive Buzz

A Roadshow would take place before the Meet.

[Secretary's note 15/8/18: A vote was taken after the meeting following a late proposal by the CP Rep, of GBP200 to cover the costs of the entry fee and competition jump fees for Logan Donovan, who would provide the CP scoring system – Control Tower. For: 6 No response: 3] **Carried**

44.2.6 Reviewed/updated Competitor Schedule and Terms & Conditions – Forms 230a & 284

The Chair spoke to the FS Reps proposed list of ways to contribute to a Roadshow, circulated with the agenda, to be include on Form 284. Due discussion led to the removal of one of the possible inclusions. The Vice-Chair seconded.

Carried unanimously

In addition, the FS Rep proposed that sponsored coaches be able to host a roadshow at their home PTO, also as this would keep expenses down. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

The Chair requested that the FS Rep clarify the process, provide details of costs and confirm if the amendments apply to sponsored athletes only.

44.2.7 Feedback forms for Nationals, UKSL & GP – draft

The current feedback form applied to Roadshows only and the Secretary recognised that a generic form was required for all BPA competitions for everyone, including the host, to provide feedback.

Action: Committee Secretary

44.2.8 Selection of FS 4-way AA Nationals gold medallists to World Cups

As there was no formal documentation of the selection of AA gold medallists the FS Rep proposed that from 2019 Nationals only the top event category teams in the discipline will be eligible for invitation to represent Great Britain. Seconded by the VFS Rep.

Carried unanimously

45/18 International Competitions 2018

45.1 7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, 3-7 Jul, Wroclaw, Poland:

Completed - Head of Delegation Report.

The report, circulated with the agenda, spoke of a few issues that had arisen and that it may have been of use to know some of the DZ rules before arrival. She added further to suggest that such feedback be compiled for future reference, the Secretary and Competitions Coordinator were discussing possible ways forward.

45.2 35th FAI World, and 9th FAI Junior World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, 24-31 Aug, Erden, Bulgaria

No issues.

45.3 2nd FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championship, 26-31 Aug, Prostejov, Czech Rep

45.3.1 Head of Delegation

Mike Williams formally accepted the role of Head of Delegation, which was agreed via email vote on Weds 4 July.

45.4 18th FAI World Championship in CF, 23rd FAI World Championship in FS, 12th FAI World Championship in Artistics and 2nd World Championships in Speed Skydiving, 4-12 Oct, Gold Coast, Queensland

John Smyth, as IPC Delegate, reported that on discussion with the organisers the hosts had been able to accommodate the BPA delegation who had elected to stay at the hotel on 1 floor.

45.4.1 Registration process

The Competitions Coordinator reported that the registration process had been very challenging, with the different payment methods, sponsorship and early registration. The Secretary queried if it was possible for IPC/FAI to recommend a set procedure for all hosting nations. The IPC Delegate responded that it was for the hosting nation to decide their registration process based on the systems they had available.

45.5 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 25-28 Oct, Zallaq, Bahrain

Mark Bayada proposed that the 2 teams request to attend be honoured and that BPA provides Sporting Licences to those eligible to hold one. Seconded by Tash Higman.

Carried unanimously

45.6 ESL 2018, 20-23 Sep, Saarlouis, Germany

Those present were content to provide t-shirts to the 1st 10 teams to register for the event.

46/18 Judging Matters

46.1 Frank Mallabone

The Judges Coordinator on behalf of the Committee, thanked Frank for his long service to judging and wished him well in his retirement from BPA and FAI judging. The Accuracy Rep proposed that Frank Mallabone be awarded a Certificate of Merit. Seconded by the Judges Coordinator.

Carried

46.2 Currency change to Form 277 – Judges Procedures

The Judges Coordinator declared her interest as a judge who may lose a rating if the current Form 277 was not amended. She spoke to the paper, circulated with the agenda, as written by Liz Warner who was also a judge, that to be eligible for BPA free membership judges must attend BPA competitions, and that the word MUST had been mistakenly included in the currency section during the drafting of the document. It was proposed that the currency rule be amended to reflect the currency as was intended, to allow judges in disciplines where competitions were less frequent to be able to judge at competitions other than BPA ie: FAI FCEs, Armies and Nationals of other nations, in order to retain currency, as deemed suitable by the Judges Coordinator. Seconded by the WS Rep. For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (TH)

Carried

46.3 Speed Judging kit

The Speed Rep, who was unable to attend, had indicated via email that the Protracks would soon require replacement and had provided costs of hire and of purchase. The Speed Rep, on speakerphone to the Committee, proposed that up to 40 Protracks be hired from L&B for the 2018 Nationals, at a cost of €100 + postage and packing. Seconded by the Judges Coordinator.

Carried unanimously

47/18 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

The Vice-Chair had compiled a zero-based budget, circulated with the agenda. After due discussion a request of a £72,000 boost to the 2018-2019 allocation which would better reflect the Committee's expectation, would be put to Council at it's meeting later that evening.

Action: Chair and Vice-Chair

48/18 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows - feedback

1. FS, Skydive Langar, 30 Jun-1 Jul. Compiled feedback reported that 24 members had made approx. 27 jumps, from 1 on 1 sessions to big ways. The Committee thanked all those involved.
2. CF, Skydive Langar, 30 Jun-1 Jul. The CF Rep reported approx. 8 attendees had been given the opportunity to progress in the discipline. Skydive Langar had been very good in accommodating all those involved.
3. WS, Skydive Buzz, 30 Jun-1 Jul. 3 members had made 9 jumps as cloud had limited jumping to 1 day. Those present thanked all those involved.

49/18 Any other business

49.1 VFS Rep

The VFS Rep announced that forthcoming plans would prevent him fulfilling the role to his satisfaction and would therefore be stepping down. He would be willing to assist a new Rep and would complete a handover. The Committee thanked him for his contribution to the BPA and wished him well in the future.

49.2 BPA Minutes

The VFS Rep added further that he was disappointed that the minutes across all BPA meetings were slow to be published. The Committee Secretary, speaking on behalf of the BPA Secretariat, informed those present that the secretariat were lucky to receive more than a few replies from those on the circulation lists for approval/ratification. As the minutes could only be approved and ratified with a majority vote the secretariat would no longer take on the responsibility of publishing the minutes on assumption that those who had not responded were content with the draft.

50/18 Date of next meeting - on Tuesday 25 Sept at 1300 at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1615

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2018 medal winning performance	2019 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2019 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2017	£
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2018 Supported events	2019 Continued support of events	Jun 2019	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£
3. Judging Team	2018 UK pool of 10 Judges	2019 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<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 	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2018 Current holding	2019 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2019	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£
5. Delegation Uniform	2018 Delegation uniform	2019 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<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 	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2018 Coaching Support	2019 Coaching Support	Jun 2019	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 	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2018 5 Officials	2019 Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£***
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

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 Formation	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	03-05 Sept 2018
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	07-09 Sept 2018