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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Mary Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF (from item 54)
	Mark Bayada		
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts (via Skype to item 59.2)
	Tash Higman	-	Vice-Chair, Judges Coordinator
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 54)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice-President (from item 54.5)
	Joy Ledger	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
<b>Observers</b>	Kat Konstantini	-	Team member: Alola (to item 55)
<b>Apologies</b>	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics

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### Item Minute

#### 51/18 **Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**

These would be declared under the relevant item.

#### 52/18 **Discipline Rep – Artistics**

The Arts Rep expressed that work commitments meant that she would no longer be able to attend meetings in person or via skype but remained committed to her role. The Rep requested that Rai Ahmed, a seasoned competitor, attend meetings in her place. Those present were content for Rai to attend as an observer and adviser to the Discipline Rep.

#### 53/18 **Minutes**

The Chair duly signed the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 August 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/>

#### 54/18 **Matters arising** – In camera session. John Smyth was invited to stay.

##### **54.1 Varial Freestyle**

An email received from a team member on 11 September was circulated to the Committee at the request of Council. After due discussion the Committee would write to the individual members of team Varial to seek recovery of the debt through a mutually agreed repayment plan.

**Action: Chair & Secretary**

The meeting continued in open session.

**55/18 Domestic Competitions 2018** - completed

The following item was taken from agenda order to allow observer Kat Konstantini to leave.

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

41 teams had attended a well-run competition. Rule amendments to the 2019 Nationals rules would be made following IPC Plenary meeting in February.

**55.2 BPA Nationals in Artistics, FS 8-way & Speed, 1-3 Sep, Target Skysports**

9 competitors had competed in Speed. A well-ran, fun competition.

**55.3 BPA Nationals in CF, 3-5 Sep, Skydive Buzz**

A total of 10 teams, comprising of 24 competitors had attended this mid-week meet, which had worked well for all involved.

**55.4 BPA Nationals in CP, 7-9 Sep, Skydive Buzz**

The committee would consider the recommendations of both the report and addition to the report with regard to judging, CP freestyle and the pond. A well-ran competition that had completed early.

The Committee thanked the hosts, judges, trainee judges and competitors for a successful competition season.

**55.5 Team request – Alola**

Kat spoke to her letter, requesting the committee consider allowing team Alola the opportunity to compete at the 2019 World Cup in FS 4-way. Alola had placed gold in the AA category. The committee, whilst recognising the decision agreed at the August 2018 meeting, which would come into force from December 2019, were content to allow Alola to enter the World Cup, as this was the final year selection would include the AA category. The team were required to inform the Competitions Coordinator of which category they would be competing – Open or Female.

**56/18 BPA Nationals, UKSL & GP 2019 bids**

**56.1 BPA UKSL FS 4-way**

**56.1.1 Meet 1: 4-5 May 2019**

3 bids received, from Skydive Buzz, Peterlee Parachute Centre and Target Skysports.

**56.1.2 Meet 2: 8-9 June 2019**

4 bids received, from Target Skysports, Skydive Langar, Skydive Buzz, and Sibson Skydivers.

**56.1.3 Meet 3: 6-7 July 2019**

3 bids received, from Skydive North West, Target Skysports and Skydive Buzz.

After due consideration to costs and locations to give the maximum coverage across the country the following were agreed:

Meet 1: May – Peterlee Parachute Centre

Meet 2: June – Sibson Skydivers

Meet 3: July – Skydive Buzz

**56.2 BPA Grand Prix in CF**

2 bids were received, from Skydive North West and Skydive Langar. Both had given different dates, and in the interest of providing athletes the best opportunities to compete both bids were accepted.

Meet 1: Skydive Langar, 15-16 June

Meet 2: Skydive North West, 13-14 July

**56.3 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy**

2 bids received, from Peterlee Parachute Centre and Skydive Headcorn. Both were accepted.

Meet 1: Peterlee Parachute Centre, 20-21 April

Meet 2: Skydive Headcorn, 8-9 June

**56.4 BPA Nationals in FS 4-way and VFS 4-way and BPA Nationals in FS 8-way**

1 bid was received, from Target Skysports, which was agreed. Confirmation of dates and whether Speed Skydiving was included in the bid, as entry fees had been accounted for on the bid form was to be requested of Target Skysports.

[Secretary's note: email received from Kris Cavill of Target Skysports confirmed dates: FS 4-way: 24-27 Aug, FS 8-way: 31 Aug-2 Sep. Speed should not have been included in the bid]

#### **56.6 BPA Nationals in Accuracy**

1 bid received, from Skydive Buzz, which was agreed with the dates of 3-4 August.

Dates to be listed on the minutes, placed on BPA website and the Editor of Skydive the Mag advised. The secretary would inform all agreed hosts. **Action: Secretary**

No bids had been received for BPA Nationals in Artistic or Speed. Some DZs had indicated that they may bid for BPA Nationals in WS, CF and CP. The reps would seek to clarify their intentions, but the bid form would be re-issued to all PTOs with a return date of 31 October, in order that the bids may be agreed by email in good time for the dates to be released in the December issue of Skydive the Mag. **Action: Secretary**

#### **57/18 International Competitions 2018**

##### **57.1 35<sup>th</sup> FAI World, and 9<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, 24-31 Aug, Erden, Bulgaria – completed**

No report received.

##### **57.2 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championship, 26-31 Aug, Prostějov, Czech Rep – completed**

The Committee thanked the Head of Delegation (HoD) for his comprehensive report which noted difficulties following rule changes, ground reference points and the running speed of the aircraft. The Meet had been enjoyable and well-ran, and the HoD praised the hosts on an enjoyably successful meet.

##### **57.3 18<sup>th</sup> FAI World Championship in CF, 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Championship in FS, 12<sup>th</sup> FAI World Championship in Artistic and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Championships in Speed Skydiving, 4-12 Oct, Gold Coast, Queensland – yet to take place**

There were no issues.

##### **57.4 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 25-28 Oct, Zallaq, Bahrain**

No issues at this time.

#### **58/18 International Competitions 2019**

Lists of eligible invitees were required by the Competitions Coordinator for invitation and sponsorship purposes. **Action: Discipline Reps**

#### **59/18 Judging Matters**

The Judges Coordinator reported that there were 3 new training judges for the Artistic Discipline – Rai Ahmed, Hari Shanker and Paul Capsey. BPA judges were to send in their logbooks in order that their currency and eligibility for free membership be assessed. The Judges Coordinator asked that the role be advertised as other non-elected committee member roles were advertised.

#### **60/18 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

##### **60.1 Budget Allocation**

Documents concerning the budget allocation had been circulated to the committee for information. These would be considered at Council later this evening.

**Action: Chair and Vice-Chair**

##### **60.2 Sponsorship document amendments**

Georgie Vacher proposed that the changes as outlined in her circulated documents be adopted, and that Forms 230 and 285 be combined into 1 pack of Sponsorship documents. Seconded by Tash Higman. **Carried unanimously**

#### **61/18 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows – feedback**

The WS Acrobatics & Performance roadshow held at Skydive Langar had experienced poor weather, but ground coaching had taken place.

**62/18 Any other business**

**62.1 The RAeC Queens' Cup 2019**

The RAeC Alternate Delegate had approached the WS Rep with a view to the inclusion of Wingsuiting in the disciplines. The Chair asked that if a committee member was contacted with a formal request regarding their discipline it was to be brought to the attention of the Committee Secretary for distribution to the Chair.

**62.2 World Cup in FS 8-way 2019**

Those present considered a request to attend the World Cup from a FS 8-way team – Groomed. As the team had placed in bronze position the team were eligible for invitation, subject to the release of bulletin 1 confirming available slots.

**63/18 Date of next meeting** - on Tuesday 27 Nov at 1300 at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1536

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2018</b> medal winning performance	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> Supported events	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> UK pool of 10 Judges	<b>2019</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all currency requirements under FAI rules</li> <li>• Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training</li> <li>• Supply judges to non-National UK events</li> <li>• Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings</li> <li>• Supply of Judges Jackets &amp; T-shirts</li> <li>• Judging Equipment Specialists</li> </ul>	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2018</b> Current holding	<b>2019</b> 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	<b>2018</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2019</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design</li> <li>• Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges</li> <li>• Supply Jackets &amp; polo shirts</li> <li>• Offer for tender design, manufacture and distribution</li> </ul>	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	<b>2018</b> Coaching Support	<b>2019</b> 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"> <li>• Having won Nationals in 2017</li> <li>• Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle &amp; Freely)</li> <li>• Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level</li> </ul>	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	<b>2018</b> 5 Officials	<b>2019</b> Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 <sup>st</sup> Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Fees</li> <li>• Reasonable Travel Expenses</li> </ul>	£***
<b>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</b> <b>***Target 7: Reoccurring item</b>					

## BPA Competitions 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA National Championship in Accuracy	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	3-4 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 4-way & VFS	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug
BPA National Championship in FS 8-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	31 Aug-2 Sep
BPA UKSL Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	4-5 May
BPA UKSL Meet 2	Sibson Skydivers	8-9 June
BPA UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	6-7 July
GP in CF Meet 1	Skydive North West, Cark	15-16 June
GP in CF Meet 2	Skydive Langar	13-14 July
GP in Accuracy Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	20-21 Apr
GP in Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	8-9 June