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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President, STC Chair & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed (to item 73)
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Jeff Montgomery	-	Safety & Training Officer (STO)
	Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General & Office Manager (for item 75)
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
Observers	Simon Brentford	-	Team Member – NFTO (to item 73)
	Tim Gaines	-	Team Member – Omni
	Steve Hastings	-	Team Member – Accuracy Male (to item 73)
	Vana Parker	-	Team Member – NFTO (to item 73)
Apologies	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: Wingsuit

Item Minute

As many items were taken from agenda order the minutes are written in chronological order.

66/15 **Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

67/15 **Funding Requests – Team member feedback**

The Chair informed the team members present that as there were many items to be held in camera they were invited to provide verbal support to their applications now and then leave the meeting should they so wish as their presence for any decision would not be required. Each team member spoke to their individual team applications and answered any questions the Committee put to them.

68/15 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2015 had been approved electronically by the Committee, ratified by Council, and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

69/15 Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

69.1 The hire of Protracks – Speed Discipline Rep

The Discipline Rep for Speed reported that there was nothing to report but would provide feedback at the Committee's 1st meeting in February

Action: Discipline Rep: Speed

69.2 Judges Coordinator – Omission from the list of attendees

The Committee Secretary informed the Committee that she had neglected to include Judges Coordinator from the List of Attendees in the October 2015 minutes and advised that she would amend and upload the revised minutes to the BPA website.

Action: Committee Secretary

70/15 International Competitions 2015 – completed

70.1 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, Czech Rep, 21-24 Oct 2015

The Committee thanked Kate Charters for her report as Head of Delegation. John Smyth picked up on points made regarding the wearing of delegation uniform and questioned whether they were a British or BPA delegation. The Committee Secretary responded that as Indoor skydiving was not within the scope of the BPA, that selection was made for 2015 only by the Committee based on BPA Membership in order to provide competitors with the required FAI Sporting Licence (min 17.7 refers), and that uniform was not formally discussed but rather requested and agreed between the Chairs of Council and Competitions Committee by email just before the event. The teams had been provided with poloshirts, which had been worn as shown in photos. The Competitions Chair reiterated that it was a British but not a BPA delegation, and that discussion was still taking place as to the BPA responsibilities to Indoor skydiving as a whole, not just within competitions. The Committee congratulated Fly Like a Girl on winning Bronze in 4-way Female, and Floh Well for Silver in Dynamic 2-way.

71/15 International Competitions 2016

71.1 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, Fareham, Canada, 21-28 Aug

There was nothing to report at this time.

71.2 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, Chicago, USA, 9-22 Sep

The CF Discipline Rep reported that unfortunately CFUK had withdrawn from competing in both 4-way and 2 way Sequential but stated that whilst there was no replacement team for 4-way Seq, that there were 2 eligible teams for 2-way seq who met the criteria and were willing to compete. Gavin McLeod proposed that Wize Prankers and CRWSaders be agreed to attend. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

John Smyth had negotiated with a Marriott hotel in Chicago for rooming of the delegation and reported that 25 2-3 person occupancy rooms were now reserved, at \$200 dollars per night per room subject to names, travel details and payment. The letter of invitation was to include details of reserving a room from this allocation with priority given to competing individuals, and that reservation and payment was to be made by 31 July 2016 to John Smyth through the BPA office. No further reservations from this allocation would be available after this time.

71.2.1 Head of Delegation

The Committee asked that a notice be included on social media sites, newsletters and through the minutes that those wishing to apply for the role of Head of Delegation and possible team manager role/s were to send their competition CV to skydive@bpa.org.uk by 5 February. The Committee would consider the applications at its meeting in February 2016.

Action: Committee Secretary

72/15 International Competitions 2015 – yet to be completed

72.1 2015 World Air Games, 1-12 Dec, Dubai

John Smyth reported that, as FAI had sent invitations to individuals rather than to NACs and NGBs, there were major correspondence issues across all air disciplines. The BPA office had completed the GB skydivers room share plan but were aware of the change that any accommodation requests or queries were to be made to FAI through John Smyth as GB Head

of Delegation for all participating Air Sports. The Committee noted that the provided accommodation was only free from 30 November.

72.1.1 Response from FAI to extended invitation – Tim Porter

Ian Marshall proposed that the IPC Delegate – John Smyth, on attending the IPC Plenary meeting in January 2016, question on behalf of the BPA Competitions Committee, the rationale and protocol behind the IPC decision to select Tim Porter outside of IPC/FAI's own selection criteria. Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously, Action: IPC Delegate

72.1.2 CP invitation – Wez Westley

The Committee noted that an invitation to attend had been extended to Wez Westley, who had accepted.

Noted

The Committee thanked John on his continued hard work.

The following item was held in camera. Johns Smyth and Hitchen were permitted to remain in the meeting.

73/15 IPC Plenary Meeting 2016, Frankfurt, Germany 19 – 24 Jan 2016

The Committee had received communication from the Wingsuit Discipline Rep requesting funding towards attending the meeting in her role on the IPC Wingsuit Committee. The Committee noted that the Rep was planning to attend the preliminary meetings only and would not require the full stay. The Committee acknowledged that Wingsuiting is a developing discipline for which it would be beneficial to BPA to assist with the liaison from appropriate discipline experts. After due consideration Jason Kelleher proposed funding the entry fees, which included accommodation, breakfast and lunch for the duration of the meeting, up to €720. Seconded by Gavin McLeod. The vote was For: 3 Against: 1 Abstain: 1

Carried

The Committee noted that Liam McNaulty no longer required registering through the BPA.

Noted

Weed Stoodley is then invited to the in camera session.

74/15 Funding allocation scenarios

Weed spoke to the funding scenario spreadsheets she had created in order to assist the Committee in deciding best and fair distribution of the funding budget. 5 scenario spreadsheets had been created:

1. Claimants only
2. Full entry fee – Claimants balance share pro rata
3. Half entry fee – non-claimants, Full entry fee – Claimants. Balance share pro rata
4. All funded
5. Entry fee for claimants and non-claimants, Balance shared pro rata to 2016 World Championship attending teams

of which Weed explained the rationale and functionality of each spreadsheet.

Weed then left the meeting. Jason Kelleher declared his interest as the Cameraperson for Team Phoenix, and the Chair invited him to stay.

After much deliberation Jason Kelleher proposed that entry fees for those competing in the 2016 World Championships, excluding Alternates, be allocated from the funding budget, of up to £650 to each participant, regardless of application. The remaining balance would be allocated to those who had applied. Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously

The meeting then resumed in open session

75/15 Role of Competitions Coordinator

As the BPA office was due to close the COO asked that this item be brought forward in order that Martin Shuttleworth – Secretary-General may speak to the circulated draft of the job

description. Jason Kelleher proposed that subject to clarification of the probationary period and of the hours per week, the Committee accept the draft. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

The meeting returned to in camera. Jason Kelleher remained present as previously invited by the Chair.

76/15 Funding Applications

Due consideration of each application was given in view of participation at 2016 World Meets, performance to present date and coaching to assist the development of the sport. Gavin McLeod proposed the allocated funding per team be accepted. Mike Lewis seconded. The vote was For: 4 Against: 1 (Jason Kelleher)

Carried

Please see appendix iii for funding allocations.

Entry fees for those invited to compete at the 2016 Mondial and 2016 Wingsuit World Championships (dates and location to be confirmed at IPC Plenary meeting) would be held back by the BPA Financial Administrator.

77/15 Domestic Competitions 2016 – Bid Forms – Dates in calendar

77.1 Grand Prix – Canopy Piloting

1 bid was received, from Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell. Jason Kelleher proposed that 2 GP events be held, subject to the dates of Skydive Buzz choosing. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

77.2 Grand Prix – VFS 2-way

2 bids received, from Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell and APA, Netheravon. After consideration Ian Marshall proposed APA, Netheravon's bid be accepted. Seconded by Mike Lewis.

Carried unanimously

77.3 Grand Prix – Canopy Formation

1 bid received, from Skydive Langar. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Gavin McLeod, that this bid be accepted.

Carried unanimously

77.4 BPA British Open Nationals in VFS 4-way

2 bids were received, from Target Skysports, Hibaldstow for 2 years, and APA, Netheravon for 3 years. All dates as given for 2016 in the bids would clash with the forthcoming FS Nationals. Gavin McLeod proposed that APA, Netheravon's bid be accepted, subject to agreement from the Judges Coordinator. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

77.5 BPA British Open Nationals 2016 in Canopy Formation - BKPC

Dates and details of entry fees had been provided by BKPC. Gavin McLeod proposed, and was seconded by Mike Lewis, that the dates and prices be accepted.

Carried unanimously

77.6 BPA British Open Nationals 2016 in Canopy Piloting – Skydive Buzz Ltd

Mike Lewis proposed that these dates and prices be accepted. Seconded by Brian Vacher.

Carried unanimously

77.7 BPA British Open Nationals 2016 in Speed 8 – UK Parachuting, Sibson

Jason Kelleher proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall that the dates and entry fee figures as provided be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Dates and locations were to be published in appendix ii, on the BPA website and in Skydive the Mag.

The meeting then resumed in open session.

78/15 Competitions Budget 2015/2016 and Action Plan 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016

The Committee noted that only 2 PTOs had paid the non-discretionary contribution to the British Team Fund and that some of those outstanding had had their bids agreed for 2016 National events. The Committee requested that the BPA Financial Administrator invoice the PTOs for the outstanding contributions.

Action: BPA Financial Administrator

78.1 Specialised Judging Equipment

The Committee were content to hold this item until its next meeting.

Agenda: February meeting

79/15 Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Committee Secretary reported that she would be working on the Roadshow bid forms and that they would be circulated to PTOs before the office closed for the Christmas holidays.

Action: Committee Secretary

80/15 Judging Matters not already covered

80.1 Overall results for Annual Awards Presentation Ceremony

The Committee Secretary briefed the Committee that the list circulated before the meeting, as compiled by the PA to COO and STO from the results as provided by the Judges Coordinator, required that the Discipline Reps check if correct. The Artistics Discipline Rep, by email before the meeting requested the addition of a 2-way VFS team. The Chair would check with the Judges Coordinator if this met the criteria.

Action: Chair of Committee

80.2 Any other judging matters

As the Judges Coordinator was unable to attend the meeting the Chair would seek to clarify on other matters including

- Production of spreadsheet for Overall Results for Awards Presentation Ceremony
- List of criteria meeting Judges eligible for free membership
- Judges Nomination List and Proposed Judges for Competitions 2016

Action: Chair of Committee

81/15 Any other business

81.1 Committee Terms of Reference

There were no changes to be made.

82/15 Dates of next meetings

Provisionally dates of Tues 16 Feb, 19 Apr, 14 June, 9 Aug, 4 Oct, 29 Nov to be agreed at the 1st meeting of Council 2016 after the AGM on Saturday 30 January 2016.

The meeting closed at 1821

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 15 to 30 June 16

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2015 medal winning performance	2016 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2016 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2015	£166,573*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2015 Supported events	2016 Continued support of events	Jun 2016	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2015 UK pool of 20 Judges	2016 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2016	<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 	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2015 Current holding	2016 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2016	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£6,000
5. Delegation Uniform	2015 Delegation uniform	2016 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2016	<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 	£5000**
<p>*Target 1: Includes carry forward from 2014/15 **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					



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Competitions Dates 2016

As at 9 Oct 2015

British Open Nationals 2016

Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	27 - 30 May 2016
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	22 – 24 July 2016
Canopy Formation	Black Knights Parachute Centre	22 – 24 July 2016
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	20 – 22 Aug 2016
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving		27 – 29 Aug 2016
VFS 4-Way	APA, Netheravon	Provisionally 27 – 29 Aug
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	26 – 29 Aug 2016
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	17 – 18 September 2016

UKSL & Grand Prix 2016

GP Accuracy	Skydive Headcorn	14 – 15 May 2016
GP Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	18 – June 2016
GP VFS 2-way	APA Netheravon	9 – 10 July 2016
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 1	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	18 – 19 June 2016
GP Canopy Piloting Meet 2	Skydive Buzz, Dunks	17 – 18 Sept
UKSL Meet 1	Skydive Langar	7 – 8 May 2016
UKSL Meet 2	APA Netheravon	11 – June 2016
UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Hibaldstow	16 – 17 July 2016



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Funding Allocations 2016

Wingsuit			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Spike Harper	650	6000	5350
Joseph Liecherman	650	2400	1750
Paul Cain	650	2400	1750
Tony Uragella	650	2400	1750
Jackie Harper	650	2400	1750
Johnathon Charles	650	2400	1750
Steve Murfin	650	650	0
Tom Owen	650	650	0

FS			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP/team total	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
4-way Open			
Satori	3250	20150	16900
4mula	0	1500	1500
Vision99	0	1500	1500
Phoenix	0	1500	1500
4-way Female			
NFTO	3250	20150	16900
8-way			
Microclim8	5850	8100	2250

VFS			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP/team total	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Omni	3250	4500	1250

Artistics			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP/team total	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Freefly			
Varial Freefly	1950	18050	16100
Euphoria Freefly	1950	12100	10150
Freestyle			
Varial Freestyle	1300	12050	10750
Revolution Freestyle	1300	3250	1950

Speed			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Michael Lovemore	650	6000	5350
Jason Bird	650	650	0
James Parker	650	650	0
Max Hurd	650	650	0
Simon Brentford	650	650	0
Paul Bantock	650	650	0

Accuracy			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Carl Williams	650	900	250
Pete Sizer	650	650	0
Nicky Johnston	650	650	0
Janos Leszko	650	650	0
Steve Hastings	650	650	0
Esther Reynolds	650	900	250

CF			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP/team total	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
4-way Rotations			
CRWSaders	3250	3250	0
2-way Sequential			
Wize Prankers	1950	1950	0
CRWSaders	1950	1950	0

Canopy Piloting			
Name	Entry Fee In GBP	Award In GBP	Balance available less entry fee in GBP
Wez Westley	650	650	0
Martin Reynolds	650	650	0
Dan Guest	650	650	0
Brian Vacher	650	650	0
Henry Van Halewyn	650	650	0
Max Bruffell	650	650	0
Maxine Tate	650	650	0
Kieron Hayes	650	650	0