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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 1300

at the offices of BMFA, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Tash Higman		
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (to item 44.1)
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
Observers	Paul Capsey	-	Team <i>Euphoria</i> (to item 37)
	Martin Cole	-	Team <i>Skybolt</i> (to item 36)
	Richard Del-Toro	-	Deputy Judges Coordinator
Apologies	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Lewis		
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed

Item Minute

32/16 **Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

33/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 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/>

34/16 **Matter arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

35/16 **Domestic Competitions 2016** - completed

35.1 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, Skydive Langar, 18-19 June

Martin Cole, of team Skybolt who had competed at the Meet, asked the Committee and Judges Coordinator for reassurance that despite 1 team member leaving to compete on another team at the forthcoming Nationals, the points Skybolt had accumulated at Langar and at the UKSL held at Netheravon would still count. The Committee were able to reassure Martin that they would.

The following item was taken from agenda order to allow the observers to leave.

36/16 Any other business – Item 1 – Euphoria further funding request

Paul Capsey of team Euphoria spoke of his request for his teams funding to be brought up to par with another Freestyle team, as they had placed higher at World Meets and were 'neck and neck' at National level pointwise.

The meeting then moved in-camera. Martin Soulsby, on declaring his interest as a funded team member, addressed the Committee before leaving.

The Committee were not unsympathetic to the teams request but were in agreement that the terms of funding were now objective which gave the Committee a clear guide on which to base funding allocation and that deviation from the terms may set a precedence for the future. Tash Higman proposed that the current funding status be maintained, as set by the funding rules for this year. Seconded by Gavin McLeod. **Carried unanimously**

The Chair sought clarity from the BPA Treasurer Debbie Carter, via mobile phone, as to any funding underspends that may occur from teams/individuals no longer attending and on receiving that clarity Tash Higman proposed that on finding out the exact budget underspend arising from team funding that the amount is taken to Council to request it is carried over to next year. Seconded by Ian Marshall. **Carried unanimously**

The meeting then continued in open session.

The Chair explained the decision and rationale behind it, and on behalf of the Committee thanked Euphoria for their work in their proposal. Paul thanked the Committee for their time.

37/16 Domestic Competitions 2016 – completed: Continued

All results on BPA website

37.1 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, Skydive Langar, 7-8 May – Chief Judges Report

The Chief Judge reported verbally that 23 teams competed and all 6 rounds were completed. An issue with the speed of manifest for the competition and commercial business had been settled with the DZ at the Meet. Tash Higman had presented the medals. The Committee thanked Langar for a successful Meet.

37.2 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy, Skydive Headcorn, 14-15 May

The Judges Coordinator, reporting on behalf of the Chief Judge, stated that there had been a good turnout of people with some familiar faces coming back into the discipline.

The Secretary asked that the Committee take a moment to review the cost of running the event. The Committee believed that the discipline was rising in popularity and that the equipment hire was still cheaper than the BPA could practically do it for themselves. The Chief Judge and Committee congratulated Headcorn on a successful competition.

37.3 BPA National Open Championship in Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics, 27-30 May, APA Netheravon

There had been 68 competitors, 4 in the Acrobatic discipline. 15 nations had represented, the most for any domestic competition.

The Judges Coordinator, with regard to the safety aspects, put forward team *Tutti Frutti* to the World meet. Ian Marshall proposed, and was seconded by Gavin McLeod that Tutti Frutti be invited to represent GB at the World meet. Per Aeris unfortunately did not meet the selection criteria at this time. **Carried unanimously**

The team would not be eligible for funding or entry fees paid as would be competing at a World Cup.

The Committee thanked Netheravon for hosting, and commended Mark Bayada on his running of the event.

37.4 BPA UKSL FS 4-way, Meet 2, APA Netheravon, 11-12 June

The Chief Judges report, circulated to the Committee, reported that 18 teams had registered with 1 round completed in AAA, and 2 rounds completed in the other categories. It was unfortunate that the weather had not been favourable.

The report that the judges laptops had not been available prompted discussion that concluded with the agreement that VLC Media Player download approval be sought in order for the videos to viewed in any format. The advice of Graham Spicer would be sought.

38/16 Domestic Competitions 2016

There was nothing of note for BPA UKSL Meet 3, BPA GPs in CF and 2-way VFS, and BPA Nationals in CP and CF.

38.1 BPA National Open Championships in FS 4-way and VFS 4-way, Target Skysports, 20-22 Aug

The Judges Coordinator reported that she had struggled to schedule judges but now had a panel of 6 judges to cover the event.

38.2 BPA National Open Championships in Artistics and FS 8-way, Target Skysports, 27-29 Aug

The Judges Coordinator expressed her concern that there were not enough judges to cover the FS 8-way meet and asked if it would be possible to bring in a judge from overseas if they were available. The Chair of Council questioned on FS judge availability should the FS National rollover to this week. Tash Higman proposed that the Committee fund the international travel costs for 1 FS judge from Europe for the weekend of 27-29 Aug.

Seconded by Gavin McLeod.

Carried unanimously

38.3 BPA National Open Championship in Accuracy, Skydive Swansea, 26-29 Aug

The Classics Rep, speaking to the email circulated to Committee from Carl Williams, DZ Owner of Skydive Swansea and Accuracy competitor, reiterated that Carl was willing to purchase a further 2 trophies for Accuracy Intermediate and Novice, for reimbursement by the BPA. On answering a query regarding the retirement of the Daily Telegraph trophy the Rep stated that it was a unique trophy that could not be changed to cover any of the categories. Ian Marshall proposed that funds be allocated for the purchase of 2 additional trophies for Accuracy, up to £100 each including engraving. This failed to find a seconder.

38.4 BPA National Open Championship in Speed 8, UK Para Sibson, 17-18 Sep

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Speed 8 rules were still not available. The Chair stated that there were no changes other than minor admin however the Secretary countered that the office was now not available to administer the rules as had moved on in their schedule of work. The Chair would oversee the changes in the absence of the FS Rep.

Action: Chair

38.5 BPA Grand Prix in CP, 2 Meets at Skydive Buzz

The CP Rep clarified that the meets were BPA Grand Prix and that the rules would be the same as the BPA Nationals.

39/16 International Competitions 2016

39.1 Competitor Contract

Weed Stoodley, who had worked on this document offered to finalize the contract in conjunction with the Committee Chair and office, as due to workload Mike Lewis had unfortunately not been able to devote the necessary time. This would be in time to be distributed to the 2016 competitors, as it was fundamentally wrong that funds are distributed without a signed contract.

Action: Chair

39.2 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, 20-27 Aug, Farnham, Canada

The Competitions Coordinator reported that the preliminary registration had now been forwarded to the host.

39.3 Delegation Uniform

The Committee were informed that an order of polo shirts had been returned to the embroiderer due to the Union flag being embroidered in the wrong blue, and that distribution of the uniform to the teams may now be an issue as there was limited space at the BPA office due to the refurbishment. The Chair of Council offered that it may be possible to bring all the uniform to the offices of BMFA, who offered the use of their boardroom for free. However, the office believed this was not practical as neither the Secretary or Coordinator drove. The Secretary reminded the Committee of the agreement to offer the uniform production to tender and the Chair of Council recommended that the Committee draw up a tendering process to find a company. Tash Higman would speak to Adrian Bond, who had experience in this process, for further advice.

Action: Tash Higman

39.4 2016 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-20 Sep, Chicago, USA

The Competitions Coordinator informed the Committee that the online registration process, after being shut down due to 'hackers', was again up and running and reported that only 13 participants appeared to have registered. The Coordinator was worried that as she was new many may not have recognised her email. The Chair would also forward emails on her behalf. The Accuracy Rep reported that 2 Accuracy competitors did not know the procedure to draw down their funding. The Committee informed him that he was able to tell them to use the

correct expenses form and to provide receipts which were to be sent to the BPA office for the attention of the Financial Administrator.

39.5 2nd World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 11-16 Oct, Warsaw, Poland

39.5.1 Team Selection

The Committee acknowledged that the Artistics Discipline Rep had worked hard to seek and provide the Committee and office with eligible teams and contacts to be invited, and was also able to provide some information as to whether they would be participating. The Committee agreed that invitations were to be extended to:

2-way Dynamic – The Dynamos (provisionally accepted), Dark Matter and Unicorn FF Solo Freestyle – Jamie Arnold (provisionally accepted)

4-way Dynamic – no participants

2-way VFS – Omni, QFX and ACDC

FS 4-way Female – Volition (accepted and ready to register) and NFTO

FS 4-way – Satori, Vision, ACM (accepted and ready to register), Co Motion. The invitation would extend down to Chimera, who had registered their interest to attend, should any team decline.

Action: Competitions Coordinator

Luke Warren, of Floh Well, had made the Committee aware of their intention to compete but had not however, competed at the 2016 Bodyflight World Challenge, on which the selection criteria was based. However, as Luke was World Cup Indoor skydiving Silver medallist for UK in 2015 the Committee would offer a slot should one become available.

All invites would be subject to BPA membership, 'A' Licence or above and valid Sporting Licence.

The consensus of the meeting was that all replies to the invitations should be returned to the BPA office within 7 days. The Committee reiterated that team funding would not be available and that the delegation would be required to source their own travel insurance.

39.5.2 Head of Delegation

Tash Higman proposed and was seconded by Ian Marshall, that Ruth Cooper act as Head of Delegation. **Carried unanimously**

39.6 1st FAI World Wingsuit Performance Flying Championships & 1st World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatics, 2-11 Nov, Zephyrhills, Florida

The Competitions Coordinator reported that the Bulletin had been available but had since been removed. John Smyth, as IPC Delegate, reported that there had been some issues that had since been resolved and that the bulletin would be available in a few days.

40/16 Branding of BPA events for competition bid forms and social media

Ian Marshall proposed that, in line with BPA Policy (Form 263 refers), that competitions bid for through the BPA procedure are named:

BPA National Championship

BPA Grand Prix

BPA UKSL in FS 4-way

BPA Coaching Roadshows

followed by whichever discipline the event was in. A caveat that the 'Open' category was to appear in the Nationals rules. Seconded by Gavin McLeod. **Carried unanimously**

41/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

The budget and breakdown had been circulated to the Committee with the agenda, and Weed reported that all fees outstanding to the British Team Fund had been returned to the BPA.

41.1 Equipment and Judging Costs, Skydive Buzz

Skydive Buzz, having been informed of the decision of the last meeting, had forwarded an amended invoice (invoice no 702). However, removal of the judges meals nor a breakdown of how the equipment costs for 2015 were incurred had not been provided as requested. A second invoice (invoice no 819) had been raised 29/4/26, following the meeting, to request payment for equipment hire for 2015 Grand Prix. The Committee discussed that as now Dunkeswell owned the judging equipment whether BPA should now be contributing to Skydive Buzz's cost of hiring the equipment and technician at Nationals, as the original proposal in Feb 2014 agreed, or paying for National rental costs of Skydive Buzz's own

equipment charged to the BPA for any event? The Chair would discuss both invoices with Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell.

Action: Chair

42/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 – see appendix ii

There were no issues with the new budget and action plan.

[Secretarys Note: 17/6/16 - Action Plan Target 1 amended to reflect updated budget and 20/6/16 – Target 6, minor amendment to reflect new competitor contract. Please see appendix ii]

43/16 Skills Coaching Roadshows

Martin Soulsby reminded the Committee that those who were funded should provide Coaching Roadshows, and after robust discussion the consensus was that there were other ways for the teams to 'give back' and that tying schedules with teams who may have started on their training plan can at times be difficult. The Reps were also to discuss with the funded teams that they must be willing to provide roadshows at other DZs other than their 'home' DZ.

44/16 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda

44.1 BPA Judges overseas

The Judges Coordinator reported that Richard Del-Toro, Don Tomkinson and Bob Charters had been invited to judge at the Danish CP Nationals, and had been praised highly in their work at the event. The hosts, through the Judges Coordinator, passed on their congratulations and thanks.

44.2 BPA Judging Procedures document

Tash Higman reported that she had received 15 replies through the Survey Monkey questionnaire and feedback from the Judges Coordinator, and she would endeavour to include the results in a new draft of the document.

Action: Tash Higman

45/16 Any other business

45.1 Secretary Out of Office

The Committee Secretary informed the Committee she would be out of the office on 5 August, the Friday before the meeting, and asked for supporting papers to be sent in good time.

46/16 Date of next meeting – Tuesdays 9 August, 4 October and 29 November at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1712

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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</p> <p>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17

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 2016	£101,437*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2016 Supported events	2017 Continued support of events	Jun 2017	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	2016 UK pool of 22 Judges	2017 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2017	<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 	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2016 Current holding	2017 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2017	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£6000
5. Delegation Uniform	2016 Delegation uniform	2017 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2017	<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*
6. Selection year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2016 Not available Championship year	2017 Coaching Support	Jun 2017	Coaching support for National Champion 2016 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 2016 • Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2017 Nationals at a higher level 	£8000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2016 6 Officials	2017 Continued funded support	Jun 2017	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£6000***
<p>*Target 1: to be carried forward to the 2017/2018 Action Plan **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund ***Target 7: Reoccurring item</p>					



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Competitions Dates 2016

British Open Nationals 2016

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

UKSL & Grand Prix 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 3	Skydive Hibaldstow	16 – 17 July 2016