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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 9 August 2016 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Tash Higman		
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS (from item 51.5)
<b>In attendance:</b>	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 60)
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
<b>Observers</b>	Paul Capsey	-	Team <i>Euphoria</i>
<b>Apologies</b>	Jackie Harper	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Mike Lewis		
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Brian Vacher	-	Chair

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### Item Minute

#### 47/16 Chair and Quoracy

Ian Marshall, as Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in the Chairs absence and it was noted that as only 2 voting members were present initially, a third would be attending later that afternoon, the Committee was therefore inquorate and that decisions would require recommendation and ratification at Council later that evening.

#### 48/16 Declaration of Interest

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

#### 49/16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 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/>

#### 50/16 Matter arising from the minutes

##### 50.1 Item 36/16 - Clarity regarding funding underspends

The Artistics Discipline Rep questioned whether the funding underspend request had been put to Council at its meeting in June. Those present informed her that clarity had been sought from the Treasurer to ensure there was no financial statute that would deter any request for any funding underspends resulting from teams not attending the 2016 World meets to be 'rolled over' to the following year, and that any request to Council would wait until the exact budget was known in October, possibly November.

## **50.2 Delegation uniform tender document**

The circulated document, as compiled by Tash Higman, required a few tweaks with regard to the number of items likely to be required and timescale between order and production.

**Action: Tash Higman and Committee Secretary**

Those present went on to discuss the following points, amongst others:

- Designs as part of the fabric rather than screen printed
- Competitor names on request
- Online shop competitor order system
- Delivery direct to the competitor
- Targeted invitations to tender

**Agenda - next meeting**

## **51/16 Domestic Competitions 2016 - completed**

### **51.1 BPA Grand Prix in 2-way VFS, APA Netheravon, 9-10 July**

The Committee thanked Frank Mallabone for his Chief Judges report, circulated with the agenda, and were disappointed to note that no competitors had attended. Those present discussed the possibility of a 4-way intermediate category to encourage up-and-coming VFS flyers, and that there was no disadvantage to not holding the competition but would leave the event open to bid for as the 2-way VFS was becoming more popular on the international stage.

### **51.2 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Formation, Skydive Langar, 18-19 June**

The CF Discipline Rep, who was unable to attend the meeting, had circulated to the Committee Secretary his report which noted 7 teams in attendance who had completed 1 round before the weather deteriorated. Gavin gave thanks to the judges - Bob Charters and Dave McMinn, and to Skydive Langar who had managed the lifts around difficult weather conditions.

### **51.3 BPA UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3, Target Skysports, 16-17 July**

The Judges Coordinator, reporting orally, informed those present that 29 teams had competed, and that the competition had completed in 1 day. The Chair of Council queried that 32 teams had attended. Those present thanked Target Skysports for a well ran competition. [Secretary's note 11/8/16: Confirmation from the results as posted on the BPA website 32 teams had attended]

### **51.4 BPA National Championship in Canopy Piloting, Skydive Buzz, 22-24 July**

The Judges Coordinator gave a verbal report that the pond was not set up for training, and that the new sand was delivered and put in place on top of the unsuitable sand and whilst training jumps were taking place. The Committee made note of a UK competitor who had again been yellow carded on safety grounds, as he would be attending the forthcoming Mondial.

[Secretary's note 11/8/16: Confirmation of competitor numbers from the results – 8 British and 3 International competitors]

### **51.5 CP landing area sand replacement and BPA equipment**

Those present wished to formally record the email proposal sent by the Chair after the previous meeting, requesting funds from the Specialised Equipment budget be used to replace the sand currently in place in the landing area which, after a number of injuries, was deemed unsafe by the CP Discipline Rep and competitors. The quote had been for £800 plus VAT, and required an urgent decision as the BPA Nationals were due to take place shortly after the June meeting. The Committee had indicated their agreement by email and the proposal had carried unanimously.

The Chair of Council asked regarding BPA equipment:

- Location of BPA owned equipment
- Log of movement as used at competitions both national and internationally and at roadshows etc.

The Committee recognised that there may be a need for an equipment coordinator, however at this time a list of equipment and location was all that was required.

**Competitions Coordinator and Judges Coordinator**

**51.6 BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation, BKPC, 5-7 Aug**

The CF Discipline Rep reported that 7 teams, consisting of 3 rookie teams, 2 Senior 2-way sequential and 2 Senior 4-way Rotations teams had seen the competition delayed due to prop damage of the hosts plane, but the host had pulled out all the stops for replacement aircraft and with good weather all 6 rounds of Rookie, 5 of 8 rounds of 2-way Senior and 3 of 8 rounds of Senior Rotations had been completed. Those present noted that the Pat Hammond CF Rookie Trophy had been found and returned to the BPA office for safe keeping. Those present echoed the Discipline Reps thanks to Black Knights and to the attending Judges for a very good CF Nationals.

**51.7 British Team Fund payments**

Weed Stoodley reminded those present that competitor numbers were required in order to calculate and invoice the hosting DZs for the contributions to the British Team Fund.

**Noted**

**51.8 BPA Officials at medal award ceremonies**

Tash Higman queried whether there was a policy that a BPA official, such as a member of Council or staff, must attend the medal ceremonies. The Chair of Council informed her that whilst it was desirable there was no official policy.

**52/16 Domestic Competitions 2016 – to be completed**

**52.1 BPA National Championships in Artistics, FS 8-way and Speed Skydiving, Target Skysports, 27-29 Aug**

The Judges Coordinator informed the Committee that a judge from Hungary had been arranged to cover the FS 8-way. The Chair of Council asked of the Judges Coordinator regarding judges for the FS 4-way and both recognised that whilst the events were covered in respect of the number of judges, that there was a need to develop more FS judges to cover any shortfall in the future.

**52.2 Other forthcoming BPA events**

There was nothing of note regarding the National Championships in Accuracy, Speed 8, FS & VFS, and the Grand Prix in Canopy Piloting.

[Secretary's note 11/8/16: Email received 9/8/16 from Chair of Competitions Committee to note that on consultation with the Judges Coordinator the Canopy Piloting Grand Prix was cancelled due to low interest]

**53/16 International Competitions 2016**

**53.1 Competitor Contract**

To note that the re-drafted contract had been agreed by email and circulated to the delegations. The Competitions Coordinator reported that whilst the majority had been returned there were still some outstanding that would be chased up.

**Action: Competitions Coordinator**

**53.2 6<sup>th</sup> FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, 20-27 Aug, Farnham, Canada**

All 4 competitors and the Head of Delegation had been registered and the entry fees were now paid. Unfortunately, due to serious illness Wez Westley had withdrawn. A refund of his entry fees would be sought. The Committee wished Wez a speedy recovery.

**53.3 2016 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-20 Sep, Chicago, USA**

The Competitions Coordinator reported that all 50 of the delegation had now registered and were online. 2 attendees had requested accompanying persons and those present asked that they be reminded to register themselves properly in order to receive the benefits of being part of the official delegation.

**Action: Competitions Coordinator**

**53.4 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 11-16 Oct, Warsaw, Poland**

The Competitions Coordinator reported that all teams had pre-registered and the delegation consisted of 2 FS 4-way Female, 2 Dynamic 2-way, 4 FS 4-way Open teams, and 1 Solo. The Committee Secretary stressed the importance of having and adhering to the selection criteria, as the team who had requested permission to attend based on the previous silver medal placing of a team member, had since not registered.

### **53.5 Team Funding**

The Chair of Council enquired if the teams accounted for their funding when all competitions had been completed. Those present agreed that the Committee review the training plans of the teams invested in by the BPA. **Next Agenda**

### **53.6 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Wingsuit Performance Championships & 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatic, 2-11 Nov, Zephyrhills, Florida**

There was no update at this time.

### **53.7 Head of Delegation procedure**

A query had arisen from a potential lack of publication of the request for CVs/applications to the role, and that the selection criteria was not generally known. Potential remedies were

- Requests for CVs after IPC Plenary meeting in late January-early February when all International competition dates were known, with applications to returned to the BPA office in good time for the Competitions Committee meeting in April, through all available media channels
- Selection criteria published with the request
- A CV must be provided, not just an expression of willingness to attend

### **54/16 World Canopy Piloting Championship 2018**

The Committee were pleased to hear that Skydive Buzz may be bidding for the 2018 WCCP. The Vice-Chair would inform Council at its meeting later that evening.

**Action: Vice-Chair**

### **55/16 2017 BPA events forms**

The draft bid and 3 year Dates and Prices forms were circulated to the Committee with the agenda and the Committee Secretary invited comment and amendment. The resulting amendments were agreed for recommendation to Council at its meeting tonight:

- Removal of the 'Cancellation of the event' paragraph
- Addition in the covering letter regarding the 'bundling together' of events and 1 discipline/event per bid form in order to reduce costs to the host PTO on future bid forms when all disciplines were available to tender
- The removal of the host PTO choosing the Chief Judge in order for the Judges Coordinator to liaise with both judges and PTOs

in order that the agreement be ratified and the forms amended before circulation to all PTOs.

**Action: Vice-Chair & Committee Secretary**

### **56/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017**

Weed Stoodley informed those present that the entry fees could not be backdated to the 2015/16 budget, from which it had been allocated, as the auditors would not allow it. This would give the impression that the 2016/17 budget was much smaller but in actuality did not make a huge difference to the allocations for this year.

### **56.1 Equipment and Judging Costs, Skydive Buzz**

The Competitions Committee Chair, in an email sent 4/8/16 communicated that correct invoices had been resubmitted and that Skydive Buzz had been duly reimbursed. The Chair added further that the Parachute Training Organisation Owner (PTOO) was aware that no further charges would be paid for 2016 without prior agreement from the Committee. He then added that the PTOO would charge a nominal fee for pond maintenance in the future but that this would be a much smaller fee. Those present requested what pond maintenance is defined as and what the nominal fee would be.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

### **56.2 Skydive Buzz CP Landing area sand replacement**

Minute 51.5 refers.

### **56.3 BPA Trophies – Wingsuit Nationals trophies**

On discussion the Committee members present agreed to recommend to Council that payment of £250 each (£500 total) be made to Paul Fletcher for the production of the excellent BPA Nationals in Wingsuit Performance and the BPA Nationals in Wingsuit Acrobatics trophies. It was to be communicated to Paul Fletcher in future he must present a

proposal with costs for a specific trophy to the Committee through the Committee Secretary before any agreement could be made.

**Action: Vice-Chair**

**57/16 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows**

**57.1 FS, Peterlee, 6-7 August 2016**

Feedback had been received by email from Ian Rosenvinge PTOO of Peterlee, David Houghton, an attendee and from Martin Soulsby, 1 of 4 coaches at the roadshow. The Committee thanked the Coaches, Martin Soulsby, Audrey Rowe, Lynne Murray and Martin Cressey, and the staff of Peterlee Parachuting Centre for what was reported to be an excellent roadshow with 14 attendees.

**57.2 2016 Open Dutch National Parachuting Championships, 18-24 Aug, Teuge**

Mike Lovemore, when sending his apologies, reported that himself and James Parker were attending as Open competitors, and Dave McMinn had been invited on to the judging panel. He requested, on behalf of the Dutch, permission to borrow the BPA Protracks which the present Committee members were content to grant.

**57.3 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow Feedback reporting**

The Chair of Council requested of those present to consider that BPA Roadshows should be better reported in the minutes and that correctly completed feedback forms, sharing of pictures through the BPA Facebook page would make them more visible. Reporting of attendance numbers would also assist in the future planning of Coaches to BPA Roadshows.

**Action: Discipline Reps & Committee Secretary**

**58/16 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda**

**58.1 BPA Judging Procedures document**

Further amendments were required following comment via email and during the meeting. A new draft would be circulated to the Committee and Judges via email.

**Action: Tash Higman**

**58.2 AGM Award Ceremony 2017**

The Judges Coordinator, in response to a request from the Committee Secretary regarding the results for all disciplines in the form of a spreadsheet, stated that the spreadsheet should be available soon after the FS and Artistic Nationals.

**58.3 Judges Webpage on BPA website**

The Judges Coordinator requested confirmation that no personal details would be included in on such a webpage, and the Committee Secretary was able to provide that reassurance and informed her that the webpage would be a 'So you want to become a BPA Judge' style of webpage which would include progression details etc. The Judges Coordinator was content.

**59/16 Any other business**

**59.1 Dual nationality query**

A query had arisen which was then directed to the Committee regarding the dual nationality of Debbie Lamsley, who currently held a South African Sporting Licence but wished to compete in the BPA Nationals in the Senior FS 4-way & FS 8-way Categories as a British citizen.

Those present agreed, and would recommend to Council, that as Senior teams competing at BPA Nationals did not require a BPA issued Sporting Licence that Debbie could compete under her British citizenship as a Brit in Senior FS 4-way and Senior 8-way FS.

**Action: Vice-Chair to recommend to Council**

The Committee would consider the re-addition of the Sporting Licence rule to the BPA Nationals rules 2017.

**60/16 Team Euphoria Appeal**

After robust discussion in which new information was presented that may have changed the original decision the meeting then moved in-camera with John Smyth, Weed Stoodley for her financial advice and Jason Kelleher, having declared his interest as a member of a funded team but having been part of the original funding decision making process being invited to remain. The Committee could not agree to uphold the appeal without input from the absent Committee members so agreed to take the new information to Council at its meeting later that evening.

**Action: Vice-Chair**

**61/16** **Date of next meeting** – 4 October and 29 November at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE.

The meeting closed at 1800

Ratified by the Council on 9/9/16

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2017</b> medal winning performance	<b>2018</b> 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	<b>2016</b> Supported events	<b>2017</b> Continued support of events	Jun 2017	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£10,000
3. Judging Team	<b>2016</b> UK pool of 22 Judges	<b>2017</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2017	<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>	£14,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2016</b> Current holding	<b>2017</b> 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	<b>2016</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2017</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2017	<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>	£5000*
6. Selection year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	<b>2016</b> Not available Championship year	<b>2017</b> 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"> <li>• Having won Nationals in 2016</li> <li>• Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle &amp; Freely)</li> <li>• Compete in 2017 Nationals at a higher level</li> </ul>	£8000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	<b>2016</b> 6 Officials	<b>2017</b> Continued funded support	Jun 2017	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>	£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

<b>Formation Skydiving 4-way VFS 4-way</b>	<b>Target Skysports, Hibaldstow</b>	<b>20 – 22 Aug 2016</b>
<b>Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving</b>		<b>27 – 29 Aug 2016</b>
<b>Classics Accuracy Only</b>	<b>Skydive Swansea</b>	<b>26 – 29 Aug 2016</b>
<b>Speed 8</b>	<b>UK Para, Sibson</b>	<b>17 – 18 September 2016</b>

### UKSL & Grand Prix 2016

<b>GP Canopy Piloting Meet 2</b>	<b>Skydive Buzz, Dunks</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
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