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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 1200

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair (from item 68)
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair, Dis Rep: Classics
	Tash Higman		
	Jason Kelleher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate (from Item 68)
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
Observers	Bob Charters	-	BPA/FAI Judge
	Richard Del-Toro	-	Deputy Judges Coordinator
	Sean Freeman	-	Team <i>Euphoria</i> (to item 70)
Apologies	John Hitchen	-	Vice President & IPC Alternate Delegate
	Adam Dare	-	Team <i>Euphoria</i>
	Dave Pacey	-	Team <i>Euphoria</i>

Item Minute

Ian Marshall, as Vice-Chair, held the Chair's position until such time as the Chair could attend in person. Therefore, some items were taken from agenda order.

62/16 Resignation of Mike Lewis

The Committee were saddened to note the standing down of Mike Lewis due to work commitments but thanked him for his valuable contributions to the BPA Council and Competitions Committee. All wished him well for the future.

63/16 Declaration of Interest

Declarations of interest will be listed under the relevant items.

64/16 Competitions Committee Terms of Reference

As the Council composition was changing it was recognised that these changes may also affect subcommittees so would review once these changes were known.

65/16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 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/>

66/16 **International Competitions 2016** – yet to be completed

66.1 2nd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 11-16 Oct, Warsaw, Poland

The Competitions Coordinator reported the unfortunate news that Satori, a FS 4-way Open team had since withdrawn. Weed Stoodley, team member for the 4-way VFS team apologised and reported that due to health reasons her team would also be withdrawing. The Coordinator would enquire as to a refund of the team's entry fees. The Committee wished Weed a speedy recovery. The Coordinator went on to add that now 7 teams and 1 solo competitor would be attending, and all including the Head of Delegation had registered.

66.2 1st FAI World Wingsuit Performance Championships & 1st World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatic, 2-11 Nov, Zephyrhills, Florida

A full delegation of 8 competitors and 1 Acrobatic team would be attending. The Competitions Coordinator reported that Al Bradie had since withdrawn, but had been replaced by Mike Williams.

67/16 **BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows**

The Committee Secretary, on comments regarding the draft Roadshow request forms, asked that the Committee email her of any changes in order that the draft be amended before circulation to Committee for approval, then on to Dropzone Operators and Chief Instructors for completion.

The Vice-Chair then relinquished the Chair to Brian Vacher.

68/16 **Matter arising from the minutes** – not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

69/16 **Team Euphoria Appeal**

Sean Freeman, of Team Euphoria, spoke to his paper circulated with the agenda.

The meeting then moved in-camera with all but voting members leaving. Jason Kelleher declared his interest as a team member whose team had been allocated funds however the Chair invited him to remain.

The Committee recognised that there was an element of subjectivity which was necessary to allocate funding with the information the teams had supplied in 2015, and to hone the criteria for future requests. However, to allocate further funding after the initial allocation in 2015 may set a precedence for future requests. Jason Kelleher proposed that the Committee had followed due process in all aspects. as understood prior to the funding allocations in 2015, on the information the Committee had at the time. However, the process will be reviewed.

Seconded by Gavin McLeod. The vote was: For – 4, Against – 0, 1 abstention – Jason Kelleher.

Carried

Sean Freeman only was invited back into the meeting. Sean expressed his disappointment towards the decision from himself and on behalf of the team, but that he was aware of the other factors and asked that the Committee be aware of teams that are close in points that may need to be considered equally.

70/16 **2017 BPA events**

70.1 APA Armed Forces Parachute Championships 2017

The Committee acknowledged an email circulated with the agenda from Jackie Harper regarding the APA Armed Forces Parachute Championships whose dates for 2017 were likely to overlap with BPA National Championships in FS, Artistics and Speed. The Committee were aware that the BPA were under no obligation to provide judges but would endeavour to ensure judges are available to cover their competition, and asked that the Committee Secretary request of APA to review their dates, or if not possible to run their FS competition from the Tuesday to the Thursday of that week as it would allow both judges and competitors to travel and attend both events, and to inform APA that it was the intention of BPA to continue to run BPA Nationals in FS within that time period in future years and ask that this be taken into account.

Action: Committee Secretary

70.2 British Team Fund payment – (item 12.1.1 on the agenda)

Following a disagreement of the amount owed to the British Team Fund by Hibaldstow, who disputed that the levy was per person and therefore less than the calculated amount which was based on per entry. Tash Higman proposed, and was seconded by Jason Kelleher, that the £5 levy is charged to each competitor per discipline irrespective of the number of events entered in that discipline.

Carried unanimously

- 70.3 BPA National Championship in FS 4-way, Target Skysports, 19-21 Aug 2017 and BPA National Championships in FS 8-way, Artistics and Speed Skydiving, Target Skysports, 26-28 Aug 2017**
 Ian Marshall proposed, and was seconded by Tash Higman, that the dates and entry fees as given by Target Skysports be accepted. **Carried unanimously**
- 70.4 BPA National Championship in Canopy Piloting, Skydive Buzz, 1-3 Sep 2017**
 Ian Marshall proposed that the date and entry fees as given by Skydive Buzz be accepted. Seconded by Tash Higman. **Carried unanimously**
- 70.5 BPA National Championship 2017 in Speed8, UK Parachuting Sibson**
 No notification of dates and entry fees had been received. **Action: Committee Secretary**
- 70.6 BPA National Championship in Wingsuit Performance, APA Netheravon, 26-29 May 2017**
 Jason Kelleher proposed, Tash Higman seconded, that the date and entry fees as given by APA be accepted. **Carried unanimously**
- 70.7 BPA National Championship 2017 in Wingsuit Acrobatic**
 No bids were received. It was understood that APA Netheravon had bid and was approved to hold the event for 3 years. However, in April 2016 Jackie Harper had released the event as Langar had shown interest. The Committee Secretary reminded her that as were procedures the event would have to go out to tender. The Chair would discuss with APA Netheravon. **Action: Chair**
- 70.8 BPA National Championship 2017 in Accuracy, Skydive Swansea**
 No notification of dates and prices was received. **Action: Discipline Rep: Classics**
- 70.9 BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation 2017, BKPC**
 No notification of dates and prices was received. **Action: Discipline Rep: CF**
- 70.10 BPA National Championship in 4-way VFS, APA Netheravon**
 No notification of dates and prices was received. Weed Stoodley believed that the discipline event had been awarded to Target Skysports as of last year. However, the Committee Secretary made those present aware that it was quite clear when the decision was taken that Target would only hold for 2016 because of a date clash, and that APA were bounden to host for 2017 and 2018. The Chair would discuss this with Jackie Harper. **Action: Chair**
- 70.11 BPA UKSL FS 4-way 6-7 May, 10-11 June, 15-16 July 2017**
 Bids were received from Skydive North West, Skydive Buzz, Skydive Langar and Target Skysports. After careful consideration Ian Marshall proposed to award:
 May – Skydive Buzz
 June – Skydive Langar
 July – Skydive North West.
 Seconded by Gavin McLeod. **Carried unanimously**
- 70.12 BPA Grand Prix in Accuracy 2017**
 The Committee were aware that Headcorn had asked however no completed bid form had been received. Ian Marshall would chase up with Headcorn. **Action: Discipline Rep: Classics**
 [Secretary's note: Headcorn's bid and the bid form from Skydive Buzz which included and Accuracy bid were forwarded to Competitions Committee on 5/10/16]
- 70.13 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Formation 2017** – Dates in calendar
 1 bid was received, from Skydive Langar. Gavin McLeod proposed that on confirmation of the prices of the cameraperson the bid be accepted. Seconded by Ian Marshall. **Carried unanimously**
- 70.14 BPA Grand Prix in VFS 2-way 2017**
 There were no bids received, and as the event was poorly attended in previous years the Committee agreed that the event would not go back out to tender.

70.15 BPA Grand Prix in Canopy Piloting 2017 – Dates in calendar
1 bid was received, from Skydive Buzz. Brian Vacher proposed that the date and entry fees as per the completed bid be accepted. Seconded by Jason Kelleher.

Carried unanimously

The Committee Secretary would create a calendar to forward to Discipline Reps and the Judges Coordinator to pass on to the DZs.

Action: Committee Secretary

The meeting then continued in open session.

71/16 Annex to Head of Delegation Report, Mondial, 11-20 Sep, Chicago

The full Head of Delegation report would be covered under item 75.2.

The annex to the report concerned the missing of the semi-final by Varial Freestyle due to misunderstanding the scoring systems role. The Committee discussed the teams obligations as funded, contracted delegation members. The Competitions Coordinator would check their signed contract and would report at the next meeting.

Agenda, next meeting

72/16 Delegation uniform tender document

The Committee considered the circulated revised document, as compiled by Tash Higman, and asked regarding the following points:

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

- Change of uniform yearly
- Complete budget spends on uniform for the BPA, not just for competing delegations
- To discuss with Development Committee as polos and jackets were of generic design
- Manufacturer/embroiderer logo/sponsorship

Agenda - next meeting

73/16 World Canopy Piloting Championships 2018

John Smyth reported that Skydive Buzz would not be placing a bid to host the event for 2018.

74/16 Domestic Competitions 2016 – completed, results uploaded to BPA website

74.1 BPA National Championships in Artistics, FS 4-way and VFS, Target Skysports, 20-22 Aug & reserve 27-29 Aug 2017 & BPA National Championships in FS 8-way, Artistics and Speed, 27-29 Aug 2017

The Chief Judges report, which was taken as read, reported 60 registered 4-way FS teams, 4 VFS teams and 12 Speed competitors. Both event dates were unfortunately beset with inclement weather hence the rollover to the reserve weekend for the FS 4-way. The Committee echoed the Chief Judge in her thanks to Ron Mia Snikov, who on one of the many weather holds had hosted an open forum for the Artistics, to Noel Purcell as Meet Director and the many Hibaldstow staff and to the Judges and Csaba Sorenzi.

74.1.1 Issues arising

The Committee queried whether a team should have to pay for a rejump should they had been manifested, called and boarded the plane but due bad weather, had not jumped. It was known that should a team refuse to board the aircraft; they would score a zero. The consensus of the meeting was that a team should not have to pay for the rejump, but as there was no clarity within the rules this would be reviewed for the next 3-year competition cycle which may also include a change to the competition bid form. Confirmation of rejump fees, if any, in the event of a team whilst onboard the aircraft, not jumping due to bad weather conditions. would also be sought from Target Skysports with regard to the competition in 2017.

Action: Discipline Rep - FS

74.1.2 Speed

The Speed Discipline Rep reported that he felt that it was unethical that whilst a competitor at the Meet he was having to fend queries from the Judges and the Meet Director, but recognised that it appeared that the Meet Director had too much to do rather than keeping to his role of Meet Director and that an extra judge may have been required. There were also issues with the Speed scores, as these were not displayed until he had retrieved them from the ISSA website. The consensus was that these Judges must make the scores available even if this required the whiteboard system as used previously for other disciplines.

74.2 BPA National Championship in Accuracy, Skydive Swansea, 26-29 Aug 2017

The Judges Coordinator reported that there had been an increased number of intermediates and that it had been a good competition with a new British team record set (as yet unconfirmed).

74.3 BPA National Championship in Speed 8, UK Para Sibson, 17-18 Sep 2017

Richie Del-Toro, speaking to his report circulated with the agenda, reported that 9 teams had completed 4 rounds but the competition had unfortunately been called due to bad weather.

75/16 International Competitions 2016 – completed

75.1 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, 20-27 Aug, Farnham, Canada

The Committee thanked John Smyth for his report, and were pleased to note that the entry fees for those who had been unable to attend had been recovered. It was unfortunate that wind conditions had meant that only 1 round of Speed and 1 round of Accuracy had taken place, and that Distance did not have the chance to finish 1 round. Despite difficult conditions Team GB did their best.

75.2 2016 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial, 11-20 Sep, Chicago

The Committee thanked John Smyth and Ian Marshall for their reports, and noted correspondence received from Pete Sizer, Emma Hart of Revolution Freestyle and Anna Hicks of NFTO, and Mike Lovemore. The Committee were extremely proud of the delegation, and of NFTO (Anna Hicks, Ane Bauerle-Brentford, Maria Russell, Vana Parker and Simon Brentford) who had won Bronze in FS 4-way Womens, and Max Hurd who had won Bronze in Speed. The Committee echoed the thanks from Pete Sizer to Meghan Sheedy, Competitions Coordinator, for all her hard work in the preparation

76/16 International Events 2017

76.1 2017 The World Games, 20-30 Jul, Wroclaw, Poland

The Committee were very pleased to hear that Maxine Tate had been invited to represent Great Britain in Canopy Piloting.

76.2 FAI World Cups & European Championships in Canopy Formation, Speed Skydiving, Artistics and FS, 7-12 Aug 2017, Saarlouis, Germany

The Discipline Reps would list the eligible teams based on the results of the 2016 BPA National Championships. **Action: Discipline Reps – FS, Speed, Artistics, CF**

76.3 9th FAI European & 6th Junior European Championships in Style & Accuracy, 24-31 Aug 2017, Podgorica, Montenegro

The Classics Discipline Rep would discuss with Carl Williams as to whether there may be teams interested in attending. **Action: Discipline Rep - Classics**

76.4 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship, 20-22 Oct 2017, Laval, Quebec, Canada

As Indoor Skydiving was not within the scope of BPA governance there was no action taken as yet.

76.5 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

Those invited to attend would be based on the 2016 BPA National Championships. **Action: Discipline Rep - CP**

76.6 Head of Delegation

A call for those wishing to apply for the role of Head of Delegation was to be made through Social Media, BPA website, Skydive the Mag and through the Minutes. All events would be advertised along with the selection criteria and the applicants' CV must be received in good time for the April 2017 meeting

Action: Committee Secretary

77/16 Competitions Action Plan & Budget: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Weed Stoodley reported on the various outgoings and incomings of the budget which was well within the Action Plan targets, but as the Action Plan and Financial Budget were out of

sync so some spends that had been allocated from the previous year looked to be coming from this years budget.

77.1 British Team Fund payment

The Committee thanked Weed for her team fund calculations, and reiterated their discussion and decision in item 70.2, that 1 person in multiple events would only pay the £5 levy once. Weed would recalculate the figures for each event.

77.2 Sale/loan of BPA Tuffet

The Committee noted the correspondence circulated with the agenda and questioned whether the tuffet had been collected from Sibson and if the fan and generator were included with it. The Chair would enquire of Texair as to the location of the fan and generator, and may reduce the price for all 3 items to £900 exclusive of VAT, and would report at the next meeting. **Action: Chair**

77.3 Coaching support for eligible teams

The Committee Secretary admitted that she was remiss in not following up with the Discipline Reps however the Discipline Reps would send in their lists of criteria meeting teams. Going forward Jason Kelleher recommended that coaching support is offered every year and that the criteria may require amendment to accommodate Canopy Piloting and Speed.

Agenda: next year

77.4 Funding requests

The Committee noted a training plan received from Team 4mula. However they recognised that all requests should be made using the correct form. 2017 internationally competing teams who were looking for funding would be required to complete the correct Form 284 – BPA Team Funding Application, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary, next meeting

78/16 Judging matters not already covered on the agenda

78.1 BPA Judging Procedures document

The Deputy Judges Coordinator presented an alternative document and explained where problems arose with the current draft in circulation. As the alternative document had not been circulated to the Committee when this was available for circulation it would be sent to the Committee with the current draft by Tash Higman for comparison. The Chair suggested a meeting between the Judges and the Committee. The Committee Secretary would circulate the documents, and the Judges Coordinator would email all Judges, including the Committee Secretary, with a view to arranging dates.

Action: Committee Secretary & Judges Coordinator

78.2 AGM Award Ceremony 2017

The Judges Coordinator had produced a spreadsheet which included those eligible to receive a medal at the forthcoming awards ceremony. All Discipline Reps were invited to review the list relevant to their discipline. **Action: Discipline Reps**

The Judges Coordinator requested a Certificate of Appreciation for Elizabet Mikaelsson, as she had aided a number of BPA FAI rated Judges in achieving and maintaining their rating. The BPA Delegate to IPC advised those present that Elizabet would most likely not be available to attend the BPA AGM as IPC Plenary falls on the same weekend. The consensus of the meeting was that the Certificate could be awarded by the BPA Delegate to IPC at the Plenary meeting.

78.3 Judges Membership 2017

The Committee Secretary asked that the list of those eligible be ready in good time for circulation to the Committee for the November meeting. Bob Charters replied that it was in hand.

78.3 Judges Webpage on BPA website

The Committee Secretary again explained that the webpage would be a 'So you want to become a BPA Judge' style of webpage which would include progression details etc. This would be discussed after the Judging Procedures document meeting.

Agenda: next meeting

79/16 Any other business

This item was held in camera.

79.1 BPA Certificates of Merit

Simon Brentford had recommended Max Hurd, on his achievement of being 1 of only 9 to achieve 500kmph and achieving Bronze at the Mondial. Simon also went on to recommend Mike Lovemore for his representation of Speed Skydiving at BPA and ISSA level for many years. The Committee also recommended a Certificate of Merit for NFTO on their achievement of winning Bronze at Mondial. After much discussion that NFTO and Mike Lovemore had both received RAeC awards Ian Marshall proposed, and was seconded by Jason Kelleher, that Max Hurd receive a Certificate of Merit.

Carried unanimously

[Secretary's note 18/10/16: It was confirmed that NFTO had not received a RAeC award, and an email vote after the meeting concluded the agreement of NFTO receiving a Certificate of Merit]

The meeting then resumed in open session.

79.2 Handily Euro Challenge, 22-25 Sep 2016, Maubeuge, France

The Committee thanked Bob Charters for his report, as an invited judge and asked that Bob submit an article for Skydive the Mag concerning the competition. The Committee agreed that should the event take place next year they would again advertise through Social Media should any instructors or competitors wish to attend.

79.3 Apologies from John Smyth

John Smyth reported that himself, as BPA Delegate to IPC, and John Hitchen, as Alternate Delegate, would not be able to attend the BPA AGM on 28 September, as he would be attending IPC Plenary meeting in Portugal held over the same weekend.

79.4 Report from Mike Lovemore

Mike's report, circulated at the meeting, thanked the Committee for the funding support which aided his achievements and progression throughout 2016 which ended speaking of how proud he was of Max Hurd and James Parker on their placings at the Mondial, as he had spent some time coaching them

80/16 Date of next meeting – 29 November at BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE, should the BPA office not be available.

The meeting closed at 1700

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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 member's 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 2017

BPA National Championships 2017

Wingsuit Performance	APA Netheravon	26-29 Aug 2017
Formation Skydiving 4-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	19-21 Aug 2017
Artistic, FS 8-way Speed Skydiving (Back-up weekend of FS 4-way)		26-28 Aug 2017 Back-up weekend FS 8-way, Arts & Speed 2-4Sep 2017)
Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz	1-3 Sep 2017
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	tbc
Wingsuit Acrobatics	APA Netheravon	tbc
Canopy Formation	BKPC	tbc
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	tbc

BPA UKSL & BPA Grand Prix 2017

UKSL FS 4-way Meet 1	Skydive Buzz	6-7 May 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 2	Skydive Langar	10-11 Jun 2017
UKSL FS 4-way Meet 3	Skydive North West	15-16 Jul 2017
Canopy Formation	Skydive Langar	9-10 Jul 2017
GP Canopy Piloting	Skydive Buzz,	5-6 Aug 2017
Accuracy	Tbc	tbc