

Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 1300

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

Present:	Brian Vacher	-	Chair
	Tash Higman	-	Vice Chair, Acting Judges Coordinator
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Gavin McLeod	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Georgie Vacher (GV)	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
	Michael Wilson-Roberts	-	Discipline Rep: VFS
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (from item 29 to item 31)
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	Meghan Sheedy	-	Competitions Coordinator
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Apologies	Pete Mather (PM)	-	Discipline Rep: FS

Item Minute

28/17 **Acting Judges Coordinator**

The Chair introduced Tash Higman as the Acting Judges Coordinator, and the Committee echoed the Chair's thanks to Richie Del-Toro, who had taken on the role initially, and wished him the best of health in the future.

29/17 **Declarations of Interest**

These would be minuted as they arose.

30/17 **Minutes and Matters arising**

The Committee were content for the Chair to sign the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 had been circulated electronically to the Committee and Council for approval. The Minutes have been published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

30.1 **Indoor Skydiving World Championship, Canada.**

At the Council meeting held on 25 April a motion was passed - Council minutes 25/4/17: min 34/17 refers. The Chair asked those present if they were content to send a Head of Delegation, and whether correct procedure had been followed in making would-be applicants aware of the role. The meeting then moved in-camera with John Smyth leaving the meeting. The Vice-Chair proposed that a Head of Delegation should be included in the delegation for this year. Seconded by the Speed Discipline Rep.

The Vice-Chair further proposed that, with agreement from the Committee, the position would not require re-advertising. Seconded by the CF Discipline Rep. **Carried unanimously**
The meeting resumed in open session and John Smyth informed of the decision.

31/17 Judges Currency and Judges attending BPA competitions (item 8.1 on the agenda brought forward)

The Acting Judges Coordinator apprised the Committee of the difference between FAI category 1 and Category 2 judges, as listed on the Judges currency list, and informed those present that Category 2 judges must go on a specified course by a designated Chief of Judges Training to re-evaluate, none of which were currently based in the UK. As several judges were taking time out from judging for various reasons there would be a shortfall at some BPA events. The Acting Judges Coordinator had invited a small number of International judges, mostly Europe based, to attend if possible, and suggested that with discussion the hosting DZ may cover the car hire costs whilst BPA cover airfares or other means of travel. The Chair suggested that a working budget may be in order, as costs at present were approx. £1080 and a further 4-5 judges were required. The FS Discipline Rep proposed an allocation of up to £5000 to cover travel costs of the invited international judges, on production of receipts, and expressed that the FAI rated judges may be able to re-evaluate our own judges to FAI Category 1 level. Seconded by the VFS Discipline Rep. **Carried unanimously**
The Committee thanked the Acting Judges Coordinator for her efforts at very short notice to organise the judging team.

32/17 BPA Competitions 2017 - completed

32.1 BPA UKSL Meet 1, Skydive Buzz, 6-7 May

The Committee thanked Liz Warner for her Chief Judges report, which unfortunately had been omitted from the council post. 11 teams had attended, 1 AAA, 3 AA, 4 A and 3 Rookie teams and all rounds were completed. 3 BPA coaches had been kept busy during weather holds. The Committee thanked Liz and Skydive Buzz on a well-run competition.

32.2 BPA GP in Accuracy, Headcorn, 13-14 May

Unfortunately, the weather had not been kind and only 2 rounds were completed. However, the competition had been well attended, with 9 Novice, 8 Intermediate and 12 Senior competitors. The Committee thanked the judges and Headcorn for their hosting of the competition.

32.3 BPA National Championship in Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics, APA Netheravon, 26-29 May

27 GBR and 10 international competitors had competed in Performance, and 3 teams in Acrobatics. 5 rounds were completed as the weather had not been the best. The top 8 competitors were eligible for selection should they meet the Sporting Licence criteria. The Committee thanked Frank Mallabone for becoming Chief Judge at short notice. Frank Mallabone had indicated that the judge's laptops with the scoring system software had not been available.

32.4 BPA UKSL Meet 2, Skydive Langar, 10-11 June

17 teams had completed 1 round, due to inclement weather. However, 4 sponsored coaches were kept very busy. The Chief Judge Frank Mallabone had again indicated that the judges laptops and associated software had not been available, despite best efforts made to retrieve them. The Chair informed those present that on consultation with the Judges Coordinator – Kate Charters, she would have them delivered to UK Parachuting Sibson. The Committee thanked Frank and trainee judge Lucy Westgarth.

32.5 International Team selections

The Secretary reminded the Reps that as their discipline Nationals took place to list the teams/individuals eligible for selection to the Competitions Coordinator and Secretary.

32.6 Funded support for a non-BPA competition

After outlining the plans for the event the VFS Discipline Rep proposed that a cameraperson/s be funded £480 for up to 24 jumps, and up to £250 towards travel for a specialist to attend, preferably a judge. This failed to find a seconder. The Chair suggested revisiting the discussion later in the meeting.

32.7 BPA WS Nationals

The WS Discipline Rep indicated that another DZ may want to bid for the WS Nationals. The Chair asked that the flysight equipment loaned to the APA be returned to the BPA.

33/17 Domestic Competitions 2017 – not completed

There was nothing of note at this time.

34/17 International Competitions 2017

34.1 Competitor Contract

The final draft of the contract had been circulated and was now in use. However, it would appear that a number of committee members had not received the email on their designated BPA domain email address. The Secretary would address the issue when back at the office.

Action: Committee Secretary

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

The Competitions Coordinator reported that 4mula (FS 4-way) would no longer be competing, and that the VFS team had unfortunately pulled out due to injury. Nearly all the administration was complete.

34.3 9th FAI European & 6th Junior European Championships in Style & Accuracy, 24-31 Aug 2017, Podgorica, Montenegro

As only 2 individuals – Esther Reynolds and Isaac Brown, were competing after brief discussion the consensus of the meeting was that the Head of Delegation should remain in place.

34.4 2nd FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying, 2-8 Nov 2017, Overton, USA

4 Performance flyers and 2 Acrobatic teams were attending.

34.5 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, 27 Nov-1 Dec, Dubai, UAE

There were no significant issues.

35/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan 1 July to 30 June 2017 – appendix i

The Vice-Chair provided an oral financial analysis to her previously circulated budget plan and informed the Committee of the budget over and underspends, and spoke of how these have impacted on the budget allocations for the 2017/18 Action Plan.

It was noted that team NFTO had drew down their sponsorship allocation but were no longer competing, therefore they were required to refund their sponsorship. **Noted**

36/17 Competitions Budget & Action Plan: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 – appendix ii

The Committee allocated budgets based on the funds available, previous spends and future considerations. Please see Appendix ii.

36.1 Target 3 – Judging Team

It was agreed that, as there was now only 13, possibly 17 BPA judges, that a strategy for keeping judges current and to get trainee judges qualified in a shorter time frame was required. The FS Discipline Rep proposed a budget allocation of up to £30,000 to give the Acting Judges Coordinator the extra ability to bring more judges on board. Seconded by the VFS Discipline Rep. The vote was For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 (Tash Higman and Ian Marshall). **Carried**

36.2 Target 2 – BPA Coaching Roadshows

After brief discussion, the VFS Discipline Rep proposed that at a roadshow organised by a gold medallist team – Omni, in order to maintain the safety of any scratch teams in attendance, that 2 specialist camerapersons be utilised and allocated up to £480 to cover up to 24 jumps that they may make during coaching the scratch teams. Seconded by the Artistics Discipline Rep. **Carried unanimously**

The consensus of the meeting was that it would also be beneficial to the teams if a judge was available.

36.3 Target 1 – World Class Performance

The FS Discipline Rep (GV) outlined a future proposal which would provide greater clarity to all on who may be sponsored, potentially give more to those eligible for sponsorship with a

further potential to provide more coaches to BPA coaching roadshows. The FS Discipline Rep and Chair would hone their proposal from points made by the Committee for the next meeting.

Agenda – August meeting

37/17 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

37.1 Roadshow feedback - FS, Black Knights, 27-29 May

The Committee echoed the FS Discipline Reps thanks to Mark Lord and Black Knights, who had hosted the Roadshow with only 2 weeks' notice but had made every effort to ensure the event was a great success, and to coaches Sian Stokes, Kate Lindsley and Milko for their hard work and agreement to attend at a new location at short notice. The event had been a huge success.

38/17 Any other business

38.1 Intermediate Artistic Categories

The Artistics Discipline Rep briefed the Committee that the inclusion of an Intermediate category at Artistics Nationals would likely increase participation, as currently there was a big gap in the skills required for A and B categories. The Committee were content for the Rep to compile rules and moves for the 2018 BPA National season.

38.2 Funding request

The Vice-Chair declared her interest as a team member with the individual making the request. However, the Committee were content for her to remain in the meeting. The Committee acknowledged a request from Mary Barratt, and after due discussion considered that whilst they were sympathetic to her cause they would be unable to offer funds.

38.3 Apologies

Apologies for the August meeting were received from Ian Marshall, Tash Higman and John Smyth.

39/17 Date of next meeting – 1300 on Tuesday 8 August at BPA HQ.

The meeting closed at 1715

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 16 to 30 June 17

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2016 medal winning performance	2017 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2017 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2016	£101,437*
2. BPA 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>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 17 to 30 June 18

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 2017	£55,862* <u>£69,600</u> £125,462
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2017 Supported events	2018 Continued support of events	Jun 2018	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£4,670* <u>£10,000</u> £14,670
3. Judging Team	2017 UK pool of 13 Judges	2018 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2018	<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 	£30,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2017 Current holding	2018 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2018	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£6,000
5. Delegation Uniform	2017 Delegation uniform	2018 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2018	<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 	£5,000**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2017 Coaching Support	2018 Coaching Support	Jun 2018	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"> • Having won Nationals in 2017 • Have 60% of their team remain the same – including videographer (flexibility for Freestyle & Freely) • Compete in 2018 Nationals at a higher level 	£8,000 <u>£3,000</u> £11,000
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2017 5 Officials	2018 Continued funded support	Jun 2018	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£8000***
*Targets 1 and 6: brought forward from the 2016/2017 Action Plan **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund ***Target 7: Reoccurring item					



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Competitions Dates 2017

BPA National Championships 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics Accuracy Only	Skydive Swansea	2-4 Aug 2017 (Weds-Fri)
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
Canopy Formation	BKPC	8-10 Sep 2017
Speed 8	UK Para, Sibson	16-17 Sept 2017
4-way VFS	Skydive Buzz	16-17 Sept 2017 Reserve weekend: 23-24 Sept 2017

BPA UKSL & BPA Grand Prix 2017

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
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
GP Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Buzz	15-16 Jul 2017