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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 1300

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

Present:	Tash Higman	-	Acting Chair, Judges Coordinator
	Mary-Lou Barratt	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Mark Bayada		
	Emma Hart	-	Discipline Rep: Arts (via Skype to item 71.2)
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Georgie Vacher	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Mike Williams	-	Discipline Rep: WS
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO) (to item 68)
	John Hitchen	-	Vice President
	Joy Ledger	-	Competitions Coordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Committee Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President & IPC Delegate
Observers	Anna Hicks	-	Team: NFTO
	Vana Parker	-	Team: NFTO
	Sian Stokes	-	Team: NFTO
Apologies	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Brian Vacher	-	Chair

Item Minute

64/18 **Declarations of any conflicts of Interest**

These would be declared under the relevant item.

65/18 **Minutes**

After receiving clarification on 2 points the Chair duly signed the copy as a true record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 September 2018, which had been circulated electronically to the Committee and Council and would be ratified at Council later that evening. The Minutes were to be published on the BPA website:

<http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/agendas-and-minutes/>

The meeting then went in-camera. The Vice-Presidents and COO were invited to stay.

66/18 **Matters arising**

66.1 **Varial Freestyle**

The Secretary was happy to report that 1 team member had repaid in full. Further communication to the remaining team members was required.

Action: Secretary & COO

67/18 **NFTO** – contract terms and conditions

Taken from agenda order.

Those present discussed the intricacies of a team line-up change which constituted a breach of contract. The FS Rep proposed that as the team had effectively made their team line-up change early, the 5 team members that registered at the FS Nationals in 2018 are the chosen line-up for the FS World Cup in 2019. No further changes to the line-up would be permitted. Seconded by Mark Bayada. **Carried unanimously**

71/18 International Competitions 2019

71.1 Sponsorship Allocations

Mike Williams and Mary Barratt declared their interest as they had submitted sponsorship applications. Tash Higman left as whilst not applying for herself her team members are. The FS Rep temporarily took the Chair and explained the spreadsheet with the allocations calculated as the previous year – Placing, team members, medal chance and discipline size. Mark Bayada, seconded by the Speed Rep, proposed the allocations per team/individual as presented on the spreadsheet. **Carried**

[Secretary's note: Following a decision at Council (min 80 of the Council minutes refers) that evening a spreadsheet with the new allocations was circulated and agreed by the Competitions Committee.]

The meeting continues in open session.

71.2 International Competitions 2019 - team lists

Complete team lists were required for all 2019 international events. Invitations were to now go to all eligible athletes. **Action: Competitions Coordinator**

Clarification was sought and given, that an athlete could not claim their sponsorship allocation if they did not attend a FCE on the grounds of concern for their personal safety, unless written advice was received from the Foreign Office.

72/18 Wingsuit Flocking Record 2015

Those present confirmed that there was no time limit as to when a record could be claimed and agreed the record to be uploaded to the BPA website. Congratulations to all involved.

Action: Competitions Coordinator

73/18 International Competitions 2018

73.1 18th FAI World Championship in CF, 23rd FAI World Championship in FS, 12th FAI World Championship in Artistics and 2nd World Championships in Speed Skydiving, 4-12 Oct, Gold Coast, Queensland

The committee thanked John Smyth, Head of Delegation for the athletes attending, for his full report. Congratulations to NFTO on their Silver in FS 4-way Female, Max Hurd for Bronze in Speed Skydiving and Volosity for Silver in Freestyle.

73.2 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, 25-28 Oct, Zallaq, Bahrain

The committee thanked John Smyth for his report and presented their congratulations to NFTO on Gold in FS 4-way Female.

Those present thanked John Smyth on his continued involvement as Head of Delegation.

74/18 Judging Matters

74.1 Artistics Judges Seminar 24-25 Nov 2018, BPA HQ

The report received from Liz Warner was reported on by the Judges Coordinator. 2 people, Ratul Ahmed and Paul Capsey had successfully obtained their BPA National Judge rating, and 2, Alabama Shanker and Harry Shanker had successfully completed the exam. All that remained for them was to judge a National competition in order to receive their rating. Congratulations to all involved, and many thanks to Liz Warner for hosting and arranging, and much gratitude to Sylvia Wagner for her time travelling from Austria to train our judges. Ratul and Paul's certificates would be presented at the Awards Ceremony 2019.

74.2 Judges eligible for Free Membership

The Judges Coordinator explained that a Judge must be current and must have judged according to the Judges Procedure document in order to obtain free membership. Logbooks were still required from some judges, so the complete list would be presented at the February 2019 Competitions Committee meeting. **Action: Competitions & Judges Coordinator**

74.3 Judges Nomination List and Proposed Judges 2019

The Judges Coordinator informed those present that the forms must be returned to IPC by 31 December 2018, and that every FAI judge can be included on the Nominated Judges list, including Category 2 judges who are not current under BPA rules in order to re-qualify. All judges must provide the BPA office and Coordinator their currency by Friday 14 December.

Ongoing

75/18 69th IPC Meeting, Lille, France, 22-27 January 2019

Observers to the meeting must be approved by the IPC Delegate – John Smyth. Requests to attend had been received from Wayne Loxton (Observer), Tash Higman (CF Committee) and Mikey Lovemore (Speed Committee), which were circulated with the agenda. Wayne Loxton only required approval and would be covering his own fees. 2 further notifications were received from Ratul Ahmed and Adam Mattacola. The Delegate was content approved these persons to attend. The Competitions Coordinator would facilitate the registration.

Action: Competitions Coordinator

Requests for funding towards entry fees were received Tash Higman and Mikey Lovemore, and those present discussed allocating entry fees to all parachuting committee members, including Adam Mattacola who was on the Artistic Committee, and Ratul Ahmed who was believed to be attending the FS committee meeting with a view to be invited onto it. After due discussion of many points including negotiating down the fee as the majority were only attending the meetings before the Plenary and would not be staying for the full duration, Mark Bayada proposed that the entry fees of up to €800 be allocated, and that should the fee be negotiated to a lower amount the balance may be off-set against travel expenses. Seconded by Mary Barratt. **Carried**

[Secretary's note: A late request was received after the meeting, from Adam Mattacola for Roy Castleman to attend as an Observer. Roy was to be registered with the British delegation on an unfunded basis]

76/18 BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows

The Secretary would circulate the 2019 Roadshow request form to all DZs.

Action: Secretary

77/18 Any other business

77.1 Volunteer committee members

A call for volunteers was to be issued in the forthcoming December issue of Skydive the Mag, and those present were reminded that should they wish to volunteer another term they were required to send in their CV to the Committee Secretary.

77.2 CF Manual re-write

Those on the CF Working Group asked the Discipline Reps to provide information, preferably with written evidence, as to how the use of AADs at BPA sanctioned events may affect that discipline.

78/18 Date of next meeting – to be agreed at the Inaugural Council meeting on 26 Jan 2019, EMCC, Notts. (Provisional dates: 19 Feb, 16 Apr, 11 June, 6 Aug, 1 Oct, 26 Nov)

The meeting closed at 1655

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 18 to 30 June 19

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2018 medal winning performance	2019 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2019 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2017	£
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2018 Supported events	2019 Continued support of events	Jun 2019	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance member's skills	£
3. Judging Team	2018 UK pool of 10 Judges	2019 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2019	<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 	£
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2018 Current holding	2019 Equipment stock in line with IPC changes	Jun 2019	Purchase / Hire of equipment / specialist equipment, as disciplines and rules evolve and dictate	£
5. Delegation Uniform	2018 Delegation uniform	2019 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2019	<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 	£**
6. Targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2018 Coaching Support	2019 Coaching Support	Jun 2019	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 	£
7. Heads of Delegation & Team Manager/s	2018 5 Officials	2019 Continued funded support	Jun 2019	Funded support for BPA Officials attending FAI 1 st Class events to cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fees • Reasonable Travel Expenses 	£***
Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund *Target 7: Reoccurring item					



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BPA National Championships 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA National Championship in WS Performance & Acrobatics	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	1-4 Jul
BPA National Championship in Accuracy	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	3-4 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 4-way & VFS	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	24-27 Aug
BPA National Championships in FS 8-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	31 Aug-2 Sep
BPA National Championship in Canopy Formation	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	8-10 Sep

BPA Grand Prix & UKSL 2019

Competition	Location	Date (2019)
BPA UKSL Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	4-5 May
BPA UKSL Meet 2	Sibson Skydivers	8-9 June
BPA UKSL Meet 3	Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell	6-7 July
GP in CF Meet 1	Skydive North West, Cark	15-16 June
GP in CF Meet 2	Skydive Langar	13-14 July
GP in Accuracy Meet 1	Peterlee Parachute Centre	20-21 Apr
GP in Accuracy Meet 2	Skydive Headcorn	8-9 June