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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Steve Saunders	-	Chairman
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed (from Item 50 to Item 54.1.2 plus Item 49.1)
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair of Council (to Item 54.1)
<b>Observers</b>	Karen Bain	-	Target Skysports
	Aaron Faith	-	Team Satori
	Julia Foxwell	-	Team Satori
	Dougie Peacock	-	
	Grant Richards	-	DZ Operator, UK Parachuting, Sibson
	Mark Skarratts	-	Team PH36 (to item 51.1.3 plus item 58.1)
	James Swallow	-	Target Skysports

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### Item Minute

#### 48/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 August 2011 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

#### 49/11 Domestic Competitions 2011 - completed

##### 49.1 British Open Nationals FS, VFS, Artistics & Speed 13-15 Aug & 20-22 Aug Target Skysports

Weed Stoodley reported that it had been a fantastic event with a reasonable turnout. There had been problems with Cametrix scoring system for the 8-way FS and Artistic competitions which highlighted a need for a simple manual of instructions should the host dropzone be called upon to operate the equipment.

Mike Lovemore recounted that the Speed competition had been successful with a new personal record set by Simon Brentford. As Mike was competing and judging he reported that this was not ideal. Kate advised that it may be possible for the Chief Judge to appoint a judge and to liaise with her when the need arose. The Protrack judging equipment was now with the manufacturer for repair, who would then return it back to Mike.

##### 49.2 British Open Nationals 8-Way Speed 3-4 Sept, NLSC Chatteris

Kate Charters reported that there had been 2 teams who had been able to jump only 2 rounds due to bad weather. The DZ had been great in communicating to the competitors during weather holds.

#### **49.3 British Open Nationals CF 24-26 Sept, APA Netheravon**

2 teams had taken part. The 2-way discipline was completed however only 2 rounds of 4-way rotations had taken place as the competition was called on the Sunday due to bad weather. The Chair commented that the centre had asked for the judging equipment only 2 days before however there was not enough time for the equipment to be sent.

#### **49.4 Complete list of medallists to BPA for AGM award giving ceremony**

Kate Charters would supply the BPA Office with the complete list by Friday 14 October.

**Action: Judges Coordinator**

Martin Soulsby informed the committee that presentation of awards at the AGM would be in the same format as last year with the teams having their photo taken at the side of the stage.

#### **50/11 Domestic Competitions 2012 – Bid forms for 2012 meets**

This item was held in camera, with all those in attendance and observers leaving the room.

##### **50.1 Nationals – CP/CF/Speed/VFS/FS/8-way Speed/Artistics**

###### **50.1.1 Classics**

1 bid had been received, from Peterlee.

Due to conditions the bidder wished to impose it was felt further discussion with the bidder was required. Richard Head therefore proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that the bid could not be accepted at this time and that Peterlee be asked to resubmit the bid. For 3 Against 0 1 Abstention (Paul Moore).

**Carried**

###### **50.1.2 FS/Artistics/VFS/Speed**

Target Skysports submitted the only bid and had indicated on their bid form that they would be willing to host the event from 2013 to 2015 inclusive. After discussion that the event had been held for 3 years without detriment to other centres, Weed Stoodley proposed that the bid be accepted for 3 years, from 2012 to 2014 inclusive. Seconded by Ian Marshall. See appendix ii for dates.

**Carried unanimously**

###### **50.1.3 CF and 8-way Speed**

2 bids had been tabled, from North London Skydiving Centre and UK Parachuting, Sibson, who had indicated that they wished to bid to host the event for 3 years. After the committee gave each bid due consideration Weed Stoodley proposed the UK Parachuting's bid be accepted for 1 year, and that they must present costings to that committee for the second and third year. Seconded by Paul Moore. Ian Marshall counter proposed that UK Parachuting's bid be accepted for 3 years and that costings must be presented to the committee each year. The vote for the counter proposal For: 4 with none against. See appendix ii for dates.

**Carried unanimously**

###### **50.1.4 Canopy Piloting**

No bids were received for CP.

The committee believed this was an indication that the recently built swoop pond at Dunkeswell was yet to be cleared. Paul Moore believed the pond was cleared at the Safety and Training Committee meeting held on Thurs 29 Sept 2011 (item 6, min i of the 29 Sept STC meeting confirms). Paul would write to those who had indicated that they may be able to host the competition, and if unable to would write to RAPA to ask if they would be prepared to host, to report back at the December meeting.

**Action: Discipline Rep - CP**

##### **50.2 UKSL & Grand Prix**

###### **50.2.1 UKSL FS 4-way**

5 bids were tabled, from Skydive Langar, UK Parachuting Sibson, North West Parachute Centre, Target Skysports and Peterlee.

Meet 1

12-13 May 2012 Peterlee Proposed Weed Stoodley, seconded Richard Head

**Carried**

Meet 2

9-10 June 2012 Skydive Langar Proposed Paul Moore, seconded Weed Stoodley  
**Carried unanimously**

Meet 3

2 bids were considered for the July event, North West Parachute Centre (NWPC) and Target Skysports. Weed Stoodley proposed NWPC, seconded by Paul Moore. Richard Head counter proposed Target Skysports, seconded by Ian Marshall. For 2 Against 2. As the vote was tied the Chair cast his vote in favour of NWPC.

14-15 July 2012 North West Parachute Centre

### **50.2.2 Grand Prix - CF and Classics**

No bids were received

Weed Stoodley proposed that, as no bids had been received and as the discontinuation of Grand Prix events had had no detrimental effect on artistic events, the committee look to encourage these disciplines in other ways for the future. Seconded by Richard Head. Ian Marshall counter proposed that the bid forms for these events be re-issued. Seconded by Paul Moore. The vote for the counter proposal was For: 2 Against: 2. The Chair cast his vote in favour of the counterproposal.

**Carried**

### **51/11 International Competitions 2011 – completed**

#### **51.1 ESL 2011 16-17 September**

Richard Head reported that only 1 rookie team had competed on behalf of the UK. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the UK had not won the Spirit trophy.

### **52/11 International Competitions 2011 – to be completed**

#### **52.1 3<sup>rd</sup> Dubai International Parachuting Championships & Gulf Cup 29 Nov-10 Dec, Dubai**

The Official registration, to be completed by the Head of Delegation Jeff Chandler, signed and stamped by the BPA office, would be sent to the organisers by 15 October. As this was not a FAI 1<sup>st</sup> Category event the committee decided that it would be left to the competitors who would be eligible for the cash prizes.

### **53/11 International Competitions 2012**

#### **53.1 World Parachuting Championships, Dubai 2012**

##### **53.1.1 Team Selection**

FS

4-way: Team Satori (mixed) Team Bodyflight Aerodyne (womens)

8-way: Awaiting confirmation from Team Microclim8 reserve Team Brit Chicks

Artistics

Freefly: Team Volare Team Kinetic

Freestyle: Team Airkix Freestyle Team Freestyle 99

CP: 8 places were available. Weed Stoodley proposed that invites to be sent to the top 8 competitors based on placings at the Nationals and their score of 300 points or above and if any be unable to attend then would go down the list until all those who met the criteria were invited. If place were then still available any CF competitor wished or who asked for a by would be considered. Ian Marshall seconded.

**Carried unanimously, Action: Discipline Rep - CP**

Classics: Ian Marshall reported that Jeff Chandler was trying to get a team of 5 together. No invitations had been sent at this time

VFS: 2 teams were unable to compete. Weed would contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team to ask of their intentions.

Martin Soulsby left the meeting

CF Team CFUK were to enter both sub-disciplines however the event rules would be required for clarity as to whether this was possible.

##### **53.1.2 Team Funding**

Funding bids had been received from Team Bodyflight Aerodyne, Team Volare, Team Airkix Freestyle and Team Kinetic. Team Satori were present to discuss their funding bid. The committee discussed eligibility and noted that some of those who were eligible for funding had not yet placed a funding bid. Richard Head proposed, seconded by

Paul Moore, that all funding proposals were to be received by the December meeting to the committee a clear idea of how the funds were to be divided.

**Carried Unanimously**

The meeting then moved in camera with the observers and those in attendance leaving the room.

Richard Head proposed that, although Bodyflight Aerodyne were outside the funding criteria, the team, from elements of their bid, be considered for eligibility for funding. Weed Stoodley seconded. Paul Moore counter proposed that as Bodyflight Aerodyne did not meet the criteria they were not eligible for funding, as to change the benchmark now may mean other teams that do not fit the criteria may then apply. Seconded by Ian Marshall. The vote for the counter proposal was For: 2 Against: 2. The Chair cast his vote in favour of the counterproposal.

**Carried**

Observers were then allowed back into the meeting.

The committee announced that the eligible teams were: Team Satori, Team Volare, Team Airkix Freestyle, Team Kinetic and Brian Vacher, who had yet to make a funding application. The 2 members present from Team Satori then tabled their bid and gave a presentation.

The meeting then moved in camera.

The committee discussed the allocation of the available funding however all bids must be considered first and that Brian Vacher must be allowed to put forward a funding application. As the event entry fees must come from any allocated funding Weed Stoodley proposed that for each of these eligible teams, funds from Target 1 of the Competition Action Plan be used to subsidise £1250 per person towards entry fees and flights, and that the funding would be considered in more detail at the next meeting. Seconded by Paul Moore.

**Carried Unanimously**

Observers, apart from Mike Lovemore returned to the meeting.

The Chair thanked Team Satori for coming and informed them of the committee's decision. The committee would give the opportunity to the teams to be able to present their bids in person but in the interim would be notified of the initial allocation.

### **53.1.3 Head of Delegation**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

All observers bar Dougie Peacock left the meeting.

#### **54/11 Budget & Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 see appendix i**

Weed Stoodley asked that the budget of Target 1 be amended to £72431.

The Chair asked that the committee consider how it can improve the retention rate and how this can be brought in to the Action Plan.

#### **55/11 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

Mike Lovemore enquired as to how many roadshows were allowed per discipline and what expenses could be claimed. The committee advised that roadshows were usually set at 3 per discipline per year and expenses could be claimed at £50 subsistence allowance plus travel expenses. Weed reported continuing difficulties tying in dates and teams as was not always logistically possible. The Chair asked the Discipline Reps to contact the centres to arrange roadshows in order for the dates to be advertised in the December issue of Skydive the Mag and for confirmation at the AGM.

**Action: All Discipline Reps**

Dougie Peacock left the meeting.

#### **56/11 Judging Matters not already covered**

##### **56.1 Non-attendance at BPA Competitions**

The committee expressed that a section from the letter written by the Judges Coordinator was beyond the Coordinators remit, and asked that the international judge, to whom the letter was sent, be put forward on the IPC list, for possible selection to judge at 2012 FAI competitions, and to include all current FAI judges per discipline, regardless of availability. The Judge's Coordinator believed that as the judge had not attended a BPA competition in three years that she could not complete the list fairly and that the committee would be best placed to complete and send the list. The Chair asked that the Coordinator write a letter of

apology to the judge and to inform them that their name would be included for selection at the 2012 events however the Coordinator declined. The Chair added that he would write on the Coordinators behalf.

**Action: Chair**

**56.2 Criteria for gaining National rating**

Weed Stoodley had circulated via email a draft copy of the Judges Progression form but had received no further feedback.

**57/11 Any other business**

**57.1 Query regarding Coaching Support for non-senior teams** (min 09/11 of the 22 Feb meeting refers)

Mark Skarratts enquired of the Chair as to the delay between the decision to grant coaching funding to the intermediate 4-way CF team and when the team were told. Mark, speaking on behalf of the team, reported that the team had not competed in the CF Nationals this year as they could not afford coaching after originally being told they were not eligible. The Chair responded that he could only apologise as he had been remiss in not responding earlier. Mark accepted the apology. The Chair then added personal comments. Representations were made from other Committee Members that these comments were inappropriate.

**57.2 8<sup>th</sup> World Cup & 7<sup>th</sup> European Championships Artistics and 17<sup>th</sup> World Cup & 10<sup>th</sup> European Championships FS. 1-7 August 2011 Saarlouis, Germany**

This item was held in camera.

The Chair tabled a draft letter to be sent to those believed to be involved in the incidents at the competition and enquired of the committee their agreement. With the exception of wording from 'would' to 'may' the committee agreed the letter was acceptable and was to be sent to those involved.

**Action: BPA Office**

**58/11 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting, for members of the Competitions Committee 2012, whose composition would be decided at the inaugural Council meeting on Saturday 28 January, would be held at the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE at 1300 on the day of the February Council meeting. This date would also be decided at the inaugural Council meeting, as would the remainder of meeting dates in 2012.

The meeting closed at 1822.

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 11 to 30 June 12

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2011</b> double medal winning performance	<b>2012</b> Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011	£72431*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	<b>2011</b> Supported events	<b>2012</b> Continued support of events	Jul 2012	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	<b>2011</b> UK pool of 20 Judges	<b>2012</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2012	<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> </ul>	£10,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2011</b> Current holding	<b>2012</b> Equipment stock in line with 2011 IPC changes	Jul 2012	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£8000
5. Delegation Uniform	<b>2011</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2012</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2012	<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, trousers &amp; polo shirts</li> </ul>	£5000**
6. Survey of Competition running costs	<b>2011</b> At no cost to BPA	<b>2012</b> Informed position of 'at no cost to BPA'	Jul 2012	To ascertain the costs involved in running a Nationals Competition	£500
<p>*Target 1: includes £28000 carry forward and CF B team coaching funding unused budget from 2010/11 as agreed</p> <p>**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					

**Domestic competitions dates 2012****British Parachute Association**

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## Competitions dates 2012 *(as at 7 Nov 2011)*

### British Open Nationals 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	tbc	tbc
Canopy Piloting	tbc	tbc
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed	UK Parachuting, Sibson	Sat 8 – Sun 9 Sept 2012
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 11 - Mon 13 August 2012 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012
Artistic, FS 8-way & Speed Skydiving		Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012 Reserve: Sat 25 - Mon 27 August 2012

### UKSL & Grand Prix 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	tbc	
GP Canopy Formation	tbc	tbc
UKSL FS 4-way	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Sat 12 - Sun 13 May 2012
UKSL FS 4-way	BPS, Langar	Sat 9 - Sun 10 June 2012
UKSL FS 4-way	NWPC, Cark	Sat 14 - Sun 15 July 2012