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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 1300

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

Present:	Steve Saunders	-	Chairman
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
	Liz Warner		Deputy Judges Coordinator
Observers	Karen Bain		Target Skysports
	James Swallow		Target Skysports
Apologies For Absence	Kate Charters	-	Judges Co-ordinator
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS

Item Minute

015/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 February 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website:

<http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

16/11 Matters Arising

16.1 Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving

Mark Calland declined the Discipline Rep role as he felt that, as a non-jumper who did not coach airside, it would not be of benefit to him. The Committee thanked him for his consideration.

Richard Head, in an email sent before the meeting expressing his apologies for not being able to attend today, suggested that the Committee might consider Mikey Lovemore. Mikey was willing, a current Member and had experience of Speed Skydiving. Ian Marshall proposed that Mikey Lovemore be accepted as Speed Skydiving Discipline Rep. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

Carried Unanimously

The BPA Office would inform Mikey of the meeting dates and send details of the Discipline Rep role.

Action: BPA Office

16.2 Contractors Insurance Requirements

Andy Houston of Texair had contacted the BPA office to state that he would be rejoining the BPA as the BPA insurance would cover him airside.

No further action

16.3 Sale of Outdated Equipment

At the previous meeting the Committee had agreed that the equipment stored at the BPA office required itemising before being offered for sale but it had not been tasked. Items would be offered to DZs and BPA members foremost.

Paul Moore therefore proposed, with Ian Marshall's agreement, that Ian Marshall visit the BPA office to sort the equipment to re-sell. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

Action: Ian Marshall

16.4 Monitor Quality for Judging Purposes

James Swallow asked for this item to be raised as he felt that Target Skysports were not aware of the issue with the monitors. After a brief explanation James Swallow agreed that he would look into the quality of the monitors at Hibaldstow.

Ongoing

17/11 Domestic Competitions 2011

17.1 Nationals Rules

Liz Warner, advised the Committee on behalf of the Judges Coordinator, that Kate had only received a draft of the FS rules. The Committee agreed that the rules could be approved at this meeting with a proviso that approval was received from the Judges Coordinator by 3 May.

[note: The BPA Office had sent draft copies of rules for all disciplines via email between 14/4 – 18/4 and positive comment had been received from the Judges Coordinator]

17.1.1 Feedback from Target Skysports

James Swallow, of Target Skysports, said there were a small number of forms that needed to be removed from the rules for events hosted by the centre. These included the Rookie Team Certificate that was agreed for removal at the previous meeting and the Public Relations Questionnaire. James stated that Target had secured TV production and required advice on wording for the sign-up form the competitors would use. The committee expressed concern that there would be the possibility of spectators that would not want to be shown on TV and that the competitors' rights to use their own video footage should not be compromised. The consensus of the meeting was that all attending the event needed to be aware that the event was to be televised and that this was ultimately down to the centre.

James then wished the Committee to consider an entry form that Target had devised for the events held at the centre. As these were multi-event competitions the new entry form would make it easier for the competitor to download and use a tick box system for the discipline they wished to enter. Paul Moore proposed that as the entry form was a little late to be incorporated in this year's rules that the generic entry form be incorporated in the rules next year. The committee agreed that it was too late however then discussed using the entry form as a template for all disciplines. The entry form could be taken from the rules that applied to Target in order for them to hand out their own entry form on the day. Further to this James added that he would prepare the entry form for all disciplines and could have a completed draft by 22 April. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Paul Moore that James Swallow draft a single entry form for all disciplines by the beginning of May, as the committee was waiting for the judge's approval, to be sent to the BPA office in order for it to be made into a downloadable form in good time for the forthcoming competitions season.

Action: James Swallow, BPA Office

17.1.2 Speed Skydiving

After considering eligibility to enter the competition and competitor safety Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley, that paragraph 'g', under the heading of 6: Documentation on page 2 of the Rules be changed to read "*Competitors must have completed at least 20 jumps in the last 3 months and must have a competency endorsement by a FF2 Coach*". With this amendment the committee approved the rules for Speed Skydiving.

Carried Unanimously, Action: BPA Office

17.1.3 Canopy Formation

With a minor amendment the committee approved the CF rules, on confirmation from the Judges Coordinator.

Approved

17.1.4 Canopy Piloting

There were no requests for amendments. On confirmation of the Judges Coordinator the committee approved the rules.

Approved

17.1.5 Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving

As Kate Charters had received and approved these rules Ian Marshall proposed that these rules be approved. Seconded by Paul Moore.

Carried Unanimously

17.1.6 8-Way

Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that the rules for 8-Way Speed be approved with Judges Coordinator confirmation.

Approved

17.1.7 Classics Style and Accuracy

Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that the Classics rules be approved on confirmation from the Judges Coordinator.

Approved

17.1.8 Artistics

After discussion on selection criteria the committee approved the Artistics rules, on confirmation from the Judges Coordinator.

Approved

17.2 GP Rules

The draft rules were circulated and there were no requests for variations therefore the Committee approved the GP rules for publication.

Approved

17.3 Any other domestic competitions issues for 2011

James Swallow raised points from the rules regarding Pool Videographers, and re-jumps as he felt there was a contradiction in the rules. Liz Warner confirmed that Pool Videographers are judged as part of the team. Steve Saunders confirmed that it was not unreasonable to ask the Pool Cameraperson or the relevant team to pay and register as this payment goes towards the DZ, BPA and British Team Fund. The Pool Cameraperson was also entitled to a medal.

Regarding re-jumps, Liz confirmed that the only definite rule concerned meteorological conditions. It was acknowledged that the rules were not simple or easy to digest, however Competitions Committee felt it was very important for its rules to mirror FAI rules as far as possible.

James then commented on equipment maintenance and the rules covering it. The discussion highlighted that, between the varying disciplines, rules were not always to standard wording, again due to mirroring of FAI rules. James Swallow asked if this could be addressed and it was agreed this would need to be put to FAI at Bureau level so would refer to John Smyth, IPC Delegate.

Action: Chair – John Smyth

18/11 International Competitions 2011-05-03

18.1 8th World Cup & 7th European Championships Artistics and 17th World Cup & 10th European Championships FS. 1-7 August 2011 Saarlouis, Germany

18.1.1 List of Competitors

The BPA office had received a list of FS competitors and some Artistics teams were still undecided as to their ability to accept the invitation to attend. Weed Stoodley, as Artistics Rep, would forward the names of those wishing to attend to the BPA Office in order for the invitations and contracts to be sent out.

Action: Artistics Rep – BPA Office

18.1.2 Head of Delegation

Paul Moore, as he was unable to act as Head of Delegation on this occasion, proposed, due to their experience, that a former competitor such as Andy Scott, Liz Matthews and Ian Matthews be asked to act as Head of Delegation. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

Carried Unanimously, Action: Chair

Consideration was also given to Ash Kemp and John Horne.

18.2 6th FAI World Cup & 2nd European Championships CP 22-27 Aug. Klatovy 2011, Czech Republic

Paul Moore and Martin Reynolds suggested options for the Selection Criteria including creating a CP National League, past history and keeping the Nationals as a benchmark. Paul Moore and Martin Reynolds were to discuss and agree selection criteria format for the CP World Cup for discussion at the next committee meeting on 21 June.

Action: CP Discipline & Technical Reps

Paul Moore voiced concern that it was uncertain whether the 2012 CP Nationals would be held at RAPA and that the committee may need to consider an alternative. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

Agenda - next meeting

18.3 Delegation Uniform

Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall that the BPA Office look through the previous uniform orders and place a bulk order from Workstuff Ltd in order to be in good time for the forthcoming international events.

Carried Unanimously, Action: BPA Office

18.4 13th World Para Ski Championships 2011, Gosau, Austria

Steve Saunders confirmed that Ray Back had been allowed to compete after taking part in qualifying jumps before Meet Director Henry Wiggins. Ray placed 60th in the Accuracy discipline, 43rd in slalom, achieving an Overall placing of 58th.

18.5 ESL Finals 2011 16-17 September, Texel The Netherlands

Liz Warner confirmed that Bob Charters was the nominated judge attending the event, and that there was no judge at a lower level who would benefit from the experience. As the committee had discussed, at its previous meeting, funding the travel expenses of a judge looking to gain experience, Weed Stoodley therefore proposed that if the nominated judge was not funded by the organiser the BPA would grant funds, capped at £150, for travel expenses. Seconded by Paul Moore.

Carried unanimously

19/11 Competitions Budget

The BPA Financial Administrator confirmed that all outstanding payments to the British Team Fund had now been received. In order to stop the problem recurring Paul Moore proposed that the Chief Judge of the event contact the event hosting centre for written verification of number of entries and jumps within 48 hours after the event. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

Judges expenses had been claimed however this highlighted the issue that they had not been signed off by the Committee Chair as was procedure. The Chair would reiterate to the BPA Financial Administrator that all invoices/expenses claims concerning the competitions budget must be put to the Chair before being paid.

Action: Chair

Weed was unable to comment further on the budget as she did not have the latest data to hand. However she would email the committee when she had the new figures.

Action: Weed Stoodley

[note: Weed has since received the updated data which she has circulated to all Competitions committee via email]

20/11 Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 see appendix i

All current targets were on track. However Target 7 – Team skills seminars for Junior Teams could not be achieved as the seminars available would be of no benefit to the teams.

Martin Reynolds left the meeting at 1630.

21/11 Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 see draft appendix ii

Ongoing targets for the 2011-12 plan:

1. World Class Performance
2. Coaching Roadshow Events (subject to Members Survey)
3. Judging Team
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements

5. Delegation Uniform

As discussed at the previous meeting the committee were to conduct a survey to ascertain the costs of running a National event. This would be reflected in the Action Plan as Target 6. Paul Moore was tasked with drafting a survey or wording to put to the centres to ask for feedback regarding auxiliary costs such as equipment, Judges etc.

Action: Paul Moore

22/11 **Judging Matters not already covered**

22.1 Criteria for gaining National rating

There had been no further movement with the creation of the form at this time.

Ongoing

22.2 Judges Training Seminar

Liz Warner, reporting on behalf of Kate Charters, stated that the seminar on 5-6 March at Headcorn Parachute Centre had been well attended and all benefitted from the attendance of Elisabet Petterson.

22.3 Judges Uniform

The BPA Financial Administrator had received an invoice from Brilliant Embroidery for 3 Judges jackets however the BPA office was not aware that an order had been placed. The committee reiterated that all BPA uniform orders should be placed by the BPA office and that all invoices whether for uniform or judges training, must be signed off by the committee Chair. Liz Warner reported that there was a need to re-order Judges T-shirts however had not been given a quantity. Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that subject to quantity, t-shirts be ordered by the BPA office for all judges.

Carried unanimously, Action: Liz Warner, BPA Office

22.4 Free Judges Membership

The consensus of the meeting was that criteria for gaining free membership should be made clear as it was not readily known. The current criteria may need updating to allow for the disciplines that currently only held one National competition a year as the judges currency requirement to judge three Nationals competitions in a two year period rule came about before Artistics and CP.

Action: Judges Coordinator

The committee was not aware of which judges to have been awarded free membership for the 2011-12 membership year, and the criterion each had been based on. However, Helen Lucas was aware that Membership Services had been sent a list for their admin purposes and would locate the list to forward it to committee.

Action: BPA Office

22.6 FAI Judges Training Seminar – CP Nationals, 7-9 July 2011, RAPA

Liz added further that Kate Charters would be hosting a CP training seminar for those judges wishing to gain their FAI rating. 2 BPA judges would be attending, also 4 German and 1 French judge.

22.5 Judges attending FS & Artistics Nationals 2011

James Swallow asked the committee for clarity to the number and names of the judges that would be in attendance at Target Skysports. Liz Warner confirmed that there were definitely 3, one of which was Alia Ananina. The committee were surprised to hear this as they understood that Kate Charters had confirmed all judges and potential travel and accommodation costs etc. They would ask that Kate Charters communicate to Target Skysports the judges that would be attending the competition as both Target and the committee needed to be aware of the costs involved.

Action: Judges Coordinator

It was noted that Alia Ananina would require an invitation for visa requirements, and on confirmation of travel dates and accommodation the BPA office would send the invitation by courier.

Action: BPA Office

22.6 Trainee Judges Expenses

Clarity was required as to whether trainee judges were permitted to claim for their travel and subsistence before or in retrospect of gaining a rating.

Judges Coordinator – next meeting

23/11 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21 June 2011 at 1300 BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester.
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The meeting closed at 1730.

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Appendix i

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 10 to 30 June 11

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2010 double medal winning performance	2012 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Invest with funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2010/11	£28000
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2010 Supported events	2011 Continued support of events	Jul 2011 Ongoing for 2012	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£8000
3. Judging Team	2010 UK pool of 17 Judges	2011 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2011 Ongoing for 2012	<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 events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings 	£8000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2010 Current holding	2011 Equipment stock in line with 2010 IPC changes	Jul 2011 Ongoing for 2012	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£5000
5. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams/competitors	2010 Not available Off year	2011 Coaching support	Jul 2011 On track	Coaching support for National Champion 2010 teams of all disciplines aspiring and/or moving to progress to higher event	£6000
6. Delegation Uniform	2010 Delegation uniform	2011 Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2011 Ongoing for 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design • Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges • Supply Jackets, trousers & polo shirts 	£5000*
7. Team skills seminars for Junior teams	2010 No team seminars	2011 Team seminars	Jul 2011 Not achieved	Use of 'Coach the Coach' format. Programme honed to skills sets for teams	£2000**
<p>*Target 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund **Target 7: Unused element of funds for the Loughborough Coach the Coach seminars</p>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 11 to 30 June 12

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2011 double medal winning performance	2012 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011	tbc
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2011 Supported events	2012 Continued support of events	Jul 2012	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	tbc
3. Judging Team	2011 UK pool of 21 Judges	2012 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2012	<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 events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings 	tbc
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2011 Current holding	2012 Equipment stock in line with 2010 IPC changes	Jul 2012	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	tbc
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6. Survey of Competition running costs	2011 At no cost to BPA	2012 Informed position of 'at no cost to BPA'	Jul 2012	To ascertain the costs involved in running a Nationals Competition	£500
*Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund					



Competitions dates 2011 (as at 10 January 2011)

British Open Nationals 2011

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 17 - Sun 19 June 2011
Canopy Piloting	RAPA	Thurs 7 – Sat 9 July 2011
Canopy Formation	APA, Netheravon	Sat 24 – Mon 26 Sept 2011 Reserve: Fri 30 Sep – Sun 2 Oct 2011
8-Way Speed	NLSC, Chatteris	Sat 3 - Sun 4 Sept 2011
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 13 - Mon 15 August 2011 8-way, 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 20 - Mon 22 August 2011 8-way reserve: Sat 27 - Mon 29 August 2011
Artistic, Speed Skydiving		Sat 20 - Mon 22 August 2011 Reserve: Sat 27 - Mon 29 August 2011

UKSL & Grand Prix 2011

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 7 – Sun 8 May 2011
GP Canopy Formation	BPS, Langar	Sat 6 - Sun 7 August 2011
UKSL FS 4-way	APA, Netheravon	Sat 7 - Sun 8 May 2011
UKSL FS 4-way	BPS, Langar	Sat 11 - Sun 12 June 2011
UKSL FS 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 16 - Sun 17 July 2011