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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 21 June 2011 at 1300

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

Present:	Steve Saunders	-	Chairman
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP, to item 32
Observers	Dougie Peacock		to item 26.1

Item Minute

24/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2011 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

25/11 Matters Arising

25.1 Sale of outdated equipment (min 16.3)

Ian Marshall had catalogued the outdated or broken parachuting and judging equipment to be offered for sale. Pete Sizer had since returned more equipment that was no longer usable or complete. Whilst some of the equipment may have no value as spare parts there was some value in the transportation boxes the equipment was packed in. Photos had been received by both the office and Competitions Chair that could be uploaded onto the website or e-newsletter so all members would have an opportunity to bid for the items if this was deemed appropriate by Council.

Recommend to Council

Paul Moore proposed that any funds raised by the sale should be returned into the BPA General Funds. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

Carried Unanimously

25.1.1 Stolen equipment

Paul Moore was unhappy to also report the theft of the Blower and Generator unit from Peterlee at the Classic Nationals 17-19 June 2011. After the Police and Forensics had completed their tasks the competition was able to carry on with the use of the centres own crash mats and the rest of the judging equipment as this had been safely stored. Paul Moore would forward to the BPA office the Crime Reference Number for the insurance claim.

Action: Paul Moore

[note: The BPA office had received the Crime Reference number on 22 June which had been forwarded to the Secretary-General]

Funds for replacing the stolen equipment would come from Target 4 of the 2011-12 Action Plan should a blower and generator be required for this year. Weed Stoodley suggested an action of writing to Andy Houston that, irrelevant of the insurance coverage, he must be more diligent with the equipment in his care and to ensure its safe keeping.

Action: Discipline Rep - Classics

Peterlee had kindly offered to house the Tuffet on a temporary basis at the centre. The committee thanked Peterlee and gratefully accepted their offer.

25.2 Variance in FAI rules (min 17.3)

Kate Charters reiterated that due to variance with the FAI competition rules within the various parachuting disciplines these variations would also be apparent in the BPA rules as these are adapted from the FAI rules. However, each protest by a competitor at an event must be looked upon on its own merit. Any suggested changes by the BPA to the FAI rules that may lessen any variance between the disciplines must be brought to IPC by the UK Delegate John Smyth. Any changes suggested at this time will then be discussed at IPC for next season's FAI rules.

Action: Chair – John Smyth

25.3 Visa support for Alia Ananina (22.5)

To note that the BPA did not need to provide visa support for Alia as she had obtained her Visa to attend a previous non-BPA competition and this would also cover her for judging at the British Open Nationals in Artistics.

25.5 Any other matters arising not covered on the agenda

25.1.1 Monitor quality for judging purposes (min 16.4)

Kate Charters had since spoken to James Swallow of Target Skysports, advising that all judging monitors should be of the same quality. Target advised Kate that they now had plenty of monitors.

26/11 Domestic Competitions 2011 - completed

26.1 GP Accuracy 7-8 May, Headcorn

The results had been sent to the BPA and posted on the BPA website. It was reported the senior event was called on 5 rounds as the weather forecast for the Sunday was not good. 2 people had withdrawn and a 6th round would not have affected the medal positions. Ruth Cooper, assisted by Pete Sizer, scored the remaining Intermediate and Junior parachutists that did complete round 6 on the Sunday.

Weed Stoodley said that at some Meets there appeared to be a time when to be occasions when competitors were making decisions as to the completion of a competition, when it should be the rules as written that prevail. Kate Charters agreed this must not be the case and judges were aware that the competition is as stated and unless the DZ and Chief Judge agree that due to bad weather the Meet cannot continue it is not the competitors place to call the Meet. Should a competitor wish to leave before the Meet is complete then they can officially withdraw or be disqualified however they would not be given permission to leave. Kate Charters would emphasise this to the Judges at the next judges training seminar.

Dougie Peacock left the meeting.

26.2 UKSL FS 4-Way 7-8 May, APA Netheravon

The results had been sent to the BPA and were available on the BPA website. 17 teams competed and despite the worsening weather all six rounds had been completed. The APA staff had communicated well with the competitors regarding weather holds and gaps. The committee extended its thanks to the competitors and the APA for hosting a well run, successful event.

26.3 UKSL FS 4-Way 11-12 June, BPS Langar

The BPA office had received the results which had been posted on to the BPA website. 21 teams registered and, despite poor weather, 5 rounds were completed on Saturday. Worse weather conditions on the Sunday meant that the team captains were given the option of either reducing the exit altitude and working time to 7,200ft and 20 seconds or to wait until the afternoon in case the weather improved. With the agreement of the Team Captains the new exit altitude and working time was tried however the rain came in after three teams had

completed their round 6 jump. After a discussion with the hosts and pilots the competition was called on 5 rounds.

The Committee expressed its thanks to the competitors and Langar for their willingness to complete the event in spite of the worsening weather.

26.4 British Open Nationals Classics, 17-19 June, Peterlee

Six competitors had registered for the event. Whilst not as many competitors as was hoped for, was still a fun event for those involved who thanked the centre for their support and assistance.

27/11 Domestic Competitions 2011 – yet to be completed

27.1 British Open Nationals CP 7-9 Jul, RAPA

Preparations were underway and there were no issues.

The committee reiterated its offer of a capped payment of £500 towards the equipment on production of a receipt for costs from RAPA or the German Association.

27.2 UKSL FS 4-Way 16-17 July, Target Skysports

Kate Charters reported that Target were now aware of the Judges involved and that there would be 2 panels of 3 judges which would include Alia Ananina and Elisabet Petterson. Kate Charters would forward the list of Judges to the BPA office for circulation to the committee.

Action: Judges Coordinator

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

There were no issues at this time.

27.4 British Open Nationals CF 24-26 Sep, APA Netheravon

Kate Charters reported that all judging equipment was in place.

Clarity was required as to the dispensation against the local S.O.P of the mandatory use of AADs as this may restrict a number of competitors from entering. Steve Saunders would continue to contact Netheravon as to whether a dispensation against the use of AADs was in place.

Action: Chair

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

Simon Brentford had hosted a Speed coaching/have-a-go session at the centre and had the pro-tracks to take to the event. Michael highlighted that he required a laptop for downloading the information as he was unable to use the one originally loaned to him. The Chair informed Michael that the centre must put in Form 163: Competition Requirements, in good time when the need arose for equipment. Michael also reported that he had enough batteries for now but would require more in the future. The Chair suggested that should more be required after the competition then an application must be made to committee. Michael required further training on the use of the computer software and Kate Charters offered to assist him.

28/11 British Open Nationals 2012 – Canopy Piloting

The committee was now exploring possible alternatives as it was unlikely that RAPA would be able to host the Nationals in 2012. The committee considered a number of suggestions including

- Possible use of a lake at South Cerney
- A UK centre building a pond
- Use of a pond at an overseas venue
- Possible qualifying event in conjunction with another country

Each of these suggestions had merits and disadvantages. Paul Moore proposed contacting the BPA affiliated centres with some working criteria to ask, irrespective of them wanting to host the CP Nationals 2012, if they could suggest an area within a 5 mile radius of their centre that would be suitable for consideration. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Action: Discipline Rep - CP

29/11 International Competitions 2011-05-03

29.1 Delegation Uniform

The BPA office showed the committee a one-size only t-shirt which was deemed suitable for our female competitors until a more suitable replacement could be found.

Action: BPA Office

29.2 8th World Cup & 7th European Championships Artistics and 17th World Cup & 10th European Championships FS. 1-7 August 2011 Saarlouis, Germany

28.2.1 List of Competitors

Attending the event would be

FS 4-Way Open – Escondido, SoniNutz & Unagi

FS 4-Way Womens – Bodyflight Aerodyne

FS 8-Way – Brit Chicks

Freefly – Kinetic

Freestyle – Airkix Freestyle

Euphoria (Freefly) had been registered for the event but were unable to confirm their attendance due to work commitments. The organisers had been informed and would accept their fees at a later date. Teams The Bad Lieutenants (VFS) and The Italian Job (Freestyle) had not yet confirmed their attendance.

[note: Italian Job informed the office via email on 25/6/11 that they were unable to attend]

Satori (FS) and Army Nemesis (FS) were unable to attend. The committee wished Marcus Speed of Army Nemesis a speedy recovery.

29.2.2 Head of Delegation

This item was held in camera with all non-voting committee members and observers leaving the room.

A list of possible Heads of Delegation had been put to Council at its previous meeting, to which Council had asked that the name addition of John Smyth be added. On further discussion should John Smyth be unavailable Ash Kemp would be recommended to Council for the Head of Delegation role.

Recommend to Council

The meeting then resumed in open session.

29.3 6th FAI World Cup & 2nd European Championships CP 22-27 Aug. Klatovy 2011, Czech Republic

29.3.1 List of Competitors

The list of those who had been included on the Preliminary Registration were Martin Reynolds, Sean Sutcliffe, Stuart Meacock, Wez Westley, Matt Sweeney, Stuart Storey, Kieron Hayes, Simon Larcombe, Spencer Hogg, Deane Smith, Alastair Macartney and Brian Vacher.

Ian Marshall proposed that invitations were to be sent out to the competitors in order for them to confirm their places by Monday 4 July or their place would be offered to another. Seconded by Paul Moore.

Carried unanimously, Action: Discipline Rep - CP

29.3.2 Head of Delegation

Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that the Chair recommend to Council, that Kate Charters be invited.

Carried unanimously, Recommend to Council

29.4 6th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Championships 18-28 Aug, Kikinda, Serbia

At this time the BPA office were aware that Glenn Stephenson and Jeff Chandler would not be attending. Ian Marshall would contact the Nationals Champions as to whether they will be attending and to reply by Monday 27 June.

Action: Discipline Rep –Classics

29.5 3rd Dubai International Parachuting Championships & Gulf Cup 29 Nov-10 Dec, Dubai

Competitors for this event were not registered by the BPA however the NGB must nominate the teams eligible for the cash prizes. Discussion centred on how the committee may be able to select the teams and the consensus of the meeting was that selection could be based on rankings of the 2011 Nationals.

30/11 Competitions Budget & Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

All spends had been well within the budgets in the Action Plan.

31/11 Budget & Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 see appendix i

The final fund total was at this time unknown however the committee were able to provisionally allocate to some of the budgets.

Richard Head proposed that, in light of the Members Questionnaire results showing that teams were not always aware of coaching support for National non-senior teams when moving up to a higher event, rather than have as a bi-annual target, but to retain the target annually. This was seconded by Weed Stoodley. The vote was For: 2 Against: 2. The Chair, after consideration used his vote Against the proposal.

Not carried

The committee commended Richard's enthusiasm but it was felt that it could not be budgeted for at present due to the current survey of Nationals costs and the effects this may have on competitions budget for 2012.

32/11 2-Way VFS trial at Artistics Nationals 2011

This item was brought forward from A.O.B as Martin Reynolds wished to leave.

An email had been received from James Swallow of Target Skysports who wished to trial 2-Way VFS at the forthcoming Artistics Nationals and required feedback from the committee.

The Chair stated that it was an 'in-house' trial that would be ran at the same time as the Nationals and that it would be held at the discretion of the centre. Weed Stoodley raised concerns that the Nationals may lose competitors to the trial and that on the bid form it states that other events must not clash or restrict the Nationals. The Chair confirmed that the centre had been told that the Nationals must come first and that it must be at no cost to the BPA.

Martin Reynolds then left the meeting.

33/11 Skills Coaching Roadshows

Weed reported that 2 Artistic roadshows had been rescheduled. Also there were no coaches available for Peterlee. Turnout for the Black Knights had been good but had been weathered out. Unfortunately there had been no jumps performed but people had stayed to receive coaching on the ground.

Richard Head stated that 1 FS roadshow had been cancelled as the plane required repair. A roadshow at Black Knights had been very successful and that this year attendance at FS roadshows had improved.

Following an email from Martin Soulsby, Chair of Council, regarding a Speed roadshows. It was believed that BPA coaches must run BPA roadshows however there were no Speed coaches available. The committee made Michael Lovemore aware that should any BPA Speed roadshows be arranged in the future they must be brought to the committee to be sanctioned.

34/11 Judging Matters not already covered

34.1 Criteria for gaining National rating

Kate Charters and Weed Stoodley had been working on the form format for the criteria of how to become a BPA Judge and maintain a BPA Judges rating.

Ongoing

34.2 Judges Uniform

The 3 judges jackets had been ordered for Joanne Bell, Tracey Harrison and Jane Potter. The Chair reiterated to the Judges Coordinator that any order placed for uniform must be through the BPA office.

34.3 Free Judges Membership

As the criteria for gaining free membership was not readily available this stressed the need for an officially written document. As some discipline judges faced fewer competitions than was required and did the training they could remain current but still not be eligible for free membership it was believed changes must be made to the criteria, however any changes to the criteria must come from the committee. Judging tunnel events & non FAI events outside the UK would not count towards remaining current. The consensus of the meeting was that each should be judged on individual merit by Competitions committee and the Judges Coordinator. Therefore Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that judges' free membership be reviewed yearly by the Judges Coordinator and the Committee, to be judged

on individual merit depending on the discipline restricting them to attend possibly no more than one competition, on a pro-rata scale with the base mark of attending 3 competitions to be reviewed.

Carried unanimously

34.4 Trainee Judges Expenses

Clarity was sought as to when trainee judges were paid their expenses. It was widely believed that trainees did not receive expenses until they had qualified however this needed further discussion. Kate Charters suggested leaving the discussion until all competitions had been completed for this year. Paul Moore proposed that this item be brought to the Competitions meeting in February 2012. Seconded by Richard Head.

Carried unanimously

35/11 Any other business

35.1 Satori at ESL 2011

An email request for funding to attend the ESL at Texel, which had been forwarded to committee, had been received from Team Satori. As this was not an FAI event funding could not be made available.

35.2 Funding for Coaching

Correspondence had been received from a competitor regarding coaching funding. The committee reiterated that they will only receive the coaching funding after competing at the Nationals, at the next level, on production of a valid receipt.

35.3 Competitor Feedback – Classic Nationals 2011

Via email to committee competitors had raised points on the CP Nationals event including:

- The revised entry date of 3 June

Paul Moore, speaking on behalf of Peterlee, explained that, as of minute 5.7, the entry date had been set as a minimum number of competitors were required to make the competition viable. The date was publicised at the centre and was stated in the rules. Late entries were not publicised or accepted as this would not have been fair to those that had entered on time.

- Alleged mistakes within the Nationals rules

Kate Charters reiterated that the BPA Nationals rules were adapted from the FAI rules.

- Use of smaller plane

A smaller aircraft that carried 4 competitors had been used at the event. Paul Moore stated that had the individuals registered as teams then the DZ's larger aircraft would have been in use however as they had registered as individuals the larger aircraft was believed to have not been needed.

- Location of Style Trophy

Ian Marshall would attempt locating the trophy.

Action: Discipline Rep – Classics

Ian Marshall would write to the competitor on the above points.

Action: Discipline Rep - Classics

35.4 Offer of assistance at the World Cup, Saarlouis, Germany

Jo Burns, an accompanying person, had offered her assistance to the Head of Delegation at this event. The committee thanked her for her kind offer.

34/11 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16 August 2011 at 1300 BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1742.

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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	£6000
3. Judging Team	2011 UK pool of 20 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 UK events • Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings 	£10,000
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	£8000
5. Delegation Uniform	2011 Delegation uniform	2012 Continued issue of uniform	Jul 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*
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