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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 1300

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

Present:	Steve Saunders	-	Chair
	Karen Bain	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Mark Skarratts	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: Arts & VFS
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Mike Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed (from item 47.1)
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Soulsby	-	Chair, Council (from item 49.2)
Observe	James Swallow		
Apologies for absence	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
	Nick McMahon		
	Jason Snailham		

Item Minute

46/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2012 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

Noted

47/12 Matters arising from the minutes

47.1 Page 4, min 39.2.2 – Accuracy Equipment

Texair had presented a quote of £302.47 for a generator to power the judging and scoring equipment. After discussion the committee asked that the Discipline Rep ask Texair to make the purchase, to send the invoice and relevant documents, for insurance purposes, to the BPA office and to kindly store with the rest of the Accuracy equipment.

Action: Discipline Rep - Accuracy

47.2 Page 1, min 35.1 – Texair Contract Renewal

The committee had been provided with the new draft contract and highlighted areas that required amendment to:

- Daily subsistence allowance for 1 person
- Full BPA Membership
- BPA ownership of certain equipment
- Clarity to length of contract and competitions covered

Paul Moore proposed that the contract be sent back to Texair, with the suggested amendments and for clarity of the contract length so all competitions would be covered.

Seconded by Karen Bain.

Action: Discipline Rep - Accuracy

48/12 Domestic Competitions 2012 – completed

48.1 British Open Nationals

48.1.1 FS 8-way, Artistic & Speed Skydiving, Target Skysports, 18-20 Aug 2012

The event had been enjoyable, with FS 8-way maintaining a high standard, Speed well attended however there were some issues with the Speed judging equipment (item 48.1.3 refers).

Elisabet Pettersson had attended the FAI Artistics Judges Training camp, held in tandem with the competition, and the committee congratulated Weed Stoodley, Liz Warner and Kate Charters on gaining their FAI Artistics judges rating.

48.1.2 CF, 8-way Speed & Classics (accuracy only) UK Para, Sibson, 8-9 Sept 2012

After problems with the manifest leaving 1 jumper 2 rounds behind the event settled into an enjoyable competition with CF seeing 7 participants with 3 rookie jumpers.

Following correspondence from the Accuracy competitors there was confusion as to whom had won the National Accuracy Champion Trophy. Kate Charters stated that Esther Reynolds had achieved the Trophy, as determined by the 2012 Rules & Technical Conditions for Accuracy Landings, Para 6.

Ian Marshall proposed that as the other trophies were becoming damaged that a new, gender neutral, National Champion Accuracy Trophy be sourced. This was seconded by Weed Stoodley. The Classics Discipline Rep consented to sourcing and informing the committee of costing.

Carried unanimously, Action Discipline Rep - Classics

48.1.3 Equipment Issues

48.1.3.1 Protracks – Speed Skydiving

Simon Brentford had tested the Protracks as some would not download as expected (item 39.2.1 refers) and it was believe to be a software incompatibility issue. Mike Lovemore would contact the manufacturers for assistance on righting the problem. Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Mark Skarratts that should any costs be quoted that the quote be sent to the committee via email for agreement.

Carried, Action: Discipline Rep - Speed

48.1.3.2 General Issues

A number of issues:

- Monitor and screens not being at an event
- Miscommunication of the Tuffet location
- Hire or borrow of essential equipment

highlighted the need of liaison between the relevant parties to get the equipment to the centres in a timely fashion.

49/12 International Competitions - completed

49.1 ESL 2012

8 teams had attended, in Rookie, A & AA classes, and came 3rd in the league. Belgium won and a good time was had by all.

49.2 18th FAI World Cup & 11th European Championships FS and 9th FAI World Cup & 8th European Championships Artistics. Prostejov, Czech Rep 26 Aug – 2 Sep 2012

Kate Charters, as Head of Delegation, reported that although there had been a few issues with accommodation, the delegation had enjoyed the competition and had been excellent representatives of Great Britain. In FS Satori had achieved Bronze in both the World Cup and European Championship, Quagis 8th in the World Cup. Euphoria, in Freely, had placed 4th in World Cup and Bronze in European Championships. Freestyle Euphoria had achieved Bronze in the World Cup, and Silver in the European Championships. The committee congratulated all those who had attended.

Both Kate and the BPA office noted that the original Bulletin 2 had been changed on the official website, without notification of changes made to the NGBs, the most significant change was that transportation to and from the airport was no longer included in the fee, but rather was charged for at the time, resulting in the delegation hiring cars.

50/12 Domestic Competitions 2012 – yet to be completed

50.1 FAI World Parachuting Championships, 28 Nov-9 Dec 2012, Dubai

50.1.1 Team Changes

CP The committee noted that Stuart Storey was unable to attend and that Wez Westley, who met the criteria, had accepted the invitation. ***Noted***

Bodyflight (FS 4-way Womans) The Bradley sisters were unable to attend. A request to the committee from Team Leader Sarah Cannon asked that Laura McLelland and Helen Arnold take their places. After due discussion Richard Head proposed that the committee accept the team with the new members. This was seconded by Weed Stoodley. ***Carried Unanimously***

Freestyle Freestyle 99 would not be able to attend and Euphoria Freestyle were awaiting confirmation. The committee noted that at this time there was no mention of late fees in Bulletin 1 and set a date of 31 October for Euphoria Freestyle to notify the BPA office of their attendance.

50.1.2 Request for further funding – Satori

An email from Satori, distributed to committee before the meeting, requested further funding as they believed in order to move forward as a team they now required a Coach. After due discussion Paul Moore proposed that as all funding had been allocated their request could not be met at this time and believed that it would be of no benefit to performance at Mondial 2012 as the competition was so close. Seconded by Ian Marshall. For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (Karen Bain)

Carried, Action - Chair

50.1.3 Paraski Demo Event

Jason Snailham, who had wished to participate, was now no longer able to attend.

Noted

50.1.4 Team GB T-shirts – Olympic Lion Head design

Martin Soulsby reported that no feedback had been received, therefore the 'old' design of delegation t-shirts would be worn.

50.1.5 Sponsored GB Tent

Those wishing to present sponsorship ideas would be required to approach the organisers direct as it was beyond the BPA's remit.

50.1.6 Delegation Insurance

On issuance of the Certificate of Insurance there had been a number of queries raised which had been forwarded to Jelf Manson as brokers. The BPA office had received no reply at this time.

51/12 Domestic Competitions 2013 – Bid forms for 2013 meets

51.1 Issuance of completed bid forms to committee via email

The item was deferred from the previous meeting.

The committee discussed the benefits and disadvantages of issuing the completed bid forms via email and the following points were raised

- Commercial confidentiality
- Trust of committee members
- Return date set with no possible changes to bid information after that date
- Efficient and in-depth consideration of each individual bid
- Information on form considered alongside previous knowledge
- Decision still to be made at the meeting
- Protection of the integrity of the Committee and of BPA

Richard Head proposed that the completed bid forms be circulated by the BPA office via Council e-post and post, with the cut-off date for completed bids to be returned to the office of 10 days before the next meeting, to allow the forms to be processed for postage/e-post.

Seconded by Mark Skarratts. The vote was For: 4 Against: 2 (Paul Moore & Ian Marshall)

Carried

Ian Marshall asked that his bid forms be tabled at the meeting as was historically the norm.

51.2 UKSL 2013 dates

Richard Head proposed that dates for UKSL be set at 11-12 May, 8-9 June and 13-14 July.

Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

Carried unanimously

The dates would be added to the bid forms to be circulated to all DZOs for completion and return to the office for discussion and decision at the December meeting.

Action: BPA Office

52/12 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

Weed Stoodley reported that all spends were within budget, and reminded the Discipline Reps of coaching support and to discuss with the teams they believed to be eligible.

53/12 Judging Matters not already covered

53.1 CF Results

The BPA office reported that they were not yet in receipt of the CF Nationals results. The Judges Coordinator would chase this up.

Action: Judges Coordinator

53.2 AGM Award List

Planning for the Awards Ceremony was underway and the BPA office required a comprehensive list of medallists and achievers.

Action: Judges Coordinator

53.3 Judges Currency for 2013 events and IPC Judges Nomination Form

The committee required Judges paperwork to be collated for presentation at the December meeting in order to confirm their currency plus eligibility to be nominated for International events and/or considered for free BPA membership as per previously agreed criterion.

Action: Judges Coordinator

54/12 Skills Coaching Roadshows

54.1 FS

The Discipline Rep reported that a roadshow was planned for Peterlee in the next 2 weeks.

54.2 CF

The Sibson roadshow had been well attended but due to inclement weather parachuting had only taken place for half of the day.

55/12 Any other business

55.1 AGM video footage

Discipline reps were requested to ask their teams to send competition/team footage, across all disciplines, to Mike Carpenter to compile for the AGM video.

Action: Discipline Reps

55.2 AGM Open Forums

The committee confirmed that their wish to have an open forum, typically 50 minutes, and the Judges open forum as 2 hours.

55.3 CF Coaching - complaint

Following a complaint email, circulated to the committee before the meeting, regarding CF coaching, the Chair stated that to teach CF the coach must be a BPA CF1 grade parachutist or equivalent as nominated by a CCI or Advanced Instructor, (BPA Ops Manual, Section 2, Para 6.5.1 refers). The Chair reiterated that personal issues amongst members were not a matter of the committee but hoped that both parties could come to a mutual understanding. The Chair would respond to the complainant.

Action: Chair

56/12 Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 December 2012 at a time to be confirmed at the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1710.

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 12 to 30 June 13

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2012 double medal winning performance	2013 Continued medal winning performance	Jun 2013 and on-going	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2012	£37000
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2012 Supported events	2013 Continued support of events	Jun 2013	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£6000
3. Judging Team	2012 UK pool of 20 Judges	2013 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jun 2013	<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 	£10000
4. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2012 Not available Off year	2013 Coaching support	Jun 2013	Coaching support for National Champion 2012 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 2012 • Have 75% of their team (flexibility for Artistic) • Compete in 2013 Nationals at a higher level 	£6000
5. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2012 Current holding	2013 Equipment stock in line with 2012 IPC changes	Jun 2013	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£8000
6. Delegation Uniform	2012 Delegation uniform	2013 Continued issue of uniform	Jun 2013	<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. Survey of Competition running costs	2012 At no cost to BPA	2013 Informed position of 'at no cost to BPA'	Jun 2013	To ascertain the costs involved in running a Nationals Competition	£500
**Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund					