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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	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: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
	Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	John Smyth MVO	-	Delegate to IPC
<b>Observers</b>	Dougie Peacock		
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP

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### Item Minute

#### 1/12 **Composition of the Competitions Committee**

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting immediately following the inaugural Council meeting for 2012 on AGM day, Saturday 28 January 2012.

Competitions Chairman	Steve Saunders (elected by the Council)
Classics Discipline Rep	Karen Bain
Canopy Formation Discipline Rep	Mark Skarratts
Artistic and VFS Discipline Rep	Weed Stoodley
Canopy Piloting Discipline Rep	Paul Moore
Formation Skydiving Discipline Rep	Richard Head

#### 1.1 **To elect a Vice Chair**

Paul Moore proposed that Ian Marshall be elected Vice Chair, in order to assist the new Discipline Reps in their roles. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 1.2 **To co-opt ex officio as non-voting members of the Committee**

The Committee agreed unanimously that the following should be co-opted as non-voting members of the Competitions Committee to carry out the roles listed:

Kate Charters	Judges' Co-ordinator
Proposed: Weed Stoodley. Seconded: Paul Moore.	
Mike Lovemore	Discipline Rep: Speed
Proposed: Richard Head. Seconded: Paul Moore.	

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### FAI World Cup Style & Accuracy 2013

The competition would be held in Grozny, Chechnya. At this time the Foreign Office website stated to not travel to the area. Unless the situation improved the BPA would be unable to send a delegation.

### Medal Policy

FAI medals would no longer be presented at International events. The new medals would be provided by IPC, would incorporate the FAI logo and be tailored to the host country.

## **4/12 International Competitions**

This item was brought forward to coincide with the IPC report.

### **4.1 FAI World Parachuting Championships, 28 Nov – 9 Dec 2012, Dubai**

Date amended after IPC Plenary Report.

#### **4.1.1 Amended Funding Bid – Satori**

An email from Team Satori had been circulated before the meeting regarding the teams attendance at the forthcoming Shamrock event, and had expressed an interest to represent the UK at the World Cup and European Championships and commitment to 1 coaching roadshow. The committee were disappointed that Satori had not submitted an amended funding bid with further roadshow commitments as requested. 3 proposals were made:

- 1) Weed Stoodley proposed that Satori fill 4 coaching slots spread over a minimum of 2 events. Seconded by Karen Bain. For: 1, Against: 5
- 2) Paul Moore counter proposed that Satori be asked to provide a minimum of 3 coaches to 3 events, 1 coach per event, to include at least 1 UKSL event and 1 Roadshow. Seconded by Ian Marshall. For: 3, Against: 3. **Carried**
- 3) Karen Bain counter-counter proposed that as the committee were looking for a commitment from Satori that both options be offered to give the team flexibility. Seconded by Weed Stoodley. For: 3, Against: 3

The Chair cast his vote in favour of the counter proposal by Paul Moore.

The Committee tasked Richard Head to contact Satori to inform them that the committee, whilst understanding the team's hesitation to how much they could commit to training, were disappointed with their hesitant commitment and didn't feel that it was fair that the committee had to chase and be put in the position of setting an amount. The committee required commitment in writing of the venues they would be attending before funding would be released.

**Action: Discipline Rep – FS**

#### **4.1.2 Head of Delegation and Team Manager/s**

John Smyth, during his IPC Report, had informed the Committee that as he was on the Jury he would not be able to attend as Head of Delegation and advised of the need for Team Managers, as the large delegation would require more organising. The managers would need to be on site with the competitors so in the view of a possible 3 PLAs and with approximately 70 competitors attending, Paul Moore proposed 3 team managers to cover each landing area. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried unanimously**

Ian Marshall proposed that Tony Butler (IPC Alternate Delegate) be asked to attend as Head of Delegation. Seconded by Richard Head. For: 3, Against: 2, Abstain: 1 (Mark Skarratts)

**Carried**

All nominations put forward met the criteria as having, in no particular order, WPC experience, FAI Judge, Council Member, Discipline Rep, past HoD experience. This item then moved in camera with all observers and those named left the room.

After due consideration the committee proposed 3 team managers to be:

- 1 Paul Moore. Proposed – Richard Head, Seconded – Karen Bain **Carried**
- 2 Ian Marshall. Proposed – Mark Skarratts, Seconded – Richard Head **Carried**
- 3 Weed Stoodley. Proposed – Karen Bain, Seconded – Richard Head **Carried**

Should Paul Moore be asked to attend as a Judge, Kate Charters would be asked to attend in his place.

All observers and those nominated returned to the meeting.

The committee would recommend to Council later that evening that Tony Butler would be asked to act as Head of Delegation. Should Tony decline then Martin Soulsby would then be invited. Also that Weed Stoodley, Ian Marshall and Paul Moore, should he not be attending as a judge, attend as Team Managers.

**Recommend to Council**

#### **4.1.3 Judges Attendance**

The list of proposed judges was available on the FAI website however those attending had not yet been decided by FAI.

#### **4.2 11<sup>th</sup> FAI Open European FS & Artistic Skydiving Championships 26 Aug-2Sep 2012**

As the IPC Report the event was now also a World Cup.

Richard Head reported that Team Satori and Team Bodyflight had expressed interest to attend FS 4-way Open and FS 4-way Womens respectively. For Artistics Weed stated that 2 Freely teams had expressed interest however no teams had come forward for VFS or Freestyle.

Richard Head proposed that Discipline Reps compile a list of any team that wishes to attend the now World Cup by the week before (10 Apr) the next Competitions Committee meeting.

**Carried Unanimously**

The Chair then thanked John Smyth who then left the meeting.

The Committee wished it to be noted that all enquiries regarding competing at competitions must be made the relevant Discipline Representative.

**Noted**

#### **4.3 ESL Final 2012**

To note that the final would be taking place on 7-9 September at Moorsele, Belgium.

**Noted**

### **5/12 Domestic Competitions 2012**

#### **5.1 Nationals – Classics bid forms**

After agreement by email the Style element of the event had been removed therefore the amended bid form needed to be re-issued to all centres, with a covering letter asking for a reply back within 2 weeks of issue in order for bids received to be circulated to Committee for discussion and selection via email. It was agreed that the bid re-issue would be circulated to all DZOs and CCIs via email.

**Action: BPA Office**

#### **5.2 Nationals – CP**

Paul Moore reported that unfortunately Dunkeswell would not be ready to host the Nationals this year however there was the possibility of using the pond for training later this year. RAPA would now be hosting the event. As the 2011 competition was combined with the German Nationals the equipment used was provided by the German organisation however this year our own scoring system would be required. The DZO of RAPA had indicated that the possible rule changes to the distance event may deem the competition unsafe and that under those rules the distance event may not go ahead. However the committee stated that the rules came from IPC and that they must be adhered to. Kate Charters explained the process of dealing with unsafe competitors which Paul Moore would feed back to RAPA. Paul Moore offered to approach Cametrix and Christian Wagner for costings and insurance implications for the use of each of their scoring systems.

**Action: Paul Moore**

The competition would be held on Friday 29 – Sunday 1 July 2012, with an official training day on Thursday 28 July.

#### **5.3 Grand Prix – Accuracy**

Skydive Headcorn was the only bidder. Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that this bid be accepted. See appendix ii for dates.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **5.4 Grand Prix – CF**

Skydive UK Ltd, Dunkeswell was the only bidder. Mark Skarratts proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that this bid be accepted. See appendix ii for dates.

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.5 Wingsuit competition – Netheravon**

A request for funding for an international judge to train BPA judges in Wingsuiting had been received by the Chair however there was discrepancy as to which judging systems would be used. IPC were not accepting wingsuiting as an IPC event at this time. Kate Charters would be attending the event in order to find more information. Richard Head proposed that, whilst the committee wished the event every success the committee cannot justify funding as not an IPC recognised discipline at this time. Seconded by Paul Moore.

**Carried unanimously**

The committee would consider a Wingsuiting Discipline Rep depending on the outcome of it becoming an IPC event.

### **5.6 Nationals & GP Rules**

The FAI rules were not yet available on the FAI website. The BPA office reiterated that the Discipline Reps must make any technical changes within the National and GP rules and that the BPA office will update the admin areas. Changes and new rules must be ready for presentation at the Competitions committee meeting in April.

**Action: Discipline Reps & BPA Office**

### **5.7 Judges/Training Judges attendance**

Kate Charters reported that a training seminar was agreed with Hibaldstow for the 3 March. In order to retain currency judges would be attending the Army competitions at Netheravon. Judges did not have to attend all week but just for their discipline if they so wished, and were not eligible to claim expenses.

Elisabet Petterson would be attending Hibaldstow for the FAI Artistic course and would be judging also. If the FAI Training Course goes ahead at Hibaldstow there was the possibility of opening the course to other international judges.

### **5.8 Any other domestic competition issues for 2012**

#### **5.8.1 Speed 8 & CF Nationals, UK Parachuting Sibson**

UK Para - Sibson wished to change the date from 8-9 Sept to 15-16 Sept. Richard Head proposed that this date be accepted. Seconded by Mark Skarratts.

**Carried unanimously**

**[Note:** This was subsequently discovered to have been a misunderstanding: UK Para Sibson did not wish to change the date, which remains as 8-9 Sept.]

#### **5.8.2 Issuance of bid forms**

Karen Bain suggested a more time effective process of issuing the bid form to the Committee by email. This item will be placed on the Competitions meeting agenda for the discussion at the August meeting.

**Agenda: August**

### **6/12 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 Jul 2011 – 30 June 2012** (see appendix i)

All targets were within budget and that some funds had been released to the funded teams. The committee noted, as the uniform was to cover 3 years, that all teams would require the full uniform. The BPA Shop did not supply the uniform at this time but the BPA office would be happy to supply the Shop with the uniform held at the office and the name of their supplier. Paul Moore proposed that the committee ask Craig Poxon, as Chair of Development, to approach the BPA Shop to supply the uniform. Seconded by Ian Marshall. For: 5, Against: 0, 1 abstention.

**Carried**

Richard Head proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that Paul Moore be reimbursed his expenses for subsistence and travel to Dunkeswell to inspect the swoop pond.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7/12 Competitions Action Plan Jul 2012 – 30 Jun2 2013**

Richard Head proposed a budget be set aside for coaching funding for non-senior teams that met the criteria for coaching funding of having won at Nationals in the previous year, have 75% of their team and are competing at Nationals the following year at a higher level. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried unanimously**

In order for the committee to consider targets for the Action Plan this item was deferred until the next meeting to be finalised and presented to Council.

**Action: All Committee**

**8/12 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

CF - Mark Skarratts would liaise with Hibaldstow and Sibson, and had received interest from Dunkeswell, Peterlee and Tilstock.

Speed - Mike Lovemore reported that he had roadshows at Sibson, Cark and Hibaldstow

**9/12 Judging Matters not already covered**

**9.1 Criteria for gaining and maintaining National rating**

The document would be presented to the committee at the next meeting for finalisation.

**Action: Next meeting**

**9.2 Free Judges Membership for 2012**

Kate Charters had circulated via email a list of those eligible for free membership how sought clarity and asked Kate to produce a list of the events the Judges listed had attended. The committee would accept the list but for future reference those listed must be accompanied with the attended competitions and dates.

**10/12 Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 17 April 2011 at 1300** BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1800.

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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  **Target 5: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</p>					



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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	RAPA	Sat 29 Jun – Sun 1 Jul 2012
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed	UK Parachuting, Sibson	Sat 15 – Sun 16 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	Headcorn	Sat 12 - Sun 13 May 2012
GP Canopy Formation	Skydive UK Ltd Dunkeswell	Sat 9 – Sun 10 June 2012
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