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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 17 April 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
Ian Marshall	-	Vice Chair
Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
Mark Skarratts	-	Discipline Rep: CF
Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS

In attendance:

Michael Lovemore	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary

Apologies for absence

Kate Charters	-	Judges Coordinator
Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP

Item Minute

11/12 Minutes

To note that the minutes of the 22 February meeting had been sent to Council for ratification at its meeting tonight.

Noted

In order to prevent delays in ratification of the minutes it was proposed by Mark Skarratts, seconded by Paul Moore, that the draft minutes be circulated to all Competitions Committee for comment, final approval by the Chair, before being sent to Council for ratification.

Carried unanimously

12/12 Matters arising from the minutes

12.1 Selection of Head of Delegation and Team Managers for the FAI World Parachuting Championships in Dubai

This item was held in camera, Mike Lovemore left the meeting.

The committee agreed that although the submitted CVs were not tabled the applicants were considered. The committee were confident that the correct procedure in selecting the officials had been followed and would report to Council that evening.

Report to Council

The office reminded the committee that unlike general and committee correspondence which is sent to all committee, correspondence 'for the attention of' was sent direct to the named person. At the request of that person, the correspondence could then be circulated or tabled at the meeting.

The meeting then resumed in open session.

13/12 Domestic Competitions 2012

13.1 Nationals Rules 2012

The Judges Coordinator, who was unable to attend the meeting, via email on 17 April expressed that on reading the rules she had no amendments.

13.1.1 FS

The FS Discipline Rep was unable to attend the meeting. The committee were happy with the rules as presented at the meeting but required confirmation of correct wording before the rules could be formally approved. The BPA office would email Richard to ask for confirmation or comment at the earliest opportunity.

Action: BPA Office

[note: Richard Head on 18/4/12, emailed his confirmation that all FS discipline rules were correct]

13.1.2 Speed Skydiving

Karen Bain, on behalf of host Target Skysports, noted an admin error with the competitor fees. The BPA office had been made aware of the error which had been rectified after the draft rules had been presented. Karen presented an addition to part 6G, which a competitor wished to be changed, to read "Competitor must have completed at least 20 jumps in the last 3 months and must have a competency endorsement by either a FF2 coach or person recognised by the Event Judge as having a good knowledge of Speed Skydiving". On discussion Weed Stoodley proposed to make the addition but with CCI replacing Event Judge. Seconded by Karen Bain.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.3 VFS

With no requests for amendments the committee approved the VFS rules.

Approved

13.1.4 Artistic

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Discipline Rep had been unable to work on the rules as hoped but stated that the rules as they stand so far were mirrored from the FAI rules and that they would be ready shortly.

To follow

13.1.5 8-way Speed

With no requests for amendments the committee approved the rules.

Approved

13.1.6 CP

The Discipline Rep reported that the technical section was almost complete however RAPA had not yet informed the Rep or BPA Office of the admin details such as costs. After comparing quotes for the 2 scoring systems Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that Christian Wagner's judging system be used.

Carried Unanimously

Some committee members had heard opinions that the new IPC rules may render the competition unsafe however IPC, following discussions with CP competitors at international events, had implemented changes that would make the distance event safer following serious incidents and injuries.

13.1.7 Accuracy

As the only bid received the committee accepted the bid from UK Para Sibson. See appendix iii for dates. The BPA office would forward the rules to the Discipline Rep.

Action: BPA Office

13.1.8 CF

The Discipline Rep had circulated, via email, proposed rule changes to the committee. Weed Stoodley proposed that the committee were happy for the CF Discipline Rep to move forward with the rule changes as sent via the email. Seconded by Karen Bain.

Carried unanimously

13.2 Grand Prix Rules 2012

13.2.1 UKSL FS 4-way

The committee accepted these rules on confirmation from the Discipline Rep.

13.2.2 Accuracy

These rules were accepted by committee.

Approved

14/12 International Competitions

14.1 18th FAI World Cup & 11th European Championships FS and 9th FAI World Cup & 8th European Championships Artistics. Prostějov, Czech Rep 26 Aug – 2 Sep 2012

The official bulletin was not yet released. 2 FS teams and 2 Artistics teams had shown interest in attending.

14.1.1 Head of Delegation and Team Manager/s

Karen Bain proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, to invite applications to be considered as Head of Delegation from those who had been HoD before; Council members; discipline reps; judges; and previous WPC competitors. Applications were to be sent to the BPA office for circulation to all committee, for consideration against the criteria and decision at the June meeting.

Carried unanimously, Recommend to Council

14.2 FAI World Parachuting Championships, 28 Nov – 9 Dec 2012, Dubai

The official bulletin had not yet been released. The minutes of the 2012 IPC meeting stated that the agreed number of Team Leaders/Coaches was 8 and that there were 3 slots for Medical Personnel. The committee agreed to recommend to Council that until the bulletin is released they would defer Officials composition until the next meeting.

Recommend to Council

14.3 Delegation Uniform

Samples of the Tour Collection t-shirts had been received from the BPA Shop, as requested via email on 4 April, however they had not received confirmation of further stock availability. The BPA office were aware that the Tour Collection t-shirts were no longer available from the suppliers and due to the potential difficulties this may cause, agreed to source a different style of Mens t-shirts and supply the teams for a further year.

Action: BPA Office

14.4 Parachute World Cup Series Accuracy, 8-10 June 2012 in Thalgau, Austria

John Smyth MVO, drew the committee's attention to the event via email. The event would be listed on the BPA website for those who may wish to attend to contact the BPA office. Expressions of interest would be circulated to the committee via email.

Action: BPA Office

15/12 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 Jul 2011 – 30 June 2012 (see appendix i)

Weed Stoodley informed the committee of the various drawdowns from the targets which were all within budget.

16/12 Competitions Action Plan Jul 2012 – 30 Jun2 2013 (see appendix ii)

The committee agreed that the previous targets would continue with the additional target of off-year coaching support, as agreed at the February meeting. Until the budget for the entire year was known the committee could not allocate funds to all targets at this time.

17/12 Skills Coaching Roadshows

Paul Moore reported that the FS roadshow arranged for 28-29 April at Peterlee may not go ahead as the coaches had cancelled at the last minute. Paul stated that he was disappointed as the roadshow had been requested over a year ago, which was not unreasonable, and the replacement date of 1-2 September was not acceptable. The BPA office would approach the FS Discipline Rep to ask if replacement coaches would be available for the previously agreed roadshow.

Action: BPA office

The Speed Discipline Rep requested use of the Protracks at a Speed coaching event as requested by Sibson. The committee agreed that use of the equipment was acceptable however the equipment should be signed in and out and only be used by competent persons.

18/12 Judging Matters not already covered

18.1 Criteria for gaining and maintaining Judges ratings

Karen Bain proposed that the forms were satisfactory as presented and that they be accepted by the committee. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Carried unanimously

18.2 Role Description of the BPA Judges Coordinator – Form 218

Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Mark Skarratts, that the updated form 218 be accepted.

Carried unanimously

19/12 Any other business

19.1 Wingsuiting – Jackie Harper

The BPA office wished to apologise for incorrectly reporting Jackie's surname on the agenda. The office circulated, via email, a request from Jackie Harper for BPA funding to support a Wingsuit competition. The request was for £500 to supplement raised funds and would be mainly used to meet judges costs at the event taking place at Netheravon, 4-7 May. Kate Charters would be attending the event to observe the judging with a view to expanding the BPA judging skills should the discipline be accepted by IPC. The committee agreed that as there was contention between the judging systems, the discipline was not yet recognised by IPC and that the meet was not a BPA event, the committee could not offer funding. The Chair would reply to Jackie to inform her of the committee's decision and to wish Jackie and the event the best of luck.

Action: Chair

20/12 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 1300 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 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	£72431*
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 • Supply of Judges Jackets & T-shirts 	£10,000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2011 Current holding	2012 Equipment stock in line with 2011 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
<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>					

DRAFT - Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 12 to 30 June 13

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4. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors	2012 Not available Off year	2013 Coaching support	Jul 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 Freestyle) • Compete in 2013 Nationals at a higher level 	tbc
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Competitions dates 2012 *(as at 14 May 2012)*

British Open Nationals 2012

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Canopy Piloting	RAPA	Fri 29 Jun – Sun 1 Jul 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
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed Classic – Accuracy Only	UK Parachuting, Sibson	Sat 8 – Sun 9 Sept 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