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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 1300**

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

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| <b>Present:</b>              | Steve Saunders   | - | Chair   |
|                              | Karen Bain       | - | Discipline Rep: Classics                            |
|                              | Richard Head     | - | Discipline Rep: FS                                  |
|                              | Paul Moore       | - | Discipline Rep: CP                                  |
| <b>In attendance:</b>        | Kate Charters    | - | Judges Coordinator                                  |
|                              | Helen Lucas      | - | Administration Secretary                            |
|                              | Martin Soulsby   | - | Chair, Council (to item 40)                         |
|                              | Liz Warner       | - | Deputy Judges Coordinator                           |
| <b>Observers</b>             | Liz Ashley       | - | Editor, Skydive The Mag (to item 37)                |
|                              | James Swallow    | - | Dropzone Operator – Target Skysports (to item 39.2) |
| <b>Apologies for absence</b> | Michael Lovemore | - | Discipline Rep: Speed                               |
|                              | Ian Marshall     | - | Vice Chair  |
|                              | Martin Reynolds  | - | Technical Rep: CP                                   |
|                              | Mark Skarratts   | - | Discipline Rep: CF                                  |
|                              | Weed Stoodley    | - | Discipline Rep: AE / VFS                            |

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### Item Minute

#### 34/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2012 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

**Noted**

#### 35/12 Matters arising from the minutes

##### 35.1 Page 2, min 25.3.2 – Texair Contract renewal

The committee, on return to the BPA office for Council later, would seek clarity from the BPA Financial Administrator as to whether the 2013 contract had been sent to Texair.

**Action: Committee**

##### 35.2 Appendix ii – Target ‘By’ dates to amend to ‘June 2013’ & Target 1: World Class Performance, to amend to ‘June 2013’ and on-going’

Martin Soulsby briefly explained that the amendments were required to keep the Action Plan in line for the plan year, to which the committee agreed.

**Action: BPA Office**

The committee noted that, as the Olympics had finished, it would be possible to apply again for funding from Sports Council. Such applications would be made by the BPA Office through Council.

**Noted**

### **35.3 Action Plan Budget Figures**

The allotted budgets, as agreed at the previous meeting, had not been included in the minutes. The BPA Office would amend.

**BPA Office**

### **36/12 International Competitions 2012**

This item was brought forward at the request of Martin Soulsby.

#### **36.1 18<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 11<sup>th</sup> European Championships FS and 9<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 8<sup>th</sup> European Championships Artistics. Prostějov, Czech Rep 26 Aug – 2 Sep 2012**

4 teams would be attending the event. 2 in FS 4-way Open: Satori and Quagis. 1 in Freely: Euphoria. 1 in Freestyle: Euphoria Freestyle. The BPA office would provide the Editor with the delegation composition for inclusion in Skydive the Mag.

**Action: BPA Office**

### **36.2 FAI World Parachuting Championships, 28 Nov-9 Dec 2012, Dubai**

#### **36.2.1 Team Coaches**

Bulletin 1 had since been released which now offered 3 spaces to the delegation for Team Coaches, which were to be offered to internationally accredited or recognised coaches. An email from Team *Brit Chicks*, circulated to Committee via email before the meeting, made a request for their Coach, Marco Arrigo, to accompany the team. After due consideration and discussion Richard Head proposed that Brit Chicks request be accepted in light of the new information available in Bulletin 1. He would attend at no cost to the BPA, and would be entitled to, and be expected to wear the GB Uniform at the correct times. Seconded by Karen Bain.

**Carried unanimously**

The delegation was aware of the 3 Coach slots and had been advised that they could apply to request a space for their coach.

#### **36.2.2 Accompanying Persons**

Bulletin 1 limited spaces for accompanying persons to 2. Minute 12.3 of the 21 February 2012 Council refers that others could go by themselves, rather than as part of the Official Delegation but they would not be entitled to the services as listed in the Bulletin. The committee were advised that the organisers only had to be notified of the accompanying persons in order for them to receive a pass on to the competition site. The committee considered a request, circulated via email before the meeting, for a family member to be considered for an accompanying persons space. Karen Bain proposed that they not be included as part of the Official delegation but that the committee advise and assist where possible. Richard Head seconded.

**Carried unanimously**

The BPA Office would write to the competitor to inform them of the committee's decision.

**Action: BPA Office**

Martin Soulsby reiterated the importance of sending the preliminary entry form in early to receive accommodation details to pass on to competitors should they wish to book in their families.

[note: Preliminary Entry form was sent 17 August 2012]

#### **36.2.3 Travel Insurance**

Jelf Manson had communicated with the office regarding the competitor insurance, email circulated to the committee before the meeting. Martin Soulsby would liaise with the BPA Office to advise.

**Action: Chair of Council, BPA Office**

[note: With thanks to Martin Soulsby the information as requested by Jelf Manson had been completed and returned on 21 Aug 2012]

#### **36.2.4 Head of Delegation/Team Manager roles**

Martin Soulsby, as Head of Delegation discussed the possible allocation of a Team Manager to each of the discipline landing sites. However until all sites were confirmed the committee could only envisage how this may be put into practice.

#### **36.2.5 Team GB T-shirts**

Martin Soulsby had approached the Olympic Committee to ask if it would be possible to use the 'Lion Head' design for the delegation t-shirts at the Dubai Mondial. It was possible that the design was copyrighted and that there may be cost issues but as yet no reply correspondence had been received.

The BPA office would devise a form to be sent to competitors for completion, signature and return to the office, to state that the competitor has read and understood the responsibilities of wearing the uniform at the correct times and that no sponsorship t-shirts can be worn on the podium or at the opening & closing ceremonies.

***Action: BPA Office***

#### **36.2.6 Sponsored GB Tent**

A request had been made to the Media Rep by a BPA member, concerning the member's company sponsoring a hospitality tent for the GB delegation. The committee believed that such sponsorship would need to be sanctioned by the organisers. The committee had not received a formal request via the committee secretary therefore the Chair would discuss the request with the member to say that the committee were not adverse to the sponsorship but required a better understanding of what was being offered.

***Action: Chair***

### **37/12 Competition Rules**

#### **37.1 Accuracy**

Following a query from a Judge the committee confirmed that the 2012 Nationals rules were correct as published.

### **38/12 Domestic Competitions 2012 - completed**

#### **38.1 British Open Nationals in CP, RAPA 29 Jun – 1 Jul 2012**

38 competitors, from 10 nations including USA and Japan had competed. The committee thanked the German Nationals organisers, who's Nationals had run in tandem, and RAPA for hosting a good competition.

Paul Moore would itemise the BPA owned judging equipment for cataloguing when returned to the UK.

Kate Charters stated that the travel and subsistence allowance had not covered 3 of the judges' expenses due to high fuel and ferry costs and as cheap flights were not available and in addition extra food costs as the centre had not provided catering until 1230 on the day of the competition with an extremely limited choice which had then ceased altogether when questioned of the food options. Kate stated that judges would be reluctant to attend such events in the future, and asked that the 3 judges receive some recompense from the Judges Budget. After due discussion Richard Head proposed that the 3 judges who had paid over and above the £100 subsistence allowance claim £150 through the usual Officials Expenses claim form. Seconded by Karen Bain. For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (Paul Moore)

***Carried***

Kate Charters thanked the committee. Kate added further that the CP judges had been invited to judge at the Italian Nationals, at no cost to the BPA, such was the internationally recognised standard of BPA Judges. As other BPA CP judges would be attending the British Open Nationals the same weekend in a different discipline, only Paul Moore and Richard Del-Toro were able to accept the invitation.

#### **38.2 British Open Nationals in FS & VFS, Target Skysports, 18 – 20 Aug 2012**

76 teams, including 3 international teams, had competed in the competition which was completed in 2 days. Karen Bain, speaking on behalf of the centre noted some minor issues

- More teams needed to register online, as less than half had pre-registered
- Bringing forward the registration date by a day or 2

- The need for more teams to bring a videographer as the Pool Videographers were stretched to the limit
- Manifest conflicts with competitors and videographers competing in more than one team

The committee discussed various solutions and asked the centre to consider the suggestions, and their own, to bring to the committee for further discussion. The Judges Coordinator also noted that some Rookie teams were scoring as high as 26 points, which would not usually be expected, and felt that in the spirit of the competition, and to encourage new less experienced teams, the scores should be capped. Also to note that the judge's team were 1 person short which caused frustration when any judges issues arose. Full details would be available in the Chief Judge's report when available.

**Action: Judges Coordinator**

The Committee thanked the centre for hosting the now internationally recognised event and overcoming the obstacles posed with such an unexpectedly large turnout, and the Judges for their continued hard work.

### **38.3 UKSL FS 4-way, NWPC, 14-15 Jul 2012**

16 teams attended a well ran and enjoyable competition. The NSL draw was not used as it had not been received by the Judges Coordinator. As there was no official procedure in place it was decided that the Discipline Rep should send the draw to both the Judges Coordinator and to the host centre.

## **39/12 Domestic Competitions 2012 – yet to be completed**

### **39.1 British Open Nationals**

#### **39.1.1 FS 8-way, Artistic & Speed Skydiving, Target Skysports, 18-20 Aug 2012**

Simon Brentford had emailed the committee with a request of an exemption from the 500 jump rule for Stephen Steward. Stephen had 2 CCI recommendations and was recommended by the acting Speed Rep. Richard Head proposed that the exemption be granted. Seconded by Paul Moore.

**Carried unanimously**

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

The tuffet, which was currently held at the BPA office, was to be collected by the Chair. The Accuracy overall trophy had been collected by Kate Charters.

### **39.2 Equipment**

#### **39.2.1 Pro-tracks**

Simon Brentford had reported an issue with the new pro-tracks, and that the programme may be corrupted. Simon had offered to jump with all the pro-tracks to ascertain which were working, and the manufacturers were currently in the process of sorting the issue.

#### **39.2.2 Accuracy equipment**

Funding had been set aside and a fan had been purchased however a suitable generator was still required. Karen Bain would contact Texair to ask Andy Houston to purchase a generator.

**Action: Discipline Rep – Classics**

Discussion moved on to the responsibilities of the repair, transporting and storage; between competition and on site, of the Texair and BPA equipment. The following points were raised

- BPA responsible for asking Texair to transport to competitions and store equipment between competitions
- Repairs to Texair equipment was currently at cost to Texair, and repairs to BPA equipment were at cost to the BPA
- DZ responsible for locking up and storing the BPA's equipment, at the competition, including the fan, scoring equipment and generator when purchased

**40/12 Domestic Competitions 2013 – Bid forms for 2013 meets**

**40.1 UKSL 2013**

The preferred dates for UKSL were every 4 weeks between May, June and July. Richard Head would liaise with Target Skysports to discuss FS & Artistics Nationals dates in order to arrange UKSL dates. Date was to be arranged by mid-September in order for the bid forms to be circulated.

**Action: Target Skysports, Discipline Rep – FS, BPA Office**

**40.2 Issuance of completed bid forms to Committee via email**

This item was deferred from the 21 February 2012 meeting. Item 5.8.2 refers.

Karen Bain had requested that the committee consider circulating the completed bid forms via email a day or 2 before the meeting to allow the committee more time to consider the bid proposed. The committee believed that some DZs may have an issue with email circulation as the forms held commercially sensitive information and confidentiality could not be ensured.

Karen Bain added further that criteria for choosing a host centre may assist the centre in completing the bid form. The committee believed that the discussion regarding bid forms would require the full committee so deferred this item until the next meeting.

**Deferred until next meeting**

**41/12 Budget and Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013**

As Weed Stoodley would not be attending the meeting she had circulated via email before the meeting, a round-up of the 2011-12 budget, and had commented briefly that there had been little movement in the 2012-13 budget.

**42/12 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

**42.1 FS**

The roadshow at Langar, just before the Nationals, had been very successful with positive feedback.

**42.2 Accuracy**

The committee advised the Discipline Rep to approach the DZs with a view to holding a coaching roadshow. The BPA would provide the equipment, coaches and could cover judges.

**42.3 Speed**

After the initial roadshow had been weathered out the re-run had gone really well and attendees had found the coaching inspirational.

**42.4 Camera Roadshow**

A Camera-Flying roadshow, which could be tied in with UKSL, was a possible solution to the difficulties experienced at the Nationals to improve confidence and to inspire new videographers.

**43/12 Judging Matters not already covered**

Judging matters have been covered in Minute 38.1 and Minute 38.2.

**44/12 Any other business**

**44.1 Swoop pond – Dunkeswell**

Paul Moore reported that the swoop pond at Dunkeswell was near completion and requested permission for Kate Charters and himself be allowed to inspect the pond from a competitions point of view. The committee raised no issues with the request. Tricky Head proposed, seconded by Karen Bain, that the committee accept the request and that both could claim their general expenses.

**Carried**

**44.2 Head Down Record**

The Committee passed on their congratulations to all those who participated in the VFS record attempt at Skydive Chicago. The record was set at a 138-way, with an unconfirmed report that it may have been set at 142.

**43.3 Bronze Medal Performance**

The committee wished to record their congratulations to Weed Stoodley after competing in VFS AAA in Team *The Goat Throwers*, who took the Bronze medal position.

**45/12 Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 1300** at the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1630.

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## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 12 to 30 June 13

| Target   | From  | To   | By                    | How  | Budget  |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|--|---------|
| 1. World Class Performance   | <b>2012</b><br>double medal winning performance | <b>2013</b><br>Continued medal winning performance                     | Jun 2013 and on-going | Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2011  | £37000  |
| 2. Coaching Road Show Events   | <b>2012</b><br>Supported events                 | <b>2013</b><br>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  | <b>2012</b><br>UK pool of 20 Judges             | <b>2013</b><br>UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings | Jun 2013              | <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> | £10000  |
| 4. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams / competitors | <b>2012</b><br>Not available Off year           | <b>2013</b><br>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"> <li>• Having won Nationals in 2012</li> <li>• Have 75% of their team (flexibility for Artistic)</li> <li>• Compete in 2013 Nationals at a higher level</li> </ul>              | £6000   |
| 5. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements        | <b>2012</b><br>Current holding                  | <b>2013</b><br>Equipment stock in line with 2012 IPC changes           | Jun 2013              | Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate   | £8000   |
| 6. Delegation Uniform  | <b>2012</b><br>Delegation uniform               | <b>2013</b><br>Continued issue of uniform                              | Jun 2013              | <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** |
| 7. Survey of Competition running costs   | <b>2012</b><br>At no cost to BPA                | <b>2013</b><br>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



## 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<br>4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012 |
| Artistic, FS 8-way & Speed Skydiving                   |                              | Sat 18 - Mon 20 August 2012<br>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 |