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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 14 October 2010 at 1430

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

Present:	Steve Saunders	-	Chair, Discipline Rep: CF
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall		Discipline Rep: Classics. From Item 31
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
Observers	Dougie Peacock		
	Julia Foxwell	-	Team Satori (for Item 45.1)
	Katie Woods	-	Team Satori (for Item 45.1)
Apologies	John Smyth MVO	-	Vice President of IPC
For Absence	John Hitchen	-	Alternate Delegate to IPC

Item Minute

39/10 **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 August 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 August 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

40/10 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

40.1 **ESL Finals 9-12 September 2010 Texel, Netherlands**

The reference to Ruth Cooper attending the event is to be amended to read Ruth Ferris.

41/10 **Report from the IPC Bureau by the Chair of Council, in his capacity as Vice President of IPC**

Before the meeting John Smyth made the Competitions Committee aware that he would report at Council later this evening.

42/10 **Domestic Competitions 2010**

42.1 **Complete list of medallists to BPA for AGM award giving ceremony**

The BPA office would remind the Judges Co-ordinator of its need to have the complete list of medallists in good time for the award giving ceremony at the AGM.

Action: BPA Office

42.2 **CP Nationals RAPA 8-10 Jul 2010– World Record**

Clarification was sought regarding a possible World Record at the event. As the Judges Co-ordinator was not present this item would be held over until the next Meeting.

Defer until next meeting

42.3 **Judging equipment – Monitors**

Weed noted that the in-house judges monitors at Target Skysports did not quite provide the correct picture quality to correctly judge in more detail. Weed had already

sent a full report to the committee and Kate Charters, however noted that Frank Mallabone, as Chief Judge, did not pick up this point in his judges report. Weed would therefore re-send her judges report to Kate Charters, and copy Frank, asking Kate to highlight the problem to Target Skysports.

Action: Weed Stoodley, Kate Charters

43/10 Domestic Competitions 2011 – Bid Forms for 2011 meets

43.1 Nationals – CP/CF/Speed 8/Speed Skydiving/Classics

43.1.1 8 Way Speed

2 bids were tabled, from UK Parachuting Sibson and North London Skydiving Centre (Chatteris). On the basis of dates offered Martin Soulsby proposed, seconded by Richard Head, that Chatteris's bid be accepted. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.1.2 VFS

Target Skysports had been the only bidder. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley that this bid be accepted. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.1.3 Speed Skydiving

Target Skysports again had been the only bidder. Richard Head proposed and was seconded by Weed Stoodley that this bid be accepted. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.1.4 Classics

One bid had been received, from Peterlee. The Committee accepted that in order to make the competition financially viable a higher entry fee had to be charged and that it was the centres responsibility to cover the judges costs as the Nationals were to be ran at no cost to the BPA. With this consideration Martin Soulsby proposed that the bid be accepted. This was seconded by Weed Stoodley. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.1.5 Canopy Formation

Netheravon had been the only bidder. Martin Soulsby proposed that this bid be accepted with the need to clarify the date. Seconded by Ian Marshall. See appendix for dates

Carried unanimously

43.1.6 Canopy Piloting

As there had been no bids received Martin Soulsby proposed that the CP bid form be re-issued with the completed bid forms to be returned to the BPA Office by 0900 Tuesday 7 December 2010. Furthermore Martin Reynolds was to devise selection criteria and nominate a selection event to give the ability to advertise the event to those who may wish to participate should there be no bids received.

Action: BPA Office, Martin Reynolds

43.2 UKSL FS 4 Way

5 bids were tabled, from UK Parachuting Sibson, BPS Langar, NWPC, Target Skysports and Netheravon. After considering the dates, number of planes to be used and entry fees, the Committee awarded the following events:

7-8 May 2011 Netheravon Proposed Richard Head, seconded by Weed Stoodley

Carried unanimously

11-12 June 2011 BPS Langar Proposed Weed Stoodley, seconded Richard Head

Carried unanimously

2 bids were considered for the July UKSL event, NWPC and Target Skysports. Weed Stoodley proposed NWPC, seconded by Ian Marshall. Martin Soulsby counter proposed Target Skysports, seconded by Richard Head. For: 2 Against: 2 As the vote was tied the Chair exercised his vote:

16-17 July 2011 Target Skysports

43.3 GP Accuracy

1 bid was tabled from Headcorn. Ian Marshall proposed, seconded by Martin Soulsby, that this bid be accepted. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.4 GP Canopy Formation

1 bid was tabled from BPS Langar. Martin Soulsby proposed, Weed Stoodley seconded, that this bid be accepted. See appendix for dates.

Carried unanimously

43.5 Funding Criteria

As there was insufficient time to discuss this in detail this item would be held over until the next meeting. A general point raised was the incentive to keep training by meeting the average scores of the Amateur teams.

Defer until next meeting

43.6 Invite Letters and Contracts

The invitation letters and contracts were to be revised and were to include that all of the uniform bar the t-shirts and Polos were to be re-used for 3 years. Replacements required within that time would be at the competitors own cost. The Funded team invitation was to also include information on most cost effective funding reclaim options, plus clarification of expected return with regard to skills roadshows etc.

Action: BPA Office

44/10 International Competitions already completed

44.1 19th FS, 14th CF & 8th Artistics FAI World Parachuting Championships 31 Jul – 6 Aug 2010 Menzelinsk, Russia

As John Smyth was presenting his report from the IPC Bureau at Council later this evening this item and any possible refund would be discussed at the next meeting.

Defer until next meeting

44.2 ESL Finals 9-12 Sept 2010 Texel, Netherlands

Richard Head reported that 4 teams had attended the event and had gained 1x Gold, 1x Silver, 1x Bronze and a 5th place but unfortunately had not won the Spirit. The committee congratulated all on their achievements.

The ESL Final 2011 had been set for 9-10 September 2011 Texel, Netherlands.

45/10 International Competition 2011

45.1 2nd Dubai International Parachuting Championship and Gulf Cup 2011 5-17 Jan

This competition would be open to anyone who wanted to compete however the BPA, as the National Governing Body would have to nominate a team that would be able to win the prize money. The committee recognised that some competitors wanted to take part for the prize money and whilst it would be a difficult decision to make they would not be able to nominate until the committee was aware of who would be attending.

Julia Foxwell expressed Team Satori's wish to attend and asked the Committee if funding would be available. The Committee responded that as it was not an IPC event there would be no funding available.

45.2 8th WC & 10th European Championships Arts and 17th WC & 10th European Championships FS. 1-7 August 2011 Saarlouis, Germany

Richard Head reported that he had 4 Open and 1 Womens teams. At this time he is unable to confirm their places until information is released as to the number of places available in each event. The Discipline Reps would email the Nationals winners as to their availability.

Action: Discipline Reps

46/10 Budget - This item was held in camera. Julia Foxwell, Katie Woods, Martin Reynolds and Dougie Peacock left the room.

46.1 VAT Re-claim

The Committee discussed the reclamation of VAT on invoices for funded teams. Going forward, all eligible invoices, will be able to claim back their VAT but not retrospectively.

46.2 Texair Expenses

The Chair explained that the expenses claim for the damaged equipment looked larger than expected as there were other items listed. The Chair confirmed that the expenses claim had been paid in full.

Furthermore the Committee discussed the insurance requirements for contractors when attending competitions in their contractual duties. The Chair would ask Andy Houston about his 3rd party insurance cover.

Action: Chair

46.3 General Budget

Weed commented that there appeared to be an overspend but this was due to the accounting of the Menzelinsk entry fees. Also there was an outstanding amount due to the British Team Fund. The BPA Financial Administrator had been asked to chase this up.

Action: BPA Office

47/10 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

47.1 Target 2

Discussion centred on the possible re-vamp of BPA FS Coaching Roadshows. Richard Head stated that UK Para Sibson and Chatteris had expressed interest. Richard would discuss further with the centres on how the roadshows could be made to appeal to a wider audience.

Action: Richard Head

Team Satori, Team Bodyflight and Team The Bad Lieutenants had expressed their willingness to coach the up and coming teams.

47.2 Target 5

The Discipline Reps had notified their qualifying teams and the majority had expressed interest. The Reps would notify the BPA office of the 7 teams.

Action: Discipline Reps

The Committee discussed payment of funding, with suggestions of Pro rata per competitor payments and 75% of team, should one member be injured the team could still have coaching. The consensus of the meeting was that payment would be reimbursed after competing at Nationals 2011 on production of receipts, capped at £600.

48/10 Judging Matters

48.1 AGM Day Award Giving Ceremony

As ways of shortening the Award Giving Ceremony were being looked into, Martin Soulsby proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall that the certificates for new FAI and National rated Judges would continue to be presented at the AGM Day awards ceremony.

Carried unanimously

48.2 Artistic Judges

Weed reported there were 2 new artistic trainee judges who attended the Nationals and now require log books and t-shirts. Weed Stoodley would email the BPA office and the Judges Co-ordinator with their details in order for the office to send log books and to update the Judges contact details.

Action: Weed Stoodley, Kate Charters, BPA office

49/10 Any Other Business

49.1 Request for footage – Video presentation

The BPA office reminded the Discipline Reps that footage of their disciplines was still required for the AGM Video presentation during the Chairman's speech. Footage was to be sent direct to Mikey Carpenter.

Action: Discipline Reps

49.2 Support for SOS (Skydivers over Sixty) – reference email from Chris Shaw

A request from Chris Shaw regarding Team Siolfur's wish to participate in World Meet 2012 had been circulated via email before the meeting. The committee applauded their enthusiasm, however as it was not an IPC event there were no criteria so no funding would be available. The Chair would write to Chris and highlight the UKSL and free coaching events as well as BPA T-shirts.

Action: Chair

The meeting closed at 1815

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 7 December** at the BMFA Office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 10 to 30 June 11

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2010 double medal winning performance	2012 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2012	Invest with funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2010/11	£28000
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2010 Supported events	2011 Continued support of events	Jul 2011	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest and enhance members skills	£8000
3. Judging Team	2010 UK pool of 17 Judges	2011 UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2011	<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 events Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings 	£8000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	2010 Current holding	2011 Equipment stock in line with 2010 IPC changes	Jul 2011	Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate	£5000
5. Off year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams/competitors	2010 Not available Off year	2011 Coaching support	Jul 2011	Coaching support for National Champion 2010 teams of all disciplines aspiring and/or moving to progress to higher event	£6000
6. Delegation Uniform	2010 Delegation uniform	2011 Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of T-shirt generic BPA design Issue of BPA logo embroidered badges Supply Jackets, trousers & poloshirts 	£5000*
7. Team skills seminars for Junior teams	2010 No team seminars	2011 Team seminars	Jul 2011	Use of 'Coach the Coach' format. Programme honed to skills sets for teams	£2000**
<p>*Target 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund **Target 7: Unused element of funds for the Loughborough Coach the Coach seminars</p>					



Competitions dates 2011 *(as at 27 October 2010)*

British Open Nationals 2011

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 17 - Sun 20 June 2011
Canopy Formation	APA, Netheravon	Sat 24 – Mon 26 Sept 2011 Reserve: Fri 20 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 13 - Mon 15 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