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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 7 December 2010 at 1430

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

Present:	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall		Discipline Rep: Classics.
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Kate Charters		Judges Co-ordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
Observers	Jamie Flynn	-	Team PH36 (for Item 54)
	Mark Skarratts	-	Team PH36 (for Item 54)
Apologies For Absence	Steve Saunders	-	Chair, Discipline Rep: CF

Item Minute

50/10 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 October 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 October 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website:
<http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

51/10 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

51.1 **Insurance requirements of contractors when attending competitions in their contractual duties**

Steve Saunders was unable to attend the meeting to report his findings. This item was therefore deferred until the next meeting.

Action: Next meeting

52/10 **Judging Matters**

52.1 **CP Nationals 2010 – Possible World Record**

Martin Soulsby briefed the Committee that a high score at the Nationals had appeared to break the current World Record, however it had not been claimed. Kate Charters, in response to Martin said that whilst the event judges believed the score to be correct, the Cametrix judging equipment had shown that the buzzer had sounded however this had not been heard by the event judges at the time.

The event judges accepted that there may have been a possible equipment malfunction but after watching the video and re-timing the jump they could verify the time but not the buzzer sounding. Without reasonable evidence the judges were unable to call for a re-jump.

The competitor involved had accepted that the record could not be validated and had not claimed the World or the UK record.

Moving forward Kate Charters would put in a proposal to IPC regarding a camera at the start of the course. This would in future provide relevant evidence in the possible awarding of re-jumps.

Action: Judges Co-ordinator

52.2 Trainee Judges – Criteria for gaining National rating

The criteria for trainee judges to gain their National rating was 1 year of training or attending 3 BPA competitions. Trainee judges should also attend the training seminars.

The Criteria to remain a Current Judge is to attend 3 BPA competitions over 2 years. It was also preferable to attend a World Meet.

Concerns were raised that if there were not enough competitions in a discipline then a judge who held a rating in only 1 discipline might then lose that rating as they could not meet the criteria. However it was possible to continue with their rating by the use of Training DVDs if unable to meet the judge live events.

As there was no formal reference guide of the criteria Kate Charters agreed to produce a Form that would be made available on the BPA website and to be sent to new judges with their logbooks.

Action: Judges Co-ordinator

52.3 Eligibility of a British Citizen to compete at a Cat 2 event for another NAC to then compete for the UK at future Cat 1 events

The BPA office had received a query from a UK citizen wishing to compete at the Dubai Cat 2 event for another NAC to ask how this would affect their competing for the UK at Cat 1 event.

The Committee noted that a competitor can hold a Sporting Licence for 1 country only.

This item had been referred to Dr Exi Rainer in his role as Chief Judge of the Dubai event.

No further action

52.4 Complete list of medallists to BPA for AGM award giving ceremony

The Committee was now aware that the BPA office had the complete list.

Noted

52.5 Proposed Judges for International Competitions in 2011 and Judges Nomination List

Kate Charters would complete the forms and return to the BPA office as soon as possible.

The forms were to be return to Pia Breggren, Chair IPC Judges Committee and Elisabet Petterson by 31 December 2010 however the BPA Office closes for the holiday period on Thursday 23 December.

Action: Judges Co-ordinator, BPA Office

53/10 Domestic Competitions 2010

53.1 Monitor Quality for Judging Purposes

Kate Charters would discuss with Target Skysports regarding improving the quality of the judging monitors so no discrepancies could occur.

Action: Judges Co-ordinator

53.2 Cost of Cametrix Attendance at CP Nationals 2010

The outstanding amount owed to Cametrix would be paid in full.

As the CP Nationals for this year had been a late development the Committee would ensure that in future the proper processes would be kept and followed.

Noted

54/10 Any Other Business – brought forward from the agenda

As Mark Skarratts and Jamie Flynn were present at the meeting for this item only, the Chair suggested bringing this item forward in order for them to go early as the weather was worsening.

54.1 Presentation of the Martin Gardiner Memorial Shield and the Pat Hammond Trophy

Mark Skarratts had emailed the Committee to request the presentation of the above awards at the AGM Award Giving Ceremony. After consideration the Committee stated that the Pat Hammond Trophy would not be formally presented at the AGM but were happy to allow photos against the backdrop after the presentation.

The Committee decided that the Martin Gardiner Memorial Shield could be presented during the ceremony and would advise Council later in the evening.

Recommend to Council

54.2 Eligibility of funding as an Intermediate team

Mark Skarratts, via email circulated to the Committee previous to the meeting, suggested the possibility of funding as they had competed as part of an intermediate team this season. The request was for 1 intermediate 4 way CF team with a 1 person change. Steve Saunders had

made comment of the request however the consensus of the meeting was to refer Marks request back to Steve for decision at the next meeting.

Action: Chair - next meeting

54.3 Feedback regarding use of Rookie Rules

Following the low turnout at the CF Grand Prix Mark Skarratts had suggested some new rules to Steve Saunders and had used these rules in the Rookie class at the Armys which had been used effectively. The Committee recognised the Nationals rules must be in line with FAI however FAI did not cover the Rookie class. As Steve Saunders, in his capacity as CF Rep, was not at the meeting this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

Defer until next meeting

Mark Skarratts and Jamie Flynn then left the meeting.

55/10 Domestic Competitions 2011

55.1 CP Nationals 2011

There had been no official bids received.

RAPA had offered to host the competition but under the same terms as the 2010 event. The Committee stressed that funding towards the 2010 CP Nationals were a one off and would not be repeated.

Martin Soulsby had been in conversation with Dr Exi Rainer, President of the German Parachute Association, and Major Seb Muntz, Commandant RAPA with regards to the possible combining of the British and German Nationals. The Committee expressed concern over the costing and the event running over 3 days instead of 4 but would be happy for the Nationals to run alongside the German Nationals. The Vice Chair and Judges Co-ordinator would liaise with Exi and Seb, with the bid form to be re-sent to RAPA for clarity of costings which would be forwarded to the Committee when received for electronic voting.

Action: BPA Office, Vice Chair, Judges Co-ordinator

55.2 BPA Meeting for DZOs

Notes from the DZO meeting had been circulated previously which asked for the BPA to change its policy that the Nationals should be run at no cost to the BPA and in order for the BPA to promote excellence in the sport it should then fund the medals and the Judges. Steve Saunders, Chair of Comps had attended the meeting and had replied at that time that the BPA do fund UKSL and GP events. In order to fund medals and Judges for the Nationals the centres would need to remit the entry fees to the BPA.

The Committee discussed

- a) High entry fees, which may deter competitors from entering a competition
- b) The possibility of using fewer judges for the Classics event
- c) Of asking the Membership via the Membership Survey
- d) Cost of medals and engraving

Weed Stoodley would investigate the costs of medals and engraving, however the BPA Office stated that Trudy Kemp had looked into lower priced medals, and had accepted a quality medal which had been used for this season and that a lower price had been charged to the Centres.

Kate Charters was tasked with contacting the centre as to how many judges the centre were budgeting for in order to look into ways that this cost may be lowered.

Action: Judges Co-ordinator

Weed Stoodley proposed that the current policy of 'at no cost to the BPA' be kept in place. Seconded by Richard Head.

Carried Unanimously

55.3 Funding Criteria

The Committee recognised the need for clear and unambiguous funding criteria and discussed the following points:

- 1) To fund only medal winning teams
- 2) Fund at grass root level
- 3) To those that give back via coaching
- 4) Whether all should have same amount of funding

All agreed that the eligibility criteria would remain with the achievement of score equal to a realistic fourth place or better at the last world meet. However, eligible teams would now also be required to bid for funding and to provide information on their performance, their main competitors on the world stage, together with their past and future contribution to the sport

through coaching on BPA skills coaching roadshows, etc. Consideration of those requesting funding would be held in camera. Those that were then successful in achieving funding would then be required to sign a formal contract which would place an obligation on the team to contribute to skills coaching etc to support up-and-coming British skydivers in the discipline. Based on World Championship performance we already had potentially 17 competitors eligible for funding next year, depending upon their 2011 performances.

Action: Include criteria in Nationals Rules 2011

55.4 Nationals Rules – Possible Re-vamp

Target Skysports had contacted the BPA Office regarding consolidating the Nationals rule booklet with Targets own competitor handbook. The Committee agreed that the handbook could be added as an appendix to the rules that will be generated post February. The Committee would need to see the format of the booklet produced for approval.

The BPA office would inform Target Skysports of this decision.

Action: BPA Office

56/10 International Competitions already completed

56.1 19th FS, 14th CF & 8th Arts FAI WPC 31 Jul-6 Aug 2010 Menzelinsk, Russia

Weed Stoodley reported that a small sum of money had been received back from the Russian Organisers. This was an administrative error on the organisers part as entry fees forwarded by the BPA had been correct. Richard Head proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall that this money should be returned to the British Team Fund.

Carried Unanimously

57/10 International Competition 2011

57.1 2nd Dubai International Parachuting Championship and Gulf Cup 2011 5-17 Jan

The BPA Office reported that Jeff Chandler, Deane Smith, Richard Lees, Stuart Meacock and Matt Fogg would be attending this event. The BPA office would send BPA T-shirts to the competitors.

Action: BPA Office

57.2 8th WC & 7th European Championships Arts and 17th WC & 10th European Championships FS. 1-7 August 2011 Saarlouis, Germany

As there was little information at this time the Discipline Reps, assuming there would be 4 team places in each category, one of which was reserved for Intermediate, would provide the BPA office with the team lists for their disciplines for the next meeting.

Action: Discipline Reps, next meeting

58/10 Competitions Budget

Weed Stoodley commented that there had been little movement of Competitions funds. Outstanding British Team Funds from Target Skysports were yet to be received. Weed had requested Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator, to chase this up and to double check all other funds had been received from National events 2010.

Action: BPA Office

59/10 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

The Chair reported that the Action Plan was all going to plan and highlighted the following targets

- Target 2 Coaching Roadshow events: The possibility of a CP coaching roadshow by Team Heat
- Target 5 Off Year Targeted Coaching Support: The Committee had already identified 2 Artistics teams and 2 FS teams at this time, which were eligible for the targeted support.

60/10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting, for members of the Competitions Committee 2011, whose composition would be decided at the inaugural Council meeting on Saturday 22 January, would be held at the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE at 1430 on the day of the February Council meeting. This date would also be decided at the inaugural Council meeting, as would the remainder of meeting dates in 2011.

The meeting closed at 1815.

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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 10 January 2011)*

British Open Nationals 2011

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 17 - Sun 19 June 2011
Canopy Piloting	RAPA	Thurs 7 – Sat 9 July 2011
Canopy Formation	APA, Netheravon	Sat 24 – Mon 26 Sept 2011 Reserve: Fri 30 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 20 - Mon 22 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