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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 22 June 2010 at 1430**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Steve Saunders	-	Chair, Discipline Rep: CF
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Liz Warner	-	Deputy Judges Co-ordinator
<b>Observers</b>	Dougie Peacock		
	Jamie Flynn	-	Team PH36 for item 24.4
	Jason Pocock	-	Team PH36 for item 24.4
	Mark Skarratts	-	Team PH36 for item 24.4
	Julia Foxwell	-	Team Satori for item 25.1.3
	Aaron Faith	-	Team Satori for item 25.1.3
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges Co-ordinator
	John Hitchen	-	NSCO
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP

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### Item Minute

#### 21/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

#### 22/10 Matters arising

##### 22.1 Donation of Swords for Trophy use

Martin Soulsby reported that only 1 sword had in fact been donated by Matty Halford and advised the committee of display mounts and costings

- Display case £250
- Mounted with engraving £50

The committee agreed that the sword mounted would be more practical for awards ceremonies. Discussion followed regarding the discipline the trophy should be awarded to, however it was believed most categories were covered except Canopy Piloting Overall. Weed Stoodley proposed that the sword be mounted to a cost of up to GBP 100 and be allocated to Canopy Piloting Overall, should there be a need. This was seconded by Richard Head.

**Carried unanimously**

##### 22.2 Equipment Co-ordinator Expenses Claim

Steve Saunders reported that the outstanding expenses claim had been paid in full.

**No further action**

## **23/10 Judging Matters**

### **23.1 Review of the Judges Co-ordinator Form 218**

The updated Form 218 was circulated to the Committee. Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Martin Soulsby that with one minor amendment of that the Chief Judges report and results were also to be forwarded to the Competitions Committee, the updated Form 218 would replace the previous copy.

**Carried, Action: BPA Office**

## **24/10 Domestic Competitions 2010**

### **24.1 Equipment requests to Nationals and GP hosting Drop Zones**

The Discipline Reps were reminded that they should call the hosting centre to confirm any equipment needs they may have. Also that the centre should make any equipment requests in a timely manner. For future events the Bid Form would be amended to read that 'equipment requests must be received in a timely manner' or similar.

**Action: BPA Office**

### **24.2 CP Nationals 2010**

#### **24.2.1 Rules**

As there was a number of technical changes to the rules but no Discipline Rep that could look over and make the changes, Weed Stoodley suggested that the FAI rules be taken and used as an overview and advise RAPA that the competition would be run via the FAI rules. Liz Warner would liaise with Kate Charters in order to make any changes to the technical side of the rules.

**Action: Deputy and Judges Co-ordinator**

#### **24.2.2 Budget**

Liz Warner reported that Kate Charters had produced a budget based on 7 Judges, each claiming on average £100-£150, should they receive their rating, and Cametrix attendance. At this time the costings for Gill Winter's attendance was not known. Whilst the Nationals were to be ran at no cost to the BPA, given the circumstances the Competitions Committee decided, as a one off case, that they would subsidise the cost of Judges, equipment and medals. Cametrix had produced an invoice of £500 to be paid before the Event, Steve Saunders had agreed to have the amount paid with the BPA Financial Administrator Jon Gretton before the meeting. To recoup the subsidy Martin Soulsby proposed that the entry fee be set at £80, to be collected by the centre to be passed back to the BPA, and the centre would charge for the jump tickets. This failed to find a seconder. Weed Stoodley proposed the above but with the entry fee to be set at E 75. This was seconded by Martin Soulsby.

**Carried**

Dougie Peacock expressed his interest in attending the CP Nationals as CP training Judge. Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Richard Head that Dougie be able to claim back his expenses from the BPA, capped at £150, should he receive his rating.

**Carried**

### **24.3 Domestic competitions completed**

Liz Warner, reporting on behalf of Kate Charters, said that Kate had received all the Judges reports for the completed events so far, and that all the results had been received and distributed. The events had been well ran and been well attended and on general basis had received no competitor feedback. Richard Head stated that he had not received the report from the Netheravon event. This would be sent via email from the office for distribution. Steve Saunders was happy to see that the chain of communication had improved.

### **24.4 Any other domestic completion issues for 2010**

Martin Soulsby took the Chair, as Steve Saunders would be acting in his role as CF Discipline Rep.

A letter and a copy of suggested rules concerning the CF Grand Prix at South Cerney on 15-16 May 2010 had been received by the BPA office from Mark Skarratts which had been distributed to Competitions Committee and Council as requested. Mark's letter expressed disappointment that the event had been poorly attended, with himself and Jason Pocock being the only two experienced competitors. They went on to get 4 novice jumpers together and jump with them at intermediate level in order to encourage and mentor them in their first competition. At the Judges briefing it was discovered that the intermediate dive plan had been changed to make it more difficult and challenging, however the change had not been

communicated before the event. Given the inexperience of the novice jumpers the senior team consulted with the Chief Judge and it was decided that it was unreasonable and unsafe to allow the novices to attempt the dive plan as it stood, and in the best interests of the Sport it was agreed that the dive plan from the previous year would be used. On discussion with the competitors that were present at the meeting it emerged that when asking the Chief Judge for the rules the BPA Office appeared to have sent the wrong rules to the competition, however this had not been communicated to the office at the time of the event or through the competitors letter nor the Chief Judges report. Steve Saunders apologised on behalf of the BPA.

[note: Further investigation and discussion with the Chief Judge at the BPA Office after the meeting, and it was found that the BPA had sent the correct rules]

Mark Skarrats' letter had also expressed his belief that it was not beneficial to the CF discipline to hold a CF roadshow on the same day as a competition. Steve Saunders replied that the roadshows were not predominantly aimed at people who have their CF1 but were designed for jumpers that would like a taste of CF to get their CF1 and that the coaches were not competing that day. It was unfortunate that the two events coincided however it was the only date the roadshow could have been ran. As it was not beneficial to the event or roadshow for future reference the dates were not to conflict.

The Committee congratulated the team for their support of the novice jumpers and of bringing safety concerns to the fore.

Martin Soulsby handed back the Chair to Steve Saunders.

## **25/10 International Competitions**

### **25.1 19<sup>th</sup> FS, 14<sup>th</sup> CF & 8<sup>th</sup> Artistics FAI World Parachuting Championships 31 Jul – 6**

#### **Aug 2010 Menzelinsk, Russia**

##### **25.1.1 Visas**

The BPA Office reported that the competitors were still no further forward with receiving the Official Letter of Invitation that would be sent by the organisers on approval of the passport scans by the Russian Ministry. Martin Soulsby stated that this was an issue for all the registered countries, not solely the UK. The BPA Office was in regular contact with John Smyth and IPC regarding this and other ongoing issues surrounding the competition and would update competitors and Competitions Committee as information became available.

**Ongoing**

##### **25.1.2 Head of Delegation – Ash Kemp**

Ashley Kemp, who would be attending the WPC as an accompanying person, had agreed to act as Head of Delegation on behalf of the BPA.

##### **25.1.3 Funding**

The 2 members of Team Satori at the meeting thanked Competitions Committee for the funding they had received which they had put to good use. The team outlined their forthcoming plans however required a further GBP 6000 which would cover the cost of an extra 50 jumps. They asked the committee to consider the following:

- Potential to win medals
- The team had raised their averages over previous years
- The team were working towards becoming a full time team
- They would pass on their experience through roadshows
- The benefits of an additional 50 jumps

The Committee discussed the request at length as there was no budget to allow the team £6000. They could not look at the team in isolation and that the team had not met the funding criteria. Future roadshows would need to be BPA based and not be based at one dropzone.

Martin Soulsby proposed that the Committee would try to generate extra funds but with a caveat that the extra funds would then be spread across all 20 individuals. This was seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried**

The attending team members thanked the Committee for considering their request and

left the meeting with the members of PH36.

**25.2 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Canopy Piloting Parachuting Championships 7 – 15 Aug 2010**  
**Kolomna, Russia**

**25.2.1 Delegation Composition**

The UK delegation would consist of Alastair Macartney, Stu Storey and Wez Westley. Deane Smith had not yet confirmed his attendance.

**25.2.2 Funding**

Deane Smith had made no draw down on his funding of £2900. £2900 had been set aside for coaching of the CP team, which amounted to £362.50 per individual. Martin Soulsby proposed that as the delegation is reduced to 3, possibly 4, people at this late stage we do not invite further competitors to the event. Seconded by Richard Head

**Carried**

Discussion continued concerning the CP coaching funding and it was proposed by Weed Stoodley, seconded by Martin Soulsby, that £1360 be returned from the coaching Funding and the remaining 3 would receive a total fund of £1240. Caveat that the remaining delegation were to be emailed of the decision. A further caveat was that if Deane Smith had not confirmed his ability to attend by Thursday 24 July his allocated funding of £2900 would be re-allocated.

**Carried**

[note: The BPA Office had spoken to Alastair Macartney who confirmed that Deane Smith would be unable to attend]

**25.2.3 Visas**

The BPA Office reported that the Tourist Visa vouchers required by our competitors in order to apply for their visas had been received from the Russian organisation and had been forwarded to the competitors.

**25.2.4 Head of Delegation**

As this was a small delegation there would be no need for a Head of Delegation.

**25.3 31<sup>st</sup> FAI World Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championships 28 Aug – 4 Sep 2010 Niksic, Montenegro**

**25.3.1 Delegation Composition**

The delegation would consist of Esther Reynolds, Pete Sizer, Glenn Stephenson, Janos Leszko and Richard Bissett. Taking part in the Junior competition would be Lee Harrison and James Bacon. Head of Delegation is Kate Charters.

**25.3.2 Funding**

Lee Harrison had emailed the BPA Office asking if funding would be available or further advice regarding funding or sponsorship. Suggestions were that he could try the RAeC Bursary or the Prince of Wales Trust. The BPA Office would reply to Lee giving this advice, and would ask that John Horne contact Lee also.

**Action: BPA Office**

**25.3.3 Arrival and Transport**

Kate Charters, through Liz Warner, stated that the cheapest flight was to Dubrovnic However this was far from the dropzone and transportation is not arranged by the organisers so the delegation would be required to hire cars but was concerned that the juniors may miss out. As there was no funding available for the cost of transportation the Committee advised that Kate should continue to liaise with the competitors regarding alternative airports.

**Ongoing**

**25.4 Any other International competition issues for 2010**

**25.4.1 Insurance for Internationally competing individuals**

Andy Scott, of the Development Committee, had liaised Manson Insurance Group to provide insurance cover for individuals that were taking part in International competitions as it had been recognised that some insurers covered skydiving but not necessarily whilst competing. Andy had circulated an email to the Competitions

Committee previous to the meeting. Martin Soulsby summarised that Andy had approached Mansons to compile a competitors package that offered annual insurance to cover competitors for overseas training, jumps in the UK, going to and competing in an overseas International event. Mansons had replied that if the BPA allowed their advert for travel insurance on the BPA website they would provide the cover for free. Liz Warner asked whether it would cover the judges and further questions were asked of accompanying persons. As it was believed these were part of the delegation they would be covered however this needed to be clarified. There would also be a caveat as to the amount of people that would be covered in that year. It was believed that the cover would not be in place in time for the forthcoming World Meets. Andy Scott would discuss this further at Council this evening. The Committee wished to its thanks Andy Scott for his hard work into arranging this.

#### **25.4.2 ESL**

Richard Head reported that the date for the ESL was to be in September and would send the dates to the Judges Co-ordinator and Deputy.

**Action: Richard Head**

Liz Warner advised the Committee that historically each delegation also sends a judge and should there be any shortfall the organisers would see who was available. Martin Soulsby suggested that after the last ESL where there was a lack of Judges that either the BPA step away and leave for the Judges to decide as had happened historically or that the BPA approach the judges as to willingness to attend and would then approach the organisers with a list.

Richard Head suggested the possibility of funding a judge. As this funding would be allocated from the Judges budget this would need to be discussed with Kate Charters who would then be required to approach the Committee for agreement. Martin Soulsby proposed that the Committee would be happy to support funding for 1 judge, if invited to ESL and that Kate Charters should approach the Committee with the nominated judge for their agreement. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried**

Martin Soulsby proposed an allocation of up to 10 teams worth of the generic BPA T-shirts plus any judges on a first come first served basis. Seconded by Weed Stoodley

**Carried**

#### **26/10 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and Budget**

Weed Stoodley reported on the aspects of the budget. There was a potential to offer further funding to the WPC Menzelsinsk funded teams. Martin Soulsby proposed the £4000 that was placed back into the British Team fund be re-allocated together with any underspends to offer further funding of £500 per competitor. Caveat that if Deane Smith had not indicated by Monday his attendance to the WCPCC 2010 his allocated funding would be placed back into the British Team Fund. Weed Stoodley seconded. This would be put forward to Council later this evening.

**Carried: Subject to Council Approval**

Dougie Peacock, gave his thanks to the committee and left the meeting at 1742.

#### **27/10 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 – see appendix i** **27.1 Target 2**

Martin Soulsby commented that as many of our top teams were competing overseas, and that there was a lot of dropzone/branded FS coaching available the FS coaching roadshows attendance had dropped off as late. One way to improve attendance would be to re-vamp aiming more towards blocks, 8-way and big way or to invite popular skydivers from other countries. This would be discussed at future meetings.

#### **28/10 Any Other Business**

Martin Soulsby had received a request from Joel, a coach, for embroidered badges for their jumpsuits as they were representing the BPA. Martin Soulsby proposed that any BPA Coaching Roadshow coach be allowed to wear the BPA embroidered badge when coaching at roadshows should they request one from the BPA office. Seconded by Richard Head

**Carried**

The meeting closed at 1815

Minutes ratified by the Council on 17 August 2010 and published on 19 August 2010.

## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 10 to 30 June 11

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2010</b> double medal winning performance	<b>2012</b> 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	<b>2010</b> Supported events	<b>2011</b> 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	<b>2010</b> UK pool of 17 Judges	<b>2011</b> UK judging team retained/increased and improved ratings	Jul 2011	<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 events</li> <li>• Encourage/train new judges to gain International ratings</li> </ul>	£8000
4. Retain, improve and maintain competition equipment in line with IPC requirements	<b>2010</b> Current holding	<b>2011</b> 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	<b>2010</b> Not available Off year	<b>2011</b> 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	<b>2010</b> Delegation uniform	<b>2011</b> Continued issue of uniform	Jul 2011	<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; poloshirts</li> </ul>	£5000*
7. Team skills seminars for Junior teams	<b>2010</b> No team seminars	<b>2011</b> Team seminars	Jul 2011	Use of 'Coach the Coach' format. Programme honed to skills sets for teams	£2000**
<p><b>*Budget 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund</b>  <b>**Budget 7: Unused element of the Loughborough Coach the Coach sessions</b></p>					



## Competitions dates 2010 *(as at 11 May 2010)*

### British Open Nationals 2010

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 2 - Sun 4 July 2010
Canopy Formation	Black Knights Parachute Centre	Sat 3 - Mon 5 July 2010 Reserve Sat 10 - Mon 12 July 2010
Canopy Piloting	RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany	Thu 8 - Sat 10 July 2010
8-Way Speed	UK Para, Sibson	Sat 4 - Sun 5 Sept 2010
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 14 - Mon 16 August 2010 8-way, 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 21 - Mon 23 August 2010 8-way reserve: Sat 28 - Mon 30 August 2010
Artistic, Speed Skydiving		Sat 21 - Mon 23 Aug August 2010 Reserve: Sat 28 - Mon 30 August 2010

### UKSL & Grand Prix 2010

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 1 - Sun 2 May 2010
GP Accuracy	Silver Stars	Sat 5 - Sun 6 Jun 2010
GP Accuracy	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 Sep 2010
GP Canopy Formation	Silver Stars	Sat 15 - Sun 16 May 2010
GP Canopy Formation	BPS, Langar	Sat 19 - Sun 20 June 2010
GP Canopy Formation	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 Sep 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	APA, Netheravon	Sat 22 - Sun 23 May 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	NWPC, Cark	Sat 12 - Sun 13 June 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 10 - Sun 11 July 2010