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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 17 August 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:	Kate Charters	-	Judges Co-ordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Martin Reynolds		Technical Rep: CP

Item Minute

29/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010

Weed Stoodley requested an addition to a paragraph on page 3 concerning the CF Nationals and roadshow the same date. The paragraph was to include that it was not beneficial and in future the 2 events should not be held on the same day. Weed requested 2 further amendments of the Action Plan. Target 1 'By' was to change to 2012 and Target 7 to include a footnote that the budget was the unused element of funds for the Loughborough Coach the Coach seminars of the July 2009 – June 2010 Action Plan. With the above amendments Martin Soulsby proposed, and seconded by Weed Stoodley that the minutes be approved as a true reflection of the meeting.

Approved

30/10 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

Ian Marshall joined the meeting at 1455

31/10 Domestic Competitions 2010

31.1 Equipment requests to Nationals and GP hosting Drop Zones

The Accuracy equipment, currently held at Peterlee, was required by BKPC. Andy Houston of Texair had offered to resurface the tuffet and update the equipment for the 2011 competitions season. However, Andy had reported that during a storm at Peterlee the gazebo that was sheltering the equipment had been destroyed but none of the electronics had been damaged. Andy had wanted to dismantle the equipment but had been forced to keep it erect at the competitors request should the weather improve. The Committee agreed that the equipment should have been moved regardless and acknowledged that as Andy Houston is responsible for the equipment it is his right to take action to protect it regardless of who requested it to stay in place. After further discussion the Committee agreed to cover the cost of replacing the gazebo.

Ian Marshall was tasked with contacting Andy Houston for exact costs of the gazebo, to inform him of the equipment need of BKPC and to thank him for his kind offer of updating the equipment for the forthcoming competitions year.

Action: Ian Marshall

[Jon Gretton has since confirmed that an invoice had been received by the BPA Office from Andy Houston and the cost of a replacement shelter was £159.00]

31.2 CP Nationals RAPA 8-10 Jul 2010– Full Costs

Kate Charters reported that the total costs for the Judges, including Gill Winter, was £1240 and that 3 Judges had achieved their FAI CP rating and 2 had achieved National CP rating. Following the previous meeting (min 24.2.2 refers) Martin Soulsby had been in contact with RAPA and had agreed that the centre would keep the set entry fee to cover Judges accommodation costs and pool maintenance but the £5 levy per competitor would be sent to the BPA who would then also cover the Judges expenses.

Steve Saunders reported that further to the £500 invoice from Cametrix that had been paid by the BPA, Cametrix had also presented an invoice for a further £750 for 2 technicians however Kate Charters stated that there were no other technicians at the event. It was believed that all the costs involved had been covered in the initial quote and invoice of £500 but clarity would be sought of what this covered via the original email that had been sent to Kate Charters.

Martin Soulsby proposed that if the original quote of £500 covered all expenses, as Cametrix had already received payment Steve Saunders should contact Cametrix on behalf of the Competitions Committee to express its disappointment in their sending us another invoice for extra fees. Seconded by Richard Head.

Carried

32/10 Domestic Competitions 2011 – Bid Forms for 2011 meets

32.1 Agreement of dates for FS, VFS & Artistic Nationals, Hibaldstow

The FAI World and European Championships FS & Artistics, Saarlouis Germany were to be held on 1-7 Aug 2011. Richard Head had discussed with James Swallow of Hibaldstow's date availability and had been given free range to choose dates based around the World Cup and competitor feedback that they would prefer the event to be held not too soon after the World Cup. The Committee discussed provisional and preferred dates of:

20-22 Aug 2011 – FS 4 Way & VFS

27-29 Aug 2011 – 8 Way & Artistics

These dates would be put forward to James Swallow for his agreement and confirmation before the bid form was sent out.

Action: Richard Head

32.2 Bid Forms

The draft bid form had been prepared and circulated via email by the office for approval before issue to the centres. The pool specifications for CP Nationals were stated on the form and a note was to be included 'or a body of water that was safe and fit for purpose on approval of the Competitions Committee' or similar to encourage those that had pools to bid early and have time to bring their pools up to an appropriate standard. Martin Reynolds agreed to inspect the pool at BKPC and would present his findings at the Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 December.

Action: Martin Reynolds

Richard Head would circulate via email to Competitions Committee proposed dates for the UKSL 4 Way FS for their agreement. The dates set would then be sent to Kate Charters and the BPA Office.

Action: Richard Head

It was agreed the bid forms, with the inclusions above, and a paragraph to ask Dropzone Operators to include a contact phone number that can be contacted on the day of the meeting should any points need to be clarified, when completed by the centre were to be returned to the BPA Office no later than 0900 on Thursday 14 October 2010 the date of next meeting.

Action: BPA Office

33/10 International Competitions already completed

33.1 19th FS, 14th CF & 8th Artistics FAI World Parachuting Championships 31 Jul – 6 Aug 2010 Menzelinsk, Russia

Weed Stoodley, as Team Manager commented briefly on her report which had been circulated before the meeting via email. There had been a number of difficulties, including major issues with accommodation plus some general organisation problems and illnesses. However it had been a fantastic Meet, with good but very hot weather, the UK delegation had been excellent and Ash Kemp a very effective Head of Delegation.

There had been concerns about the uniform trousers, which were not worn on this occasion as Russia was in the grip of a heatwave but all agreed that tracksuit bottoms would be a more suitable and useful item. Martin Soulsby proposed and seconded by Richard Head that after 2 years the uniform trousers were not up to scratch therefore the office should seek suitable navy tracksuit trousers, with possible red and white pinstripe.

Action: BPA Office

Regarding uniform, the competitor contract included a paragraph that required competitors to wear the BPA uniform for the Opening, Closing and Medal Giving ceremonies and going forward was to include additional wording of that sponsor t-shirts must not be worn to these ceremonies, and that whilst the BPA t-shirts/polos are replaced at each competition, the jacket was to last for 3 years and a replacement before that time would be at cost to the competitor.

Action: BPA Office

Weed commented further on the internal flights that had unfortunately been delayed due to wildfires brought on by the heatwave which had resulted in a number of competitors missing their flights home from Moscow and the additional costs this had incurred. For future reference Weed wished it to be known that the insurance will not pay out for missed flights until they have proof that the flight was delayed, therefore the boarding card should be stamped or a letter from the flight operator would be acceptable items of proof.

Weed had successfully lodged a protest which will instigate a possible change in the FAI competition rules Call timings. Also regarding illness of a UK delegation member, she had approached the Meet Director, under his powers covered in the General Code, to alter the jump order enabling one team to defer their jump until the next day, if they wished. The Committee thanked and congratulated Weed for her decisive action.

Finally, Weed was happy to report that 4 teams had achieved medal placings

<u>Team Volare</u>	Silver	Freely
Adam Mattacola, Fabian Raidel, Mikey Carpenter (camera)		
<u>Team Airkix Freestyle</u>	Silver	Freestyle
Pixie MacLeod-Hodgson, Al Hodgson (camera)		
<u>Team Bodyflight</u>	Silver	FS 4 Way Womens
Liz Matthews, Amanda Kemp, Tarnya Hollis, Sarah Smith, Alan Thompson (camera)		
<u>Team The Bad Lieutenants</u>	Bronze	VFS
James Davies, Jim Harris, Matt O'Riordan, Dan Parker, Martin Reynolds (camera)		

And that 5 new British Records had been set:

<u>FS 4 Way Open</u>	Team Satori	New British Record of 47 points
Julia Foxwell, Katie Woods, Aaron Faith, John McIver, Rob Stevenson (camera)		
<u>FS 4 Way Women</u>	Team Bodyflight	New British Record of 44 points
Liz Matthews, Amanda Kemp, Tarnya Hollis, Sarah Smith, Alan Thompson (camera)		
<u>CF 2 Way Seg</u>	Team CFUK	New British Record of 12 points
Gavin McLeod, Doug Preston, Martin Robiette (camera)		
<u>Freely</u>	Team Volare	New British Record and equalling the World Record set by USA at the same Meet of 24 sequences
Adam Mattacola, Fabian Raidel, Mikey Carpenter (camera)		
<u>VFS</u>	Team The Bad Lieutenants	New British Record of 20 points
Dan Parker, Martin Reynolds, James Davies, Jim Harris, Matt O'Riordan (camera)		

The Committee thanked all the teams for their brilliant representation of the UK with congratulations to all the medal achieving and record breaking teams.

33.2 3rd FAI World Canopy Piloting Parachuting Championships 7 – 15 Aug 2010 Kolomna, Russia

The Committee expressed its congratulations to Alastair Macartney, as the only UK Competitor for placing 9th in Accuracy and placing 25th Overall from 60 competitors.

34/10 International Competitions yet to take place

34.1 31st FAI World Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championships 28 Aug – 4 Sep 2010 Niksic, Montenegro

Kate Charters reported that James Bacon would not be able to attend the event. Kate added further that during the Nationals at RAPA there had been a raffle for Lee Harrison, a junior delegation member, which had raised £600 to help Lee meet the costs involved.

34.2 ESL Finals 9-12 September Texel, Netherlands

Richard Head reported that so far 4 teams including a rookie team had signed up to ESL. Richard had been approached by a team that may offer coaching services to the attending teams enquiring of claiming for their expenses. However as this is not a BPA or FAI event it is not eligible for reimbursement by the BPA.

Kate Charters informed the committee that Ruth Cooper would be attending as an Official Judge and will discuss with Ruth about the available funding from the Judges budget, to be capped at £150.

The BPA office were currently waiting for the t-shirt order and had been informed by the supplier that there were no ladyfit t-shirts available in the country due to the Football World Cup. On this occasion the office had ordered all sizes of the Mens style t-shirt.

34.3 Any other International Competition issues

34.3.1 Funded Teams

Steve Saunders would re-vamp a letter he had compiled to all funded teams asking for their availability to coach at BPA Roadshows throughout the forthcoming year in order to remind them of their responsibility to provide coaching for up and coming skydivers as an internationally competing BPA funded team.

Action: Chairman

34.3.2 World Cup 2011 CP (date to be announced via FAI website)

The Committee recognised the need for a fair and defensible criteria in order to select competitors for the 12 available places. At this time provisional invitations would be sent to those who consistently competed in CP and those that had competed in the CP Nationals this year. Martin Soulsby proposed that the BPA office, on behalf of the Competitions Committee, send a provisional invitation asking of their provisional acceptance, subject the date when set, to attend the event. Replies were to be sent to the BPA office before the date of next meeting. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

Action: BPA Office

35/10 Budget

Weed commented on various aspects of the budget throughout the meeting. It was noted that an item for roadshow expenses appeared not to have been signed off by the relevant Rep prior to the final sign off by the Chair. Weed would request a copy of item for sign off by relevant Rep, and would work with Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator, to ensure claims were sent for authorisation firstly by the relevant Rep before final sign off by the Chair.

Action: Chairman and Weed Stoodley

There had been an expenses claim from Texair. Steve Saunders would enquire into what these expenses may have been.

Action: Chairman

36/10 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 – see appendix i

36.1 Target 2

Discussion centred on the possible re-vamp of BPA FS Coaching Roadshows. Richard Head would email the Dropzones asking what format might work for them. These would then be discussed at next Competitions meeting.

Action: Richard Head

36.2 Target 5

To encourage progression of the non-senior teams who received medals at the Nationals Martin Soulsby proposed, seconded by Richard Head, that the Discipline Reps should contact the winners of the non-senior classes with a finite offer of funding if they meet the 50% change of team rule and then move up to the next category as appropriate.

Action: Discipline Reps

37/10 Judging Matters

Kate Charters reported that 3 Judges had gained their FAI CP rating. Ruth Cooper her FAI Accuracy rating and Ruth Ferris had gained her National FS rating. Also there were 2 further trainee Judges, Tracey Harrison and Jane Porter. Weed reported that she had two possible trainee judges who she had invited to the Artistic Nationals, at their own costs.

The Committee all those on their achievements and welcomed the trainees.

38/10 Any Other Business

The BPA Office had circulated a letter regarding the workload of the Administration Secretary during the preparations for the WPC Menzelinsk, which had often been to the detriment of her other duties. The Committee agreed that it had been an exceptional event that had raised issues around the Russian visa system that could not have been foreseen and planned for and that these issues were unlikely to happen in future events. The Administration Secretary added that the specifics detailed in the Aide Memoir for the Head of Delegation should not solely fall to the Office to compile. She needed the support of the Head of Delegation and/or Team Manager to take on some of the tasks involved and added suggestions of an Aide Memoir for the competitor to be sent with the competitor contract in the form of a checklist of information required. Also all email communication should include the office, Head of Delegation/Team Manager and Discipline Rep.

The Committee then thanked the Administration Secretary for her hard work.

The meeting closed at 1830

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 October.

Ratified electronically by the Council and published on 24 September 2010

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>					

Domestic competitions dates 2010



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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

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