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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 1300**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Steve Saunders	-	Chairman
	Richard Head	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: CP
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges Co-ordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
<b>Observers</b>	John Hitchen	-	NCSO, Alternate delegate to IPC
	Dougie Peacock		
	Paul Yeoman		
<b>Apologies</b>	Martin Reynolds	-	Technical Rep: CP
<b>For Absence</b>	John Smyth MVO	-	Delegate to IPC

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### Item Minute

#### 01/11 Composition of the Competitions Committee 2011

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting immediately following the inaugural Council meeting for 2011 on AGM day, Saturday 22 January 2011.

Competitions Chairman:	Steve Saunders (elected by the Council)
Classics Discipline Rep	Ian Marshall
Canopy Formation Discipline Rep	Steve Saunders
Artistics and VFS Discipline Rep	Weed Stoodley
Canopy Piloting Discipline Rep	Paul Moore
Formation Skydiving Discipline Rep	Richard Head

#### 1.1 To elect a Vice Chair

Weed Stoodley proposed that Richard Head be Vice-Chair of Competitions. This was seconded by Paul Moore.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 1.2 To co-opt ex officio as non-voting members of the Committee

The Committee agreed unanimously that the following should be co-opted as non-voting members of the Competitions Committee to carry out the roles listed:

Kate Charters	Judges' Co-ordinator
Martin Reynolds	Technical Rep: CP
Proposed Paul Moore. Seconded Weed Stoodley.	
Liz Warner	Deputy Judges Co-ordinator
Proposed Ian Marshall. Seconded Weed Stoodley.	

This would be subject to the Council ratifying their co-option to the Competitions Committee.

**Action: Recommend to the full Council**

### **1.3 Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving**

Weed Stoodley had discussed the position with Simon Brentford, however Simon had had to decline the offer as was very busy at work and could not devote the time to it.

The BPA office had been contacted by Mark Calland, a former member, who had offered to take up the Discipline Rep role. Mark, at this time, was not a current member and the BPA had written to him to explain that the Committee would appreciate his knowledge and experience but that he must re-join the BPA. The BPA had not yet received a reply.

Paul Moore proposed that should Mark wish to re-join the BPA that the Committee accept him as Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving. Seconded by Weed Stoodley.

**Carried Unanimously**

The BPA Office would try to contact Mark to ask if he wished to accept the role.

**Action: BPA Office**

## **02/11 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 December 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website:

<http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

## **03/11 Matters Arising**

### **3.1 Page 1 min 51.1 Contractors' Insurance Requirements**

All auxiliary staff were required to have 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance cover when airside at a DZ. As yet the Chair had been unable to contact Andy Houston as to what 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance he had in place. The Committee would require evidence of this insurance.

Paul Moore asked if it was possible for the competition hosting Drop Zone to take out a temporary membership for the contractor to benefit from the insurance element. This suggestion and the possibility of the brokers currently used by the BPA creating a back-up cover would be put to the Development Committee.

**Action: refer to the Development Committee**

## **04/11 Report from the IPC Plenary meeting 2011 (Circulated before the meeting)**

The Committee wished to express its thanks to Annette Williamson for writing the report, and to John Smyth and John Hitchen for their continued contribution to IPC on behalf of the BPA.

John Hitchen, as John Smyth was unable to attend, highlighted key areas of the report, stating that although he believed the proposed rule changes had all been passed, they would not be available for general circulation at this time. The Approved Artistic and FS rules had been uploaded on the FAI website with the remaining approved discipline rules to be uploaded by 1<sup>st</sup> March. A copy of the proposed changes would be circulated to the Committee.

**Action: BPA Office**

An email from John Smyth, circulated at the meeting, stated that the 2012 IPC Plenary would be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. John was currently drawing up a budget and examining means of extra funding.

## **05/11 Competition Rules 2011-02-24**

### **5.1 Inclusion of new anti-doping asthma instruction for National and GP rules.**

To note that Beta-2 Agonists taken via inhalation, Salbutamol & Salmeterol, no longer required an online Declaration of Use. This would be reflected in the Nationals and GP Rules and associated forms. The information would also be made available via the BPA website and Skydive the Mag.

**Action: BPA Office**

### **5.2 Rookie Team certificate, as included in the BPA Competition rules**

A request from the BPA office to ask that as the Rookie Team certificate forms were available before a competition and would be completed and handed in by a rookie team before the start of the competition whether it was still required in the rules. Kate Charters summarized that the form was handed out to raw rookie teams in the past but was not required now.

Richard Head proposed that the Rookie Team certificate could be removed from the Rules.

Ian Marshall seconded.

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.3 National Artistics Rules**

Weed Stoodley reported that there were major changes in the FAI Artistic rules which had been published on the FAI website, and was liaising with the BPA office and Kate Charters. Further advice on funding criteria was required as it was unlikely that scores from previous years from now on would have any relevance, which may produce issues on funding as will be difficult to make comparisons. Weed would devise wording for funding criteria and would circulate to committee.

**Action: Weed Stoodley**

### **5.4 Suggested CF Grand Prix rules**

Steve Saunders reported on the rules suggested by Mark Skarratts. The rules had been previously restructured following feedback from competitors that the previous manoeuvres were not challenging enough. The rules on progression were strict to encourage competitors to move up a level on winning Gold in Rookie and Intermediate, to encourage new rookie competitors. The Committee entertained and encouraged suggestions however would like to put it to other CF jumpers at a suggested open forum at the 2012 AGM for possible inclusion in the 2012 rules. New suggestions could not be implemented by the committee this year as preparations for the 2011 season were underway.

### **5.5 Allocated judges for each event for budgeting purposes**

Kate Charters informed the Committee that all events had been allocated judges and would forward the list to the BPA office.

**Action: Judges Co-ordinator**

### **5.6 CP Nationals 2011 – RAPA, Bad Lippspringe**

The Committee had been informed that the judging panel would consist of 11 judges. Nationals events were run at no cost to the BPA, however RAPA had asked for assistance. The Committee discussed the possibility of offering subsistence allowance for both German and UK judges; however the consensus of the meeting was that this would not be viable. Moving forward the German judging team were providing the judging equipment. Should the BPA have provided the equipment this would then be a cost to the BPA. Richard Head proposed that, as RAPA's bid had been accepted as 'at no cost to the BPA' the Committee should make no offer of funding towards the competition. Seconded by Weed Stoodley. Paul Moore counter proposed, that in the spirit of the competition; bearing in mind that the CP Nationals would not happen if it was not for the intervention of the German federation wanting to host their Nationals at the BPA DZ Bad Lippspringe, the BPA offer to share the costs of the electronic judging system, capped at £500. Seconded by Ian Marshall. The vote was : For 2, Against 2 (Weed Stoodley, Richard Head). The Chair then cast his vote For the counter proposal.

**Carried**

### **5.7 Classics Nationals, Peterlee, 17-19 June**

Paul Moore stated that the admin rules had been written and sent to the BPA office. Entry forms and registration fees were to be received by Peterlee by Friday 3 June. A decision would be made at that point as to whether the competition was viable. This would be highlighted through the various media available.

**Action: BPA Office, Peterlee**

### **5.8 Monitor quality for Judging purposes**

Kate Charters had made Target Skysports aware of the monitor quality and had been advised that some of the monitors would be replaced.

**Ongoing**

### **5.9 Medals for National Events**

The BPA Office had informed the committee that new medals had been ordered for last competitions season after extensive research for a cheaper price, and with the small stock of older medals, now had enough medals for this season.

In response to feedback from the Drop Zone Operators meeting and referred to by Development to this Committee, after discussion and in order to offset some of the costs a DZ may incur hosting a BPA National event, Richard Head proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley, that the BPA, from Competitions budget, pay for blank medals at Nationals. The

engraving would continue to left at the discretion of the DZ, and unused medals to be returned to the BPA.

**Carried unanimously**

**06/11 International Competitions 2011**

**6.1 8<sup>th</sup> World Cup & 7<sup>th</sup> European Championships Artistics and 17<sup>th</sup> World Cup & 10<sup>th</sup> European Championships FS, 1-7 August 2011, Saarlouis, Germany**

Both Artistics and FS Reps had forwarded team lists to the BPA Office. At this time the lists would be subject to change.

Clarity was to be sought from regarding insurance cover for competitors by Jelf Manson, as provided last year, as to whether this would be ongoing. This was likely to be discussed in at Council this evening.

**Action: refer to Council**

**6.2 6<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup & 2<sup>nd</sup> European Championships CP, 22-27 Aug 2011, Klatovy, Czech Rep**

There would be 12 places with a possible 16 people eligible to attend. Paul Moore required time to check those who were eligible and their availability to attend and would report back at the committee's next meeting.

**Action: Discipline Rep – CP**

**6.3 UK Judges and Training Judges going to international competitions**

Kate Charters reported that FS judges now had more opportunity to attend FAI events after receiving their FAI FS rating. Ruth Cooper would be on the FS panel for WPC 2011 Saarlouis. Judges for the CP event were yet to be chosen. Richard Head asked if a BPA Judge would be able to attend ESL 2011 with a similar arrangement to last year with £150 for travel. This would be discussed nearer the competition date.

**6.4 UK Delegation clothing for international competitors**

Weed Stoodley remarked that the contract with the BPA shop had included a line regarding providing the uniform for the delegation, however this had now been amended from 'will provide' to 'may provide'. Costs would need to be compared and considered before this could move forward.

The BPA Office had received a competitive quote, email circulated before the meeting, from a local company that could provide like for like uniform, but were having difficulty sourcing the trousers. Paul Moore suggested a company that could provide trousers and who may also be able to provide the uniform. Paul would send a brochure to the office for comparison.

**Action: BPA Office, Paul Moore**

**6.5 13<sup>th</sup> FAI World Para Ski Championships 2011, Gosau, Austria**

The BPA office had received an email in November from Ray Back regarding his wish to attend the event, however as Ray was not a current member at the time no further action was taken. Ray had been registered for the event at its official entry deadline of 14 January upon renewal of his membership; however the committee required further evidence of his ability. Steve Saunders would contact Ray to ask of his experience and insurance cover as this may affect his eligibility to compete.

**Action: Steve Saunders**

All future requests for Para Ski events would need to be presented to Competitions committee for their consideration. Paul Moore proposed that whilst the committee congratulated Ray on his wishing to attend, for future reference he was to liaise, in good time, with Competitions Committee. Seconded by Ian Marshall.

**Carried unanimously**

**6.6 ESL Finals 2011**

To note that the date had been moved by 1 week to Fri 16 – Sat 17 Sept 2011.

**Noted**

**07/11 International Competitions 2012**

**FAI World Parachuting Championships, 29 Nov – 10 Dec 2012, Dubai**

The committee noted that there was no bulletin available at this time. Cametrix may require more than 2 operatives and it was possible that those judges not attending in a judging capacity may be required as technicians.

**Noted**

**08/11 Competitions Budget**

It appeared that there was 1 outstanding payment to the British Team Fund and 1 possible shortfall in a payment. Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator, was chasing this up however clarity was needed as to the amount owed by each of the DZs.

**Action: BPA Financial Administrator**

It was recommended that the Discipline Reps be more in tune with the events and to be more pro-active in asking for any monies to be returned to the BPA.

Weed then furthered her summary, noting that all budgets were on track and that there had been no overspends.

**09/11 Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

All targets were on track.

**Target 5: Off-year targeted coaching support for National non-senior champion teams/competitors**

Discussion centred on to the application cut-off date for funding for coaching. The consensus of the meeting was that application could then be made right up to the date of the Nationals, however no funding would be given until after the event, upon production of coaching receipts. Funding could be applied for only by competitors who had won gold at the previous Nationals, were moving up a level in this seasons Nationals and still had more than 75% of the original team members.

Weed Stoodley stated that this ruling represented problems for Artistics as there was no level to move up to, only movement from B group to A group.

From minute 54.2 of the previous meeting, following a request from a CF team for coaching funding for an intermediate 4-way CF team wishing to move to senior level, Steve Saunders, as CF Discipline Rep, would respond to the team that the intermediate 4-way CF team were eligible for funding.

**Action: CF Discipline Rep**

**10/11 Competitions Action Plan 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

The Committee agreed that 6 targets of the 2010-2011 Action Plan were to be updated and extended for the 2011-2012 plan.

A suggestion by Paul Moore for possible inclusion in the plan was a study on what it would cost the BPA to run a Nationals competition. A Target for possible removal would be Coaching Roadshow events as these had seen a drop in turnout in recent years. Paul Moore proposed, seconded by Ian Marshall, that the Chair approach Liz Ashley, Editor – Skydive the Mag, to run an article that the committee were considering no longer offering coaching roadshows and asking for feedback from the membership.

**Action: Chair**

The 2011-12 Action plan would be finalised at the next meeting to present to Council on 19 April.

**Action: Next meeting**

**11/11 Skills Coaching Roadshows**

Weed Stoodley reported that there were 3 Artistics roadshows but was having some difficulty tying dates DZs and coaches.

The Discipline Reps were to add their agreed dates on to the Skydive the Mag website calendar.

**Action: Discipline Reps**

**12/11 Judging Matters not already covered**

**12.1 Judges Membership**

Kate Charters had sent via email to the BPA Office the list of Judges that had earned free membership for the new membership year.

**Noted**

## **12.2 Criteria for gaining a National Judge's rating**

Kate Charters had circulated a draft of the criteria and guidelines and was working with the BPA office and Weed Stoodley to create a form that would be available to new and current judges.

**Action: BPA Office, Judges Co-ordinator, Weed Stoodley**

## **12.3 Judges Training Seminar, 5-6 March 2011, Headcorn**

Kate Charters reported that Elisabet Petterson, from Sweden, would be attending the seminar. This would prove invaluable with the changes in the Artistics rules.

## **13/11 Any other business**

### **13.1 Letter of thanks received from Mark Skarratts**

The letter, received and circulated to the Committee via email, expressed Team PH36's thanks to the committee for the presentation of the Martin Gardiner Memorial Shield at the AGM which had meant a lot to Martin's family.

**Noted**

Paul Moore suggested that the Chair write a letter of thanks to Martin's father for attending and presenting the Shield.

**Action: Chair**

### **13.2 IPC Judges Committee**

Email circulated during the meeting had been received from John Smyth. John's email stated that the BPA Judges are held in high esteem and are among the best in the world, with particular mention of Bob Charters, Kate Charters and Karla Cole. In acknowledgement of this Karla Cole was confirmed as a Voting Member of the IPC Judges Committee. The Competitions Committee and Judges Co-ordinator wished to extend their congratulations to Karla.

### **13.3 Sale of outdated competition equipment from the BPA Office**

The committee considered selling old and outdated equipment that was stored at the BPA office. The equipment could be sold on to home DZs should they require it. However should they not want the equipment this offer could then be extended to overseas DZs. A full inventory was required before the equipment could be advertised via the BPA website, BPA magazine and via email to the UK DZs.

### **13.4 Use of Speed Skydiving Pro-tracks**

The committee had received a request for the pro-tracks to be used at a Speed Skydiving event. The consensus of the meeting was that the equipment could be borrowed with a covering letter that it was on a 'bend it/mend it', a small donation to the British Team Fund, must be collected and returned to the BPA office at no cost to the BPA and that they must only be used by people who met the appropriate criteria.

**Action: Chair**

## **15/11 Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 1300** BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester. LE2 8RE

The meeting closed at 1730.

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## 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; polo shirts</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>*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