

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION**  
**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**5 WHARF WAY, GLEN PARVA, LEICESTER**  
**WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2000, AT 6.45 PM**

<b>Present:</b>	John Smyth	-	Chairman
	Tim Andrewes		
	Paul Applegate		
	Chris Clements		
	Dona Crum		
<b>In attendance:</b>	Chris Allen	-	Chairman (BPA)
	Roger Flinn		
	Ian Marshall		
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Jane Doughty	-	Secretary

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**Note:** - The meeting was postponed until 6.45 p.m., as the Committee was not quorate.

**ITEM    MINUTE**

**1.        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Kate Charters, Mick Danby and Sharon Norris. There were also apologies for lateness from Chris Clements, Roger Flinn and Ian Marshall.

**2.        TO RECEIVE AN APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2000**

Paul Applegate proposed that the minutes of the Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February meeting, be accepted as a true record. Dona Crum seconded the proposal and it carried unanimously.

***Approved***

**3.        MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2000**

Page 1, item 3 - The Chairman stated that he had spoken to Bob Card asking him if he would be happy to write an article for the Magazine. He reported to the Committee that Mr. Card had agreed to write an article, he went on to state that he would be liaising with Bob Card and Lesley Gale regarding this matter.

***Action: Chairman***

Page 4, item 6 - Chris Clements raised the issue of the location of the Regionals. There was some discussion on this matter. The Chairman pointed out to Chris Clements, that there was little the BPA could do if her preferred Club did not offer to host the Regionals. However, the Chairman asked Chris Clements to consider this issue (for next year as it

could not be changed for this year) and put a proposal to the Competitions Committee at another meeting.

**Action: Chris Clements**

Page 5, item 7 - The Committee wanted to clarify some wording in the minutes, regarding the Nationality ruling. The Committee clarified that this ruling was also waived for Juniors.

**Note: - The Chairman asked the Committee if they had any objections to item 14 (Judging Matters), being brought forward to this section of the meeting. There were no objections from the Committee.**

**14. JUDGING MATTERS**

The Chairman briefed the Committee on the ongoing situation with regards to Roger Flinn, pointing out that there were two issues "at hand". The first: was Dr. Flinn entitled to have his airfare to the World Meet in Australia refunded to him by the BPA? The second: Should he be entitled to his free associate membership (reference: page 7, item 11 of the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1999 Competition Committee minutes).

The Committee discussed the first issue with Dr. Flinn in detail and at great length, with particular attention paid to how he was selected to attend the World Championships in Australia. After a great deal of discussion the Committee concluded that Dr. Flinn had been selected by the IPC to attend, but there had been a break down in communication and the Association had not been informed of Dr. Flinn's attendance/capacity at the Championships.

The Chairman reminded Dr. Flinn of his responsibility to the Association, and that he must direct all of his actions via the Judges co-ordinator.

Dr. Flinn agreed that there had been a lapse in communication. He informed the Committee that this had now been rectified by IPC, as it was now stated in the Sporting Code that the National Governing bodies have to be informed of Judges selected by the IPC to attend World Meets.

Dr. Flinn requested a refund of his airfare to Australia (should funds become available). The Committee took a vote on this:

For: 0                                      Against: 3                                      Abstentions: 1, Chris Clements

**Not carried**

The Committee then moved onto discuss whether Dr. Flinn was entitled to free associate membership. The Chairman reminded the Committee that Kate Charters had written to all Judges, requesting a photocopy of their log book, demonstrating that they had attended 3 BPA events - in order to be entitled to free associate membership.

Dr. Flinn stated that he had provided the Judges co-ordinator with some information regarding the BPA events that he had attended. The Committee concluded that Dr. Flinn had attended the required amount of BPA events but had submitted the incorrect type of information to the Judges co-ordinator. They then went on to decide whether he should be awarded free associate membership.

For: 3                                      Against: 0                                      Abstentions: 1, Dona Crum

**Carried by a majority**

Dona Crum then raised the issue of communication within the Judging community, regarding the list of Judges on the FAI web site. She stated that some of the information seemed to have changed, and ratings that Kate Charters had not included in the list (as the Judges were not current in those disciplines) seemed to have been included.

There followed a great deal of discussion regarding this matter, the Committee felt that a Judge could not have ratings 'taken away', but that they should have them marked or highlighted as not being current.

The Chairman asked Dr. Flinn to give due consideration to his duties to the Association, and to keep the Association (via the Judges co-ordinator) informed of his ratings, log books etc.

4. **TO RE-DISCUSS THE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING FOR THE WORLD AIR GAMES - IN THE LIGHT OF OUR MATRIX APPLICATION TO SPORTS COUNCIL**

The Chairman briefed the Committee, drawing their attention to the relevant part of the Action Plan Matrix.

The Committee discussed this matter at length, several options suggested, but it was felt that no final decisions could be made until after Sports Council had delivered their deliberations on our action Plan Matrix.

The criteria for funding is to be advised.

5. **UPDATE ON THE PREPERATION OF THE RULES FOR THE 2000 NATIONALS**

The Committee went through each set of rules, making slight adjustments where necessary. The Chairman actioned the office to make these changes, and then to distribute the rules (with the amendments made) to the Committee.

**Action: BPA Office**

6. **TO DSCUSS THE SELECTION OF A COACH TO ATTEND THE FS YEAR 2000 NATIONALS**

Chris Allen had been asked to look into acquiring an FS Coach to attend the Nationals. He had a selection of Coaches for the Committee to look at. The Committee discussed these in detail.

Tim Andrewes proposed that the Association select Pete Allum as the FS Coach to attend the Nationals. This was seconded by Chris Clements and carried unanimously.

**Carried unanimously**

Dona Crum (as FS Rep) was tasked with liaising with Pete Allum, to clarify with him, what this role would entail.

7. **TO DISCUSS FUNDING OMNISCORE FOR THE 2000 FS NATIONALS**

The Chairman briefed the Committee on what had happened regarding this matter the previous year, and what the situation was this year.



11. **TO DISCUSS SENDING TEAMS TO THE W.A.G. PRACTICE BETWEEN JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2000**

The Chairman asked John Hitchen, to explain why there had been a clash of events. Mr. Hitchen explained that these events had clashed because the other meets were not category 1 events.

The Chairman stated that with John Hitchens' explanation of the clash of events, the situation was out of the Associations control. He went on to state that the Committee understood the dilemma this created for competitors, and that the BPA would support their decision (unfunded).

12. **TO DISCUSS THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR THE W.A.G. 2001, TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

The Chairman informed the Committee, that this was not a decision that was made by the Competitions Committee, but that they needed to start discussion, and that the discussion would progress further at a Council meeting.

The Chairman stated that he had approached several people to see if they would be available. He informed the Committee of those people who were available for the role at that time:

Bob Card  
John Hitchen  
Chris Allen

The Committee agreed to suggest these three names to Council at the next meeting. Tim Andrewes, however, expressed reservations with the Bob Card nomination, as some of the (potential) competitors had expressed some concerns. The Chairman stated that these concerns would be discussed at the Council meeting.

13. **DOPING IN SPORT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BPA**

Chris Clements expressed her ideas on doping to the Committee, and they were discussed in detail.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed a letter from Bob Charters reference the 'Mountain Men' asking if the Team had been awarded 'Life membership' to the Association. The Committee confirmed that the team had been awarded this at a previous meeting. The Chairman actioned the office to contact the 'Mountain Men' to make them aware of the award. He also stated that Ian Marshall and Paul Applegate could be contacted for information on this matter.

**Action: BPA Office**

Chris Clements drew the Committee's attention to a letter from Esther Reynolds. The Chairman read the letter out to the Committee. The Committee felt that her letter reiterated the points raised by Alistair M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, and that her questions had been answered in item 9.

**16. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was fixed at Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 11.15 p.m.

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