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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Saturday 22 January 2005 at 1250

at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire

Present:

John Smyth	-	Competitions Chairman
Paul Applegate	-	Asst Discipline Rep: AE
Nigel Holland	-	Discipline Rep: AE
Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: CF
Geordie Page	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
Andy Scott	-	Discipline Rep: FS
Jim White	-	Discipline Rep: CP

In attendance:

Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General
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Item Minute

01/05 Composition 2005

The composition of the Committee for 2005 was as set out above, together with the Judges Co-ordinator (co-opted).

Ian Marshall proposed, and Nigel Holland, seconded a motion that Andy Scott be elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Carried unanimously

Discipline Reps were agreed as listed above.

02/05 This meeting

The Chairman said that this meeting had been convened to transact urgent business ahead of the first full meeting of the 2005 session. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 November 2004, and matters arising therefrom, would be taken at the next meeting.

03/05 Pete Allum

The Chairman reported that Pete Allum, former member of team XL, had been invited to join the Italian National Team in 2006. He had last represented the UK at the Mondial 2003. Under FAI rules, a competitor was eligible to compete for a different nation after a period of three years. This meant that, if Pete Allum competed for Italy in 2006, he would not be eligible to compete for the UK again until 2009. The Chairman said that he hoped this Committee would support Pete Allum in his acceptance of this opportunity in furtherance of his skydiving career.

Andy Scott proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that this Committee supported Pete Allum and his ambitions with the Italian National Team.

Carried unanimously

The Committee wished Pete Allum well for the future and expressed the hope that he would win a medal in 2006.

04/05 Freestyle team *Tumbleweed*

Paul Applegate proposed, and Nigel Holland seconded, a motion for this Committee to authorise freestyle team *Tumbleweed* (Jim Weir & Deb Clarke) to represent the UK, on a self-funded basis, at meets in Russia and the World Cup 2005 in Eloy, USA.

Carried unanimously

05/05 Judges' expenses

The Chairman summarised the discussion at the previous meeting (minute 84.1) concerning the need to reduce the cost of judges' expenses, which were currently running over budget. The Chairman said he planned to attend the Judges' meeting this afternoon, at which he would propose that:

- (i) the present system of covering training judges' expenses, which was too costly to continue, should be replaced by a training bursary;
- (ii) qualified National judges who wished to attend training seminars to become International judges (such as the seminars to be held at the World Cup 2005 in Eloy, USA), should do so at their own expense, in the same way that competitors would be representing the UK at their own expense;
- (iii) if the UK judges wished to hold a pre-season training seminar in a similar format to the one they held last year, this would be at the judges' own expense.

The Chairman underlined that the reason for these arrangements was because of budget constraints now that there were more judges and trainee judges in the system. The funding allocation for judging would simply not be sufficient unless the way in which the available funding was applied was rationalised.

Action: Chairman

06/05 Competitions Action Plan 2005/6

Under the budgeting arrangements for the financial year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, a fixed sum of money (to be confirmed by Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator), would be available to the Competitions Committee. The Committee's task now was to recommend to the full Council an Action Plan comprising costed targets in accordance with the available budget. The Committee considered that the best way to express this was to allocate expenditure as a percentage of the total available to the Competitions Committee.

After discussion, assuming a pot of 100%, Geordie Page proposed, and Andy Scott seconded, a motion that the allocation should be:

- 80% to support the training of top teams that met strict funding criteria (performance equal to fourth place or better at the last World Championships) to win medals;
- 15% on skills coaching roadshows for juniors and intermediates
- 5% to retain the level of UK national and international judging expertise at establishment.

Carried unanimously

The Committee agreed that the above targets and associated budget allocations should be set out in the form of a Competitions Action Plan matrix for recommendation to the full Council at its meeting on Tuesday 15 February 2005. It would then form part of the BPA Action Plan for the year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006. The Chairman would be away from early next week until after the Council meeting, at the IPC meeting in Poland and then as Head of the UK Delegation at the Second World Cup of Canopy Piloting in the USA. Therefore, in his absence, the Vice Chairman and the office would progress documentation of the above in the matrix format as required by the Council.

Action: Vice Chairman / BPA Office

07/05 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1 March 2005 at 1830 at the BPA Office, Glen Parva, Leicester.

The meeting closed at 1315.