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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 23 January 2008 at 1830

at the BPA Office, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Present:	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Paul Applegate		
	Ian Marshall	-	Discipline Rep: CF (from item 3.7)
	Paul Moore	-	Vice Chairman and Discipline Rep: Classics
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP
In attendance:	Clare Murphy	-	Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving
	Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General
Apologies for absence	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO [at IPC]
	Chris Hollis	-	Discipline Rep: FS
	John Smyth	-	Chairman of Council [at IPC]
Observers:	Simon Bristow		
	David Hickling	-	DZ Operator (to item 4.2.5)
	James Swallow	-	DZ Operator
	Mark Tether		

Item Minute

01/08 Minutes

Paul Applegate proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2007 (which had already been ratified by the full Council at its meeting on Tuesday 4 December 2007) be approved as a correct record.

Approved

02/08 Composition of the Competitions Committee 2008

The Committee confirmed for the official record the following, which had been agreed at the informal meeting immediately following the inaugural Council meeting for 2008 on AGM day, Saturday 12 January 2008.

Competitions Chairman:	Andy Scott (elected by the Council)
Competitions Vice Chairman and Classics Discipline Rep	Paul Moore
Canopy Formation Discipline Rep	Ian Marshall
Artistics and VFS Discipline Rep	Weed Stoodley
Canopy Piloting Discipline Rep	Alex Wilson

Paul Moore proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion that Kate Charters, Chris Hollis and Clare Murphy should be co-opted as non-voting members of the Competitions Committee to carry out the roles listed overleaf.

Carried unanimously

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

Action: Recommend to the full Council

Judges' Co-ordinator
Formation Skydiving Discipline Rep
Speed Skydiving Discipline Rep

Kate Charters
Chris Hollis
Clare Murphy.

03/08 Matters arising

3.1 Update of anti-doping code and rules (minute 49.1)

These had been approved by the Council at its meeting on 4 December 2007 (Council minute 100/07 refers). The updated Form 220 BPA Anti-Doping Policy and Rules would now be uploaded to the BPA website.

Action: BPA Office

3.2 Database of BPA competition trophies (minute 49.2)

John Page, last year's Competition Chairman, had kindly agreed to continue with this work. The Chairman said that there were new trophies for Canopy Piloting that needed to be added to the database. He believed these new trophies were still with Kate Charters.

Action: John Page

3.3 Judges' scoring sheets (minute 49.3)

The Chairman said he would contact Trudy Kemp at the BPA Office to find out how many old scoring sheets were still in stock

Action: Kate Charters & BPA Office

3.4 Canopy Piloting judging equipment (minute 49.4)

Paul Moore reported that he would collate the alternative quotations into a single paper and circulate it to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting. Weed Stoodley asked whether it might be more cost effective to hire than to purchase. Alex Wilson (CP Rep) said this had been considered but purchase was the most economic option.

Action: Paul Moore / Next meeting

3.5 Possible commercial sponsorship of a CP jumper (minute 49.7)

Alex Wilson reported that the jumper he had had in mind had unfortunately sustained an injury, and so we withdrew his name from consideration for sponsorship. Alex Wilson said he would approach the sponsor again now that the jumper had recovered.

Action: Alex Wilson

3.6 Policy on award of British and Open Medals at Nationals (minute 49.9)

This had been discussed at the Competitions Open Forum on AGM Day, Saturday 12 January 2008. A number of views had been expressed, but the consensus that had emerged, which was now endorsed by the Committee, was that an Open Gold would be awarded to the highest-placed competitor or team, who would be declared the Open Champion/s, unless the winner was British in which case they would become the British Champion/s and receive the National Gold and National Champion trophy. There would be no Open Silver or Bronze Medals.

The Chairman asked the Discipline Reps to note the above for the 2008 rules

Action: Discipline Reps

3.7 Freely Grand Prix – possible revised format (minute 49.11)

Weed Stoodley reported that she had considered running scrambles at Freely Grand Prix, to try to encourage more teams to take part. However, she could not see the practicality of how this could be done. Another option might be to have compulsories only, which was good for training judges. She said she would re-visit this question when the bids to host the Grand Prix were being considered (minute 4.2.3).

3.8 In-competition records (minute 49.12)

Alex Wilson said he still had to sign off the in-competition CP record submitted to the BPA Office. There had been a delay because he had been overseas.

Action: Alex Wilson

3.9 Possible DVDs of the Nationals (minute 49.13)

After discussion, the Committee agreed to a suggestion by Weed Stoodley that the rules for the Nationals in all disciplines should be updated to state that the BPA owned the copyright of all video/moving images for judging, competitors' and training use. Ian Marshall believed that

a nominal consideration such as £1 should be paid to videographers for this. The Committee agreed that the rules should go on to say that competitors who wish to receive a copy of all rounds should supply their own DVD in a suitable format.

The Chairman said he would write to Cametrix to request a copy of all rounds completed by all competitors in those Nationals for which Cametrix was used last year.

Action: Chairman

Weed Stoodley said she was trying to obtain a copy of all jumps at the Artistics Nationals 2007. She had asked Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, whom she understood had a copy, but had not yet heard from her and would therefore send a reminder.

Action: Weed Stoodley

3.10 Speed skydiving World Cup (minute 51.3)

Clare Murphy, Speed Skydiving Discipline Rep, reported that the dates and venue had yet to be announced by the International Speed Skydiving Association (ISSA). She would advise the Committee once the details were known, together with the rule on the number of competitors each country could enter. The Chairman said that this should be considered at the next meeting, once John Hitchen's report on the IPC Plenary Meeting 2008 had been received, as it was likely to say whether or not IPC had formally recognised Speed Skydiving as a new IPC discipline. The Committee noted that Clare Murphy had been the top female and Martin Reynolds the top British male at the Speed Skydiving Nationals 2007.

Action: Next meeting

3.11 Clarification of agreed funding (minute 51.2.4)

For the avoidance of doubt, the Chairman asked that the minutes should record the names of each competitor who had qualified for BPA funding of up to £6K per competitor for training to represent the UK in the World Parachuting Championships 2008. This expenditure had been ratified by the full Council at its meeting on 4 December 2007 (Council minute 93.4/07 refers).

They funded teams and individuals are as follows.

- 4-way FS team Bodyflight Storm – Sarah Smith, Hannah Betts, Kate Stephens, Claire Scott and Gary Wainwright (camera) [5 x up to £6K = up to £30K]
- Freely team Volairkix – Andy Newell, Mike Carpenter and Adam Mattacola [3 x up to £6K = £18K]
- Canopy Piloting competitor Brian Vacher. [£6K]

Total funding: up to £54K.

4/08 Competitions bids 2008

The Chairman tabled copies of competitions bid forms to host Nationals and Grand Prix 2008, all received by the call back date of Friday 18 January. This date had been set by last year's Competitions Committee as it was not known on what the date that the 2008 Committee would meet to consider bids received. The bids were, as usual, tabled at the meeting, previously unseen by the Committee.

4.1 Nationals 2008

4.1.1 FS, Artistics, CF, Speed and 8-way speed Nationals

Only one bid, from Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, had been received to host the FS and Artistics Nationals. It was for dates in August, for which the Open Forum at the AGM had expressed a preference over the alternative of July (that is to say, before or after WPC 2008 in FS and Artistics, which would take place from 9-14 August 2008). Weed Stoodley reported that the Artistics teams would prefer the July dates. However, James Swallow (Target Skysports) said the bid did not stand for alternative dates in July, only the August dates they had stated on their bid form.

The Chairman declared an interest as he was a member of an 8-way FS team. He therefore handed the chair to the Vice Chairman, Paul Moore.

Target Skysports had also submitted the only bid to host (on other dates) Nationals in Canopy Formation, Speed Skydiving, and 8-way Speed.

The Committee considered Target's bid including prices, aircraft, geographical location and their excellent track record at running these Nationals in the past.

Alex Wilson proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to accept Target Skysports' bid to host should host the Nationals 2008 in 4- and 8-way FS, Artistics, Canopy Formation, Speed Skydiving and 8-way Speed at the dates set out in the Appendix to these minutes. The vote was: For – 4, Abstention – 1 (Andy Scott).

Carried

Andy Scott then resumed the chair.

James Swallow said he expected to see a significant decrease in the number of teams at these Nationals because of the BPA's lateness of arranging the dates. He believed that this would disadvantage his Centre compared with previous years when the dates had been published during the previous autumn. Alex Wilson noted a possible clash with dates of with the end of the Army Parachuting Championships.

4.1.2 Scoring system at the Nationals

James Swallow (Target Skysports) asked about the scoring system to be used. He said Cametrix had charged a high fee at the 2007 Nationals, far more than Omniskore had charged in previous years. The Chairman said he understood that a French and a Danish scoring system, in addition to Cametrix from the UK., were currently being evaluated by IPC. The Committee therefore decided to await the outcome of the IPC meeting, which was currently taking place, before choosing the scoring system to be used for the Nationals 2008.

Action: Next meeting

4.1.3 Boosting media interest and sponsorship of the FS & Artistics Nationals

James Swallow (Target Skysports) tabled, and spoke to, a document in which Target Skysports proposed to the BPA that they should be awarded the privilege of hosting the British Open National Championships in FS 4-way and 8-way and Artistics for the next three years. They noted that, over the past few years, no other Centre had bid to host the FS and Artistics Nationals, and discussions they had had with the media had led them to conclude that the only way they could get television companies and big sponsors interested would be if they could guarantee coverage for 3 years.

The Chairman thanked James Swallow for Target's suggestion. He said it was an interesting idea that he would be pleased to raise for discussion at Council, on the basis that the BPA might invite bids for a 3-year agreement to host the FS and Artistics Nationals in order to seek to secure the benefits outlined in Target's paper.

Action: Refer to full Council

4.1.4 Classics and Canopy Piloting Nationals

Two bids had been received, from RAPA and Skydive UK, Dunkeswell. Alex Wilson reported that Skydive UK did not yet have a suitable body of water ("swoop pond") although they had plans for one. Weed Stoodley said that, although she would prefer the event to be hosted by an Affiliated Centre in the UK rather than an Affiliated Centre outside the UK, the only valid bid was from JSPC(L) / RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany, who had a suitable body of water. The consensus around the table was that this Centre had done a good job of hosting the first Classics / Canopy Piloting Nationals last year, and the Chairman said that these two disciplines should continue to be run concurrently both because they shared many of the same judges and, he hoped, might encourage CP jumpers also to compete in the Classics.

Weed Stoodley therefore proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to accept the bid by JSPC(L) / RAPA Bad Lippspringe, to host the Nationals in Classics (Style & Accuracy) and Canopy Piloting on 10-13 July 2008. The vote was: For – 4, Abstain – 1 (Paul Moore, from the bidding DZ).

Carried

4.1.5 Possible VFS/VRW Nationals

Weed Stoodley asked about the possibility of holding VFS/VRW Nationals in 2008. The Chairman said that it would not be appropriate to consider this now because no reference to it had been included on the bid form. Again, this item would be better considered in the light of

the report on the IPC 2008 meeting, as it was possible that IPC might officially recognise VFS as a new skydiving discipline.

Action: Next meeting

4.2 Grand Prix 2008

4.2.1 UK Skydiving League – 4-way FS Grand Prix

5 bids had been received for, between them, 3 meets (the Nationals, minute 4.1.1, would also count as a leg of the Grand Prix). Not all bidders had bid to host all meets. The bidders were APA Netheravon, BPS Langar, Target, NWPC Cark, and Weston. The bids were carefully considered in the light of all factors, including costs to competitors, DZ facilities, geographical location and aircraft.

Weed Stoodley proposed, and Paul Moore seconded, a motion to accept the bid by BPS Langar to host the UKSL meet on 17-18 May 2008.

Carried unanimously

Paul Moore proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to accept the bid by APA Netheravon to host the UKSL meet on 7-8 June 2008. (NB The bid was for 6-8 June but the Committee decided that it should start on the Saturday to mirror other UKSL meets.) Netheravon has not held a Regional of Grand Prix in FS since 1999, and was in the south of the country giving a good geographical balance to other UKSL locations. The vote was: For – 4, Abstention – 1 (Alex Wilson, who used to work at APA Netheravon).

Carried

Ian Marshall proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion to accept the bid by NWPC Cark to host the UKSL meet on 28-29 June 2008.

Carried unanimously

4.2.2 FS 8-way Grand Prix

Two bids had been received, from Black Knights and Target. These were considered. The FS 8-way Grand Prix would comprise three legs, including the Nationals (minute 4.1.1)

Alex Wilson proposed, and weed Stoodley seconded, a motion to accept the bid by Black Knights to host the FS 8-way Grand Prix from 31 May-1 June 2008.

Carried unanimously

Paul Moore proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to accept the bid by Target Sports to host the FS 8-way Grand Prix from 5-6 July 2008.

Carried unanimously

4.2.3 Freely Grand Prix

Three bids had been received to host Freely Grand Prix meets in 2008 - from APA Netheravon, Black Knights and Target. After discussion, and bearing in mind the poor attendance at last year's Freely Grand Prix, Weed Stoodley (Artistics Rep) suggested, and the Committee agreed, that there should be no formal Grand Prix in Freely in 2008, but that three Freely Competitions Skills Coaching Roadshows would be held instead. APA Netheravon had proposed dates. Weed Stoodley said she would liaise with Black Knights and Target with a view to announcing dates for all three events in due course.

Action: Weed Stoodley

4.2.4 CF Grand Prix

Three bids had been received to host legs of the CF Grand Prix, of which the Nationals (minute 4.1.1) would be a fourth leg. The bids were from Black Knights, BPS Langar and Target. The dates and venue for WPC 2008 in CF had not yet been announced by IPC, so Ian Marshall (CF Rep) would liaise with the host Centres to arrange the dates once the WPC dates were known. BPS Langar had bid for a date in early September, 6-7 September subject to this not clashing with WPC 2008.

Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to accept all three of the above bids for legs of the CF Grand Prix to be arranged.

Carried unanimously – Action: Ian Marshall

4.2.5 Classics Grand Prix

Three bids had been received to host legs of the Classics Grand Prix, from Black Knights, Headcorn (Accuracy only) and RAPA. The Committee decided that these, together with the Classics Nationals (minute 4.1.4) should form the Classics Grand Prix 2008.

Ian Marshall proposed that the bids from the three centres above to host legs of the Classics Grand Prix [2 x Style & Accuracy and 1 x Accuracy only] should be accepted. The vote was: For – 4, Abstain – 1 (Paul Moore, one of the bidders).

Carried

Headcorn had bid to host the Accuracy Grand Prix on 24-25 May 2008, and the Committee confirmed these dates. Paul Moore (Classics Rep) would liaise with the other two Centres to arrange their dates, once the dates for the WPC 2008 in Classics had been announced by IPC.

Action: Paul Moore

4.2.6 Grand Prix dates yet to be arranged

The Chairman asked the Discipline Reps concerned to bring proposed dates for confirmation to the next meeting of the Council, on Tuesday 19 February 2008, for ratification.

Action: Discipline Reps who are arranging GP dates

4.2.7 Competitions attendance records

Pail Applegate asked that attendance records of competitions should be kept. The Chairman referred this to Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator.

Refer to Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator

5/08 Rules 2008

The Chairman said he had discussed with Kate Charters the wish of the judges that they should have a greater formal level of input to preparing the rules. Therefore, Kate Charters would liaise with judges in each discipline to enable them to be more involved in the process. He asked the Discipline Reps to extract any rule changes for their discipline from the outcome of the IPC Plenary Meeting that was currently taking place, and to discuss these with Kate Charters, who would involve judges of that discipline. The aim would be to have draft rules for Nationals and Grand Prix available for consideration at the next meeting, to go forward to the Judges' Seminar that Kate Charters was to hold at RAPA from 11-14 April 2008.

Action: Discipline Reps

The Chairman reported that Trudy Kemp at the BPA Office would, as was customary, draft the administrative section of the rules. 2008 was not a selection year, and therefore the paragraph on selection would not be needed. Standard wording on the award of Open Medals (minute 3.6) would be agreed from the best draft submitted, as the same policy applied to all disciplines.

6/08 International competitions

6.1 World Parachuting Championships 2008

The Office had circulated an updated list of the National Team to go to WPC 2008 in all disciplines, and this was updated. Dates and venues for WPC 2008 in Classics, Canopy Formation and Canopy Piloting were still to be decided by IPC. Letters of invitation to teams or individuals on the invitation list for these disciplines would be prepared once the dates and venues had been announced by IPC.

Action: BPA Office

6.1.1 2-way sequential Canopy Formation

The 2-way sequential event had been weathered out at the CF Nationals 2007 (minute 49.10/07). After discussion of alternatives put forward by Ian Marshall (CF Discipline Rep), Weed Stoodley proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that that the first CF competition of 2008 should be the selection point, and that the opportunity to compete for selection to represent the UK in the CF 2-way sequential event at WPC 2008 should be open up to all teams who wished to enter (rather than only those two teams who had entered for the event that was weathered-out at the CF Nationals 2007). There was no counter-proposal. The vote was: For – 4, Abstain – 1 (Ian Marshall, because he was a competitor).

Carried

Alex Wilson then proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that selection of the National Team the 2-way CF event at WPC 2008 should take place at the first CF Grand Prix meet of 2008. Weed Stoodley said she could only support this motion if it had first been established that the two teams who were competing in the weathered-out event at the CF Nationals 2007 would be able to attend. The vote was: For – 4, Against – 1 (Weed Stoodley), Abstention – 1 (Ian Marshall)

Carried

6.1.2 Formation Skydiving & Artistics

Bulletin 1 for WPC 2008 in Formation Skydiving and Artistics at Maubeuge, France, from 9-14 August 2008 had been published and a copy had been circulated. The date for provisional registration was 26 May 2008 and the date for final registration, with payment of entry fees, 26 June 2008. As usual, the BPA Office would look after WPC registrations centrally.

Action: BPA Office

6.1.3 Funding

The Chairman declared the interest that his wife was a member of a funded team. The Vice Chairman therefore chaired this item.

Training plans for a funded team and a funded individual competitor had been circulated. These were required to trigger the release of the first tranche of BPA funding (minute 51.2.4).

However, it was reported that the first tranche of funding had already been released to one team. This tranche had comprised £15K of the up to £30K that had been allocated to them/. Its release had been authorised ex-committee by the Competitions Chairman 2007 on receipt of the team's training plan. Weed Stoodley had asked to see the relevant paperwork, and noticed that this included an invoice to the BPA from the team, but no receipts for the team's expenditure on training. It appeared there had been a misunderstanding of the trigger mechanism and the Vice Chairman said he would write to last year's Competitions Chairman to call this to his attention, in order to clear up the matter before the next Council meeting.

The overall amount of up to £30K had already been unanimously ratified by the full Council (Council minute 93.4/07 refers), so the matter was purely to do with the administrative procedure, viz (i) the trigger point for release of the first tranche, which should have been the formal acceptance of the training plan by this Committee; (ii) the amount of the first tranche, which was normally about a third rather than the half that had been paid in this instance.

Action: Paul Moore

Weed Stoodley said that the BPA should still require receipts for expenditure made by the team with this £15K, in due course.

Andy Scott proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that the Committee should approve the training plan submitted by the individual who had qualified for funding for his participation in WPC 2008, and that the first tranche of his already-approved-by-Council funding of up to £6K should be released – the tranches would be £2K, £2K and £1K, with the remaining amount of up to £1K held back for his WPC entry fee, etc. Weed Stoodley made a counter-proposal, which Andy Scott seconded, that this funding should be paid in two tranches of £2.5K with up to £1K kept back to cover WPC entry fees, etc. Paul Applegate said that to do this would go against the Committee's decision last year to release funding in three tranches. The vote on Weed Stoodley's counter-proposal was: For – 4, Abstention – 1 (Paul Applegate).

Carried

Both the funded team and the funded individual had agreed to coach at BPA Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors (minute 8).

Andy Scott resumed the chair.

7/08 Budget

The Chairman reported that there had been an underspend on the Competitions Action Plan and on Skills Coaching Roadshows during the current financial year ending on 30 June 2008. Weed Stoodley tabled a budget breakdown she had prepared. £5K remained in the Roadshows budget. In the Action Plan, a budget of £500 had been allocated to the transfer from pre-printed judges' score sheets to electronic templates that could be printed off as

required. A number of electronic judging score sheet templates had already been completed and were available online from the BPA website, but there had been no expenditure because this had been no direct costs.

Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, had asked in her report (circulated) for the Committee to authorise expenditure of £100 per judge towards travel and subsistence for them to attend the judges' seminar she was holding at RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany, 11-14 April 2008 (minute 4). The Chairman reported that there was a maximum of 16 judges who might attend; therefore the total expenditure would be no more than £1600. Alex Wilson then proposed, and Weed Stoodley seconded, a motion to authorise this. The vote was: For – 4, Abstain – 1 (Paul Moore, whose Centre was to host the seminar).

Carried

8/08 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

A number of Centres had requested Skills Coaching Roadshows in particular disciplines, and the Discipline Reps were liaising with them. A note asking Centres that wished to host a Roadshow to contact the relevant Discipline Rep/s was due to appear in the February issue of *Skydive the Mag*.

Action: Discipline Reps

The Chairman asked Discipline Reps to be mindful of the possibility of small attendances at a large number of events when we could enjoy better attendance at fewer events.

Weed Stoodley said she would like to consider the possibility of a Roadshow in VFS/VRW at the next meeting, once the report on IPC 2008 was available, as IPC might officially recognise the discipline (minute 4.1.5).

Action: Next meeting

Alex Wilson proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that a Skills Coaching Roadshow in Canopy Piloting should be held at Netheravon on 23-25 May 2008.

Carried

9/08 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

The provisional Action Plan targets that emerged from the informal discussion held after the inaugural Council meeting on AGM Day, Saturday 12 January 2008, were further considered. These were as follows.

- 1 Support development of established BPA competition coaching personnel - in order to strengthen the skill base of the current competition coaching team, provide access to world-class competition coaches who can work on specific skills. Consideration needed to be given about investigation of some formal recognition of this.
- 2 Coaching support to champion teams - support non-senior 2008 National Champion teams with access to coaching for progression into senior category and access to category 1 events.
- 3 Raise standards of UK competitor base - provide at least 3 coaching events throughout the period where established champions and expert coaches can work with competitors.
- 4 Retain the level of UK National and International judging expertise to current establishment (this is same as in the current Action Plan year, 2007/8).
- 5 Identify areas of improved efficiency for judging teams - consideration of possible use of technology to support and improve the judging experience - this may involve remote judging in certain circumstances for example or how scores are centrally held / uploaded / sent in etc.

In discussion, the Committee supported firming up on targets 1 to 4 but considered target 5 to be a little nebulous and therefore decided to leave it out of the formal Action Plan.

The Chairman said he would now write up the four agreed targets as a more comprehensive draft, including a draft competitions matrix, as required for the Action Plan. This could then be considered at the next meeting with a view to attaching a budget to each target, before recommending the Competitions Action Plan to the full Council for ratification and inclusion as part of the overall BPA Action Plan 2008/9.

Action: Chairman / Next meeting

10/08 Judging matters

Judging matters had been considered as they arose throughout the meeting. The Chairman checked the report (circulated) from Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, to ensure that all items had been considered. The Committee noted that Kate Charters had returned the UK international judges' list to the IPC Judges' Co-ordinator in December 2007, and that the Office had circulated a copy to the Members of the Competitions Committee 2007.

The Chairman reported that Kate Charters had given him a current list of judges. Ian Marshall expressed surprise that one or more CF judges he had been told had stood down were on the 2008 list as current. He said he would seek clarification from Kate Charters about this at the next meeting.

Action: Next meeting

11/08 BPA patches

In response to a question from Weed Stoodley, the Office confirmed that BPA patches for jumpsuits, etc, were customarily supplied only to funded teams and individuals, hence were ordered in limited quantities. Weed Stoodley said she believed the funding contract needed to be more specific with regard to wearing BPA logos, etc, and media coverage. Ian Marshall pointed out that one funded team was not wearing an official UK delegation T-shirt, supplied courtesy of the British Team Fund, in a publicity photograph. The Chairman said it was not clear at which event the photograph had been taken, and whether there had in fact been an official UK T-shirt for that meet.

12/08 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 1815 at the BPA Office. Alex Wilson tendered his apologies for absence, as he would be overseas.

The meeting closed at 2235.



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Competitions dates 2008 *(as at 6 February 2008)*

British Open Nationals 2008

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	JSPC (L) / RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany	Thurs 10 - Sun 13 July 2008
Canopy Piloting		
Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way: Sat 23 - Mon 25 August 2008 4- way reserve and 8-way: Sat 30 Aug - Mon 1 Sept 2008 8-way reserve: Sat 6 - Mon 8 Sept 2008
Artistic & Speed		Sat 30 Aug - Mon 1 Sept 2008 Reserve: Sat 6 - Mon 8 Sept 2008
Canopy Formation & 8-way Speed		Provisionally Sat 27 - Sun 28 September 2008, subject to no conflict with dates for WPC 08 in CF, when announced by IPC

UKSL & Grand Prix 2008

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Style & Accuracy Grand Prix	1 Black Knights 2 JSPC (L) / RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany	Dates to be arranged after WPC 08 Classics dates announced by IPC
Canopy Formation Grand Prix	1 Black Knights 2 BPS Langar 3 Target Skysports	Dates to be arranged after WPC 08 CF dates announced by IPC
UKSL FS 4-way	BPS Langar	Sat 17 - Sun 18 May 2008
Accuracy Grand Prix	Headcorn	Sat 24 – Mon 26 May 2008
UKSL FS 8-way	Black Knights	Sat 31 May - Sun 1 June 2008
UKSL FS 4-way	APA Netheravon	Sat 7 - Sun 8 June 2008
UKSL FS 4-way	NWPC Cark	Sat 28 - Sun 29 June 2008
UKSL FS 8-way	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	Sat 5 - Sun 6 July 2008

Instead of Freely Grand Prix, there will be three Freely Competition Skills Coaching Roadshows, at (i) APA Netheravon; (ii) Black Knights, and (iii) Target Skysports. Dates will be published in events listings on the web and in the Mag as part of the BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow programme.