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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 3 September 2008 at 1810

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

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| Present: | Andy Scott | - | Chairman |
| | Paul Applegate | | |
| | Ian Marshall | - | Discipline Rep: CF |
| | Weed Stoodley | - | Discipline Rep: AE / VFS |
| | Alex Wilson | - | Discipline Rep: CP |
| In attendance: | John Hitchen | - | NCSO |
| | Martin Shuttleworth | - | Secretary-General |
| Observer: | Mike Carpenter | | |
| Apologies for absence | Kate Charters | - | Judges' Co-ordinator |
| | Chris Hollis | - | Discipline Rep: FS |
| | Paul Moore | - | Vice Chairman and Discipline Rep: Classics |
| | Clare Murphy | - | Discipline Rep: Speed Skydiving |

Item Minute

69/08 Congratulations

See Council minute 60. The Chairman and Committee again congratulated Team Bodyflight Storm, who were World Champions 2008 in 4-way female Formation Skydiving, and Team Volairkix who had taken the World Bronze in Freefly. The Chairman pointed out that both teams that had brought home medals had been in receipt of BPA funding. This was proof that the BPA funding had been carefully and precisely targeted, and that the Committee's Action Plan target to help our top teams bring back medals from the World Championships had succeeded.

70/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2008 had been ratified by the full Council at its meeting on Tuesday 19 August 2008 (Council minute 67.4.3), and then published on the BPA website.

Already ratified by the Council

71/08 Matters arising from the minutes

71.1 Budget (minute 58.1)

The Chairman and Weed Stoodley were continuing to work with Jon Gretton, BPA Financial Administrator, on the introduction of new accounting codes to make it easier for this Committee to monitor and control its annual budget. Jon Gretton had circulated a statement of expenditure to date, and the Committee was happy with the new format.

Action: In progress

71.2 Update of anti-doping code and rules (minute 58.2)

An indicative cost for doping testing at a meet was £450 to £500 per test. A reply was awaited from UK Sport on the Committee's preferred anti-doping policy wording of 'may test' instead of 'will test'. The Office reported that a competitor had advised by e-mail that UK Sport had denied him use of their Therapeutic Use Exemption Form because skydiving was

no longer covered by UK Sport's own testing programme, and had advised him to contact his NGB. The BPA did not have such a form, as Form 220: BPA Anti-Doping Policy and Rules, referred competitors to the UK Sport TUE form. The Office would therefore check with Dr John Carter, BPA Medical Adviser.

Action: BPA Office

71.3 In-competition records (minute 58.4)

Alex Wilson (CP Rep) still had an in-competition CP record to sign off. The Office would provide him with the relevant paperwork.

Action: BPA Office & Alex Wilson

71.4 Current judges (minute 58.5)

Kate Charters confirmed that Helen Lucas at the BPA Office was about to circulate an updated list of current judges.

Action: BPA Office

71.5 IPC online course to qualify National Artistics judges (minute 58.9)

Kate Charters had noted in her written report (circulated) that the IPC online course to qualify Artistics Nationals judges had never taken place because there had been too many problems.

71.6 WPC CF 2008 (minute 58.10)

Ian Marshall (Discipline Rep, CF) said he believed it to be unlikely that the UK would enter a CF 2-way team as he had had a nil response to date, and the entry date had now passed.

71.7 Insurance of Pro-Tracks for the Speed Skydiving Nationals (minute 58.11)

The Chairman reported that the Pro-Tracks did not have serial numbers but that Clare Murphy (Discipline Rep, Speed Skydiving) had had them embossed. The Office was awaiting a photograph of the Pro-Tracks to pass to the insurers.

Action: Clare Murphy

71.8 Coaching support to champion teams (minute 58.13)

The Chairman said he was waiting for confirmation from Jon Gretton (BPA Financial Administrator) that the funds for the Honda bursary had been received.

Action: BPA Office (Jon Gretton)

71.9 WPC press release (minute 58.14)

The Chairman asked that the Committee's thanks be passed on to the BPA Media Co-ordinators Becca Armstrong and Rich Rust for their work on press releases before and after the WPC in FS and Artistics. The Committee had received positive feedback from teams about this.

In discussion, the Committee noted that it had been possible quickly to break the news of Team Bodyflight Storm becoming World Champions and Team Volairkix taking Bronze in Freely (minute 69) because Lesley Gale, Editor of *Skydive the Mag*, had been at the world meet and had fed quality copy and images to the BPA Office for use on the BPA website. The material had been more timely and of a better quality than anything that had been fed back from other world meets by Heads of Delegations who had many other duties and areas to look after apart from press and media. Lesley Gale had also assisted by providing feedback on draft press releases. The Committee was grateful for this input, and asked that it should be reported to the Communications Committee, with a suggestion that that Committee might consider whether liaison with the BPA Media Co-ordinators and the BPA Office (for the BPA website) might in some way be formalised in future Editorial Services Contracts.

Action: Refer to the Communications Committee

71.10 Sport Accuracy Competition (minute 58.15)

Kate Charters had noted in her written report (circulated) that a Sport Accuracy competition had been tried at Netheravon and RAPA. The Committee agreed to put the idea to competitors at the Competitions Open Forum on the afternoon of AGM Day on Saturday 10 January 2009 at the Hinckley Island Hotel.

Action: Put to Competitions Open Forum on AGM Day

71.11 Budget (minute 59)

The Committee reviewed expenditure against budget. There were still payments to be made in respect of funded teams to WPC 2008. The amount remaining in Team Volairkix's allocation was not yet known, however the Chairman confirmed that any unspent budget

would be available for the team to apply to bona fide training costs per their training plan that had already been approved by this Committee.

71.12 Modification of Accuracy scoring pads (minute 60.3)

The Chairman would seek a quote from Weckbecker Electronics for conversion of the BPA's accuracy scoring pads from 3cm to 2cm pads.

Action: Chairman

71.13 Competitions judging equipment checklist (minute 60.3)

The current competitions judging equipment checklist, BPA form 163, was tabled and discussed. The Office said that the heading 'BPA' above one of the columns was open to interpretation because it did not specify who within the BPA had responsibility for equipment. Weed Stoodley said that the fact that the BPA had a particular piece of equipment did not mean that it would arrive as if by magic at a Centre about to host a competition – the equipment and its transport to the Centre needed to be arranged in advance. The Committee agreed on updates to the Form and asked that it be re-issued and posted on the BPA website.

Action: BPA Office

71.14 3 year hosting arrangement for the FS & Artistics Nationals (minute 61)

The Chairman confirmed that the Council had ratified this for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the host Centre, Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, were happy with the arrangements.

71.15 Financial outturn of the Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (minute 64)

The Chairman reported as follows:

- Target 1: Funding training of teams that had met the performance criteria for funding for WPC 2008 - budget £57K, may come in under budget if Team Vlolaikix had underspent (see minute 71.11)
- Target 2: Improving competitor standards by holding Skills Coaching Roadshows - target of holding 4 Roadshows well exceeded with at least 12 Roadshows covering between them 5 competitions disciplines. Budget £10K, expected to be underspent by about £6K.
- Target 3: Re-evaluate half the UK pool of judges on a two-year re-evaluation cycle and train new judges to take the place of retirees. Budget £5K, expected underspend to be around £3,400.
- Target 4: Develop electronic score card templates for judges to download. Achieved at no cost. Budget of £544 therefore not spent.

The Chairman reported that an invoice for about £700 was awaited for the new judges' jackets, for which the budget had been allocated in the financial year ended on 30 June 2008. The delay had been because a new vendor had had to be found. On the subject of clothing, John Hitchen reported that a Style & Accuracy competitor had asked for a national team tracksuit. The Committee noted that a similar comment had been included in Martin Soulsby's report as Manager of the British Delegation at WPC FS & Artistics. The Committee noted, however, that when the BPA had provided team tracksuits some years ago, they had not proved to be popular with competitors. There was therefore no proposal to provide tracksuits again.

71.16 Promotional photographs for Bingo Lotto (minute 67)

The Chairman reported that he had supplied the requested photographs to Adrian Bond, who was looking after the BPA's liaison with Bingo Lotto through CCPR.

72/08 Domestic competitions 2008 season

72.1 CF Grand Prix, BPS Langar: 16-17 August 2008

The meet had been declared after 2 rounds due to poor weather. No senior teams had attended.

72.2 FS and VFS Nationals, Target Skysports Hibaldstow, 23-25 August and 30 August -1 September 2008

This had been a successful, well-run and well-attended meet with 43 x 4-way teams, 8 x 8-way teams and 2 VFS teams.

A letter from Alex Wilson about judging had been circulated. This made a strong case that, in order to make the FS nationals more media friendly (to help to gain more media exposure), the arrangements for judging needed to be reviewed so that scores were available far more quickly, thereby avoiding long gaps between final rounds and the declaration of results and medals ceremony. This might be achieved by having two judging panels using duplicate scoring systems. The Chairman thanked Alex Wilson for setting out the issue so clearly and said that the DZO and Kate Charters had agreed that there would be the extra judging system and judges in 2009 to support the plan for 2 x judging panels with Kate Charters to arrange judges as normal.

72.3 Artistics Nationals, Target Skysports Hibaldstow, 30 August -1 September 2008

Weed Stoodley had circulated a written report, to which she spoke. 19 teams comprising 40 competitors had entered, and the standard of jumping was improving all the time. Because of poor weather, John Hitchen (Meet Director) had suggested at the competitors' briefing that there should be no practice rounds, to which the teams had agreed. But later, some of the scratch teams had said that they would have liked to have had practice rounds. John Hitchen told this meeting that, because of time constraints imposed by holding the Nationals over a weekend (this weekend format being the popular choice of competitors so many needed to take less time off work) he believed the BPA should move away from running practice rounds at the Nationals. The Chairman agreed, saying that in this day and age, video files of training jumps could be posted online or on You Tube to the judges. The Chairman said that the time for practice rounds was before the Nationals, including up to the day before, and that this should be announced at the Competitions Open Forum on AGM day and written into next year's rules.

Action: Bring forward at AGM Competitions Open Forum & February 2009 rules meeting

There had been only one entry for Skysurf, which was now no longer an IPC-recognised discipline. The Committee agreed not to include Skysurf in next year's Artistics Nationals.

Action: Bring forward at February 2009 rules meeting

Mike Carpenter, speaking as a competitor in the Artistics Nationals, reported that competitors had expressed serious concern about the standard of judging, in particular the understanding of level of difficulty. An e-mail from Andy Newell (who had not been present) had been circulated, which made a similar point. Weed Stoodley, who had been involved in the judging, confirmed that in her view one of the two judges from outside the UK had judged harshly in particular it seemed for a couple of teams. The harsh judge had had an extremely demotivating effect on competitors. Weed Stoodley said that the competitors had included individuals at world level, such that a gap had now opened up between the standard of the best teams and the understanding of some elements and therefore standard of some judges. Mike Carpenter said competitors felt there had simply been no correlation between the quality of performance and the scores.

The Chairman said he would review the issue with Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, and James Swallow of Target Skysports - as the Centre invited the judges. He gave an assurance that the same situation should not recur next year, and said that competitors would be able to enter the 2009 Artistics Nationals with confidence that their performances, particularly the difficulty, would be recognised and consistently judged.

Action: Chairman & Kate Charters

Weed Stoodley reported that the Cametrix system had worked well for the Artistics Nationals. There had, however, been an issue with its calculation of the scores, with a hope at one stage that a world record had been set. However, this had turned out not to have been the case - it had been due to a timing issue. The Chairman asked Weed Stoodley kindly to liaise with Cametrix to develop the timing options being set by round type to eradicate chance of errors in timing.

Action - Weed Stoodley

72.4 Speed Skydiving Nationals, Target Skysports Hibaldstow, 30 August -1 September 2008

There had been 11 registered competitors, who had made good use of the new Pro-Tracks provided by the BPA (minute 71.7). Mike Carpenter said that a late registration facility might have helped to boost numbers, as some of the freeflyers would probably have been interested. The Chairman referred this for consideration by Clare Murphy, Discipline Rep for Speed Skydiving, in relation to next year's rules.

Refer to Clare Murphy

72.5 2008 season competitions still to take place

The Chairman noted that the re-scheduled Style & Accuracy Grand Prix would take place at Black Knights over the weekend 13-14 September 2008. The Chairman would liaise with Kate Charters on the provision of a scoring system for this.

Action: Chairman & Kate Charters

The CF Nationals and 8-way Speed Nationals were due to take place at Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, on 27-29 and 27-28 September respectively.

73/08 Domestic competitions 2009

73.1 FS & Artistics Nationals dates 2009

Weed Stoodley proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion that the dates for the Nationals 2009 should be:

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| Saturday 8 - Monday 10 August 2009 | FS 4-way |
| Saturday 15 - Monday 18 August 2009 | FS 4-way reserve, FS 8-way & Artistics |
| Saturday 22 - Monday 24 August 2009 | FS 8-way reserve & Artistics reserve |

Carried unanimously

The Chairman had liaised with Robin Durie of APA who had kindly confirmed that the above dates would not conflict with the Army Parachute Championships.

73.2 Bid form

The Office would prepare a draft bid form using the above dates, and circulate it by e-mail in draft to the Committee for approval before issue to Centres. The Committee decided to have 3 x 4-way FS UKSL meets on dates that Chris Hollis would supply to tie in with ESL; a maximum of 3 Grand Prix in CF, and 2 in Accuracy. There would be no 8-way UKSL because the 2008 events had been poorly attended, and no Artistics Grand Prix. The call back date for bids would be noon on Wednesday 15 October, the date of the next meeting.

Action: BPA Office

74/08 International competitions

74.1 30th FAI World Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championship – Lucenec, Slovak Republic: 27 July - 1 August 2008

Ian Marshall had circulated his report as Head of Delegation. He had concerns about mark up on hotel rates that had to be booked through the organisers, as the hotel had declined to accept direct bookings from competitors at the hotel's normal, lower, rates. Ian Marshall had negotiated with the Hotel, but believed the issue of mark up by event organisers was a general one that should be raised with IPC. The Chairman referred this to John Hitchen (IPC Alternate Delegate) who would brief John Smyth (IPC Delegate).

Action: John Hitchen

Ian Marshall reported that the meet had suffered from poor weather, and that the standby periods had been too long. He also said that an additional point should be added to the Head of Delegation aide memoir (BPA Form 267) to say that a British military attaché might approach the delegation asking to speak to any competitors from the military in our delegation. The Office would add this.

Action: BPA Office

The Chairman thanked Ian Marshall for his work as Head of Delegation, and for his report.

74.2 18th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships and 7th FAI World Artistic Skydiving Championships - La Salmagne-Maubeuge, France: 9-14 August 2008

A written report from Martin Soulsby (Delegation Manager) had been circulated. There had been problems with accommodation, which had led to John Hitchen deciding not to attend as Head of Delegation. One US FS judge had come to the 4-way FS UK Nationals on their way home to see how such a big event was organised over a weekend.

The meet itself had been well organised with lots of spectators and plenty of outdoor screens. The layout of the DZ had been excellent. The British delegation had been smart and supportive, and had competed with good nature and gusto. Team Bodyflight Storm had taken Gold in the 4-way women's FS and Team Volairkix Bronze in Freely (minute 69).

The Committee thanked Martin Soulsby for doing an excellent job as Delegation Manager.

Weed Stoodley noted that the British Delegation T-shirts looked good when worn at the medals presentation ceremony, as Team Volairkix had done in their photograph. She said that it should be a matter of course that all our delegations should be dressed in "delegation wear" for both opening *and* closing ceremonies, if appropriate.

74.3 European Skydiving League finals 2008 - Texel, Netherlands, 5-7 September 2008

45 BPA Members competing as 9 individual teams had attended the host drop zone in Texel, Netherlands, for the ESL Finals in FS. As well as winning the overall champions trophy, the Spirit Sword Trophy, the British delegation had also achieved two Golds, two Silvers and two Bronze medals in the four experience-based categories. The Committee congratulated all teams that had taken part and thanked Chris Hollis, Discipline Rep for FS, for his role in co-ordinating such a successful delegation. As reigning ESL champions, the UK would host the ESL Finals in 2009.

74.4 13th FAI World Canopy Formation Parachuting Championships – Teuge, Netherlands: 9-14 September 2008

Ian Marshall reported that he was helping the office to chase photographs from two competitors who had not yet provided them for the purposes of official entry.

74.5 1st FAI World Cup in Vertical Formation Skydiving – Eloy, Arizona, USA: 26-28 October 2008

The UK had 4 slots at the WPC in VFS. Weed Stoodley (Discipline Rep, VFS) said she would liaise with Helen Lucas at the BPA Office about invitations. She said it was unlikely that team Outbreak VFS would attend.

Action: Weed Stoodley / BPA Office

74.6 2nd FAI World Canopy Piloting Championship - Wonderboom Airport, South Africa: 18-23 November 2008

One of the team members, John Bishop, would no longer be taking part. Alex Wilson (Discipline Rep, CP) would arrange for the vacancy to be filled based on who was next eligible for an invitation according to the results of this year's CP Nationals.

Action: Alex Wilson / BPA Office

74.7 World Air Games 2009 - Torino, Italy: 7-13 June 2009 - Freestyle, CF, CP & Accuracy.

The World Air Games would be an invitation meet to the top teams at WPC 2008 in the relevant disciplines. Documentation was awaited from the organisers.

Awaiting details

74.8 World Games – Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 16-26 July 2009

The disciplines involved had not yet been finalised by IPC, but were likely to include accuracy.

Awaiting details

74.9 British delegation T-shirts

The stock of British delegation T-shirts was now running low. Alex Wilson proposed, and Ian Marshall seconded, a motion to place a repeat order.

Carried unanimously – Action: BPA Office

75.1 Target 1: Train BPA coaches in coaching skills

Martin Shuttleworth of the BPA Office had visited Loughborough University's Sports Science Department meet the prospective 'coach the coaches' workshop facilitators, and had circulated a written report. This target was to train BPA Skills Coaching Roadshow coaches in coaching skills - not technical skydiving skills that they already possessed, but the skills of how to coach effectively, which were not specific to our sport but applied to all forms of coaching. The cost would be £1200 for a 6-hour workshop (as 2 x 3hr sessions) for a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 20 coaches. The workshops would be participative, and would be likely to involve role-playing. Attendees would receive a BPA Certificate of Attendance at the end.

Ian Marshall proposed, and Paul Applegate seconded, a motion to hold an introductory workshop day, to on a Saturday this autumn at Loughborough University, as it enjoyed a central location easily accessible from the M1. That day would then be evaluated by the attendees, the BPA coaches (including, if available, the Competitions Chairman who was himself a coach), and the Loughborough facilitators. Further workshops would then be planned in the light of this feedback, subject to confirmation that the BPA coaches had found the initial workshop to be helpful.

Weed Stoodley made a counter-proposal that, if the initial workshop was found to be useful, a full programme of 3 further workshop dates during the period October 2008 to March 2009 should be rolled out straight away. Ian Marshall seconded the counter-proposal and a vote was taken.

Carried unanimously

Before the initial workshop took place, the Committee believed it to be appropriate that the two main facilitators from Loughborough should be invited to a Drop Zone to see skydiving coaching in action. This would help to ensure a common frame of reference at the initial workshop.

The Chairman and the Office would progress this with Loughborough. The Committee also enquired whether the coaches would have any Powerpoint handouts or other handout material for those taking part in the workshops.

Action: Chairman & BPA Office

The Chairman had invited Committee Members to nominate coaches for invitation to the workshops, and had started to compile a list of coaches to be invited. Weed Stoodley was keen to open the opportunity for coaches to attend the workshops and believed that, once the programme had been confirmed, the Committee should promote the availability of the workshops and invite coaches at all DZs to contact their Discipline Rep if they were interested in attending (subject of course to places being available).

Action: Discipline Reps

75.2 Target 2: Coaching support to non-senior champion teams

The list of qualifying non-senior champion teams to be offered this coaching support would be drawn up at the next meeting, once all the Nationals had been completed. The eligible teams would also have the opportunity to compete in the World Cup 2009, for which we could enter up to 4 teams per event (a maximum number that we rarely, if ever, reached). The Chairman asked Discipline Reps to come to the next meeting with the names of eligible teams in their discipline. For the financial record, no expenditure from the budget of £3K had yet been incurred in pursuing this target.

Action: Discipline Reps / Next meeting

75.3 Target 3: Skills Coaching Roadshows for Non Seniors

A budget of £12K had been allocated to this target, for reimbursement of coaches' travel and subsistence. In addition, there was Bingo Lotto funding of just over £1K. Weed Stoodley reported that Artistics Roadshows were planned to be held at St Andrews and Dunkeswell and Black Knights, and that some of the Bingo Lotto funding would be used to help to meet coaches' expenses for these.

75.4 Target 4: : Retain the level of UK National and International judging expertise

The Chairman reported that Frank Mallabone, Penny Wiggins and Liz Warner had all been successful in achieving their FAI rating as International FS judges, having attended the Judges' Training Seminar at WPC Maubeuge last month. Because they had qualified, they were therefore entitled to have their training entry fee and travel costs reimbursed by the BPA from the judging budget (the budget for this Action Plan target).

Ian Marshall believed that it would be difficult for all the UK's internationally qualified judges to stay current, because this depended on their being invited to judge at FAI/IPC category 1 events. Invitation was by the organisers of such events around the world, and was not in the gift of the BPA. The Chairman said that Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, was well aware of this and was liaising with IPC. He asked that it should be an agenda item for discussion with her at the next meeting.

Action: Kate Charters / Next meeting

The Committee congratulated Weed Stoodley on having earned her rating to qualify as a National judge in Artistics. Other National judges who had recently qualified were Lee King in Accuracy and CP, and Richard Del Toro and Liz Warner in Accuracy.

Approximately £3.5K of the budget of £6K had been spent on this target to date. The spring 2009 judges' training seminar was expected to cost about £1.6K. The Chairman said that if the judges' budget ran low, it may be possible to top it up by transfer of any underspend from other Competitions Action Plan targets.

Ian Marshall said that, at the current level of budgeting for judges, he believed there would be insufficient funds to get all of our FAI/IPC-qualified judges re-evaluated within the two-year cycle required by FAI. The Chairman said that invited judges were paid for by the meet that invited them. The Committee agreed that the judges' budget should be discussed with Kate Charters at the next meeting, with particular reference to re-evaluation of FAI/IPC international judges.

Action: Kate Charters / Next meeting

76/08 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

See minute 75.3 above.

77/08 Judging matters not already covered

Most of the items in Kate Charters' written report (circulated) had already been covered. The remaining item was the question of equipment, and the need to find someone to look after it. The Chairman asked that this should be an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: Next meeting

78/08 Awards

The Chairman noted that it was time to consider nominees for Royal Aero Club Awards. Ian Marshall asked that thought should also be given to making nominations for FAI awards, of which he handed the Chairman a list.

The Chairman said he had already received one award nomination with an accompanying citation, which we would discuss with the Chairman of Council who was the BPA Delegate to RAeC, through whom all BPA nominations were channelled.

Action: Chairman

In the meantime, the Chairman asked Committee Members kindly to consider any possible nominees from the competitions arena, for discussion at the next meeting, which would still be ahead of the date for nominations (which the Chairman of Council was likely to need before the end of October, although, to the best of the Office's knowledge, this year's timetable had not yet been announced by RAeC).

Action: All Committee Members

79/08 Weblinks and video

Weed Stoodley reported that the website for the FS & Artistics WPC in Maubeuge had been updated straight away with video and scores whereas that for the FS & Artistics Nationals had taken a while. This was because the French scoring system had been linked with the event website. The Chairman said that Cametrix were developing an experimental web page.

The Committee noted that no post-scoring video of rounds from the FS & Artistics Nationals was yet known to be available for future training purposes. Weed Stoodley reported that one

of the Artistics teams had asked for this, and the Chairman asked her kindly to liaise with Kate Charters.

Action: Weed Stoodley

80/08 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 October 2008 at 1815 at the BPA Office.

The meeting closed at 2130

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

BPA budget: £50,083 (excludes Honda bursary of £5K to target 2, and BingoLotto contribution of £1022 to target 3)

| Target | From | To | By | How | Budget |
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| 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. | Internal BPA coaching qualification | Targeted non - technical coaching skills development | June 2009 | Use of outsourced coaching workshops for at least 2 coaches | £10K |
| 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. | No Support | Assisted transition for non senior champions into Senior Category | May 2009 | Support of coaches expense claims to assist coaching of champion non senior teams | £3K |
| 3. Raise standards of UK competitor base - provide at least 6 coaching events throughout the period where established champions and expert coaches can work with competitors | 4 stand alone coaching events | 6 coaching events or competition based event coaching | June 2009 | By Running skills coaching at competition events and as stand alone coaching road shows – to see transfer of skills from our existing National and International champions to emerging competitors | £12K |
| 4. Retain the level of UK National and International judging expertise to current establishment and maintain suitable judging equipment stock | UK pool of 17 individual Judges | UK pool of 17 individual judges | June 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) re-evaluation of judges b) training seminars for judges c) recruit at least 1 new judge d) evaluate and refresh judging equipment | £6K |
| <p>Note: The 2008/09 budget for Competitions is lower than usual, so we can carry forward £19,083 towards sending our National teams to future World Championships in which we expect to be successful and offer exposure to the international media.</p> | | | | | |

Ratified by the Council on 7 October 2008