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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 23 June 2009 at 1430

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

Present:	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Paul Moore	-	Discipline Rep: Classics
	Steve Saunders	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman & Discipline Rep: FS
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
In attendance:	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Ian Marshall		
	John Smyth	-	Chair, Council
Apologies for absence	Paul Applegate		
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP

Item Minute

27/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 April 2009 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>.

28/09 Matters arising

28.1 Update of anti-doping code and rules (minute 16.1)

Form 220 had been updated to reflect FAI and WADA policy.

Diana King of Royal Aero Club had contacted the BPA with regards to National Anti-Doping Panel (NADP). The NADP was a unit within Sport Resolutions that would decide anti-doping cases in the UK, administer tribunals, be independent and would offer this service free of charge. Should National Governing Bodies adopt the standard 2009 UK Sport Anti-Doping Rules they would automatically become eligible for the jurisdiction of NADP.

A URL <http://www.nadp.uk.com> was given and the BPA office would look into this to ascertain benefits to the BPA.

Action: BPA Office - next meeting

28.2 Post scoring video from FS & Artistics Nationals 08 (minute 3.6)

Kate Charters informed the committee that a centre was making DVDs of the videos for their shop. Under the BPA ruling "In entering this competition, competitors agree to grant the BPA Ltd a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use any video or other images submitted to the competition for training and judging purposes".

Andy Scott would check the centres understanding of the rules to allow competitors access to the information for training purposes.

Action: Chair

28.3 Trophy Database (minute 5.5.2)

Geordie Page had supplied Andy Scott with the URL <http://www.bpa.page-training.co.uk> Some images of trophies were missing and the discipline reps were advised to check their discipline areas of the website and upload onto the website any trophy images and winners that were missing. Geordie had kindly offered assistance with the uploading of images. There is also the opportunity to update the historical archive of previous winners.

Action: Discipline Reps

Steve Saunders had obtained a trophy plaque in memory of Pat Hammond to be awarded at the Grand Prix CF 18-19 Aug winners of the CF 2 Way Intermediate. The plaque; with engraving and stand, had cost £150 which the BPA would reimburse when it received the receipt.

29/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

29.1 Equipment requests to Nationals & Grand Prix hosting dropzones

Andy Scott reported that the liaison with Equipment Co-ordinator Adam Searle was working well. Both Andy and Adam would come to the BPA office to check the equipment held in stores and clear the obsolete kit.

Kate Charters reported the accuracy pads, as taken by Sue Moran to BKPC, were not working properly and if possible Adam would come and look at them.

29.2 Any other domestic competition issues for 2009

The BPA website was currently up-to-date with the competition scores. The discipline reps would need to provide Lesley Gale of Skydive the Mag; by 30 June, the Grand Prix meet results so far, just to say in the league that these are the current standings so far. A copy of this would also need to be provided to the BPA office.

Action: Discipline Reps

John Smyth would attend Skydive Airkix UKSL 4 Way FS 11-12 July, BKPC Grand Prix CF18-19 July and Skydive Airkix Nationals 8 Way FS Speed 5-6 Sept for the award presentations. John Smyth kindly offered to officially open the ESL Finals. The Competitions committee were pleased to accept this kind offer. John Smyth also announced that John Horne would attend the awards presentations at Nationals, Hibaldstow during August. Andy Scott would inform the appropriate centres.

Action: Chair

Weed Stoodley had received an email concerning the indication from competitor of an offer to fund some extra medals for Skysurf. She reported that she had confirmed to both the competitor and the DZ that any agreement reached in this respect was between themselves and would be at no cost to the BPA.

Weed Stoodley also drew attention to a mistake in the Artistics Freestyle rules under 'Funding Criteria' This stated 'Female' category which technically does not exist as in an 'Open' event. Weed would add an addendum to note that it had been amended since issue and inform Trudy Kemp, BPA Office, to make the amendment.

Action: Weed Stoodley & BPA Office

[Note: Addenda to both 2009 CF & Artistic National Championship rules were sent by Trudy Kemp via email to Competitions Cttee, CCI's and DZ Operators on Thursday 25 June 2009]

Alex Wilson had not yet completed writing the funding criteria for the July Nationals. This would be finished by Tuesday 30 June. When submitted this would be checked then added as an addendum to the CP Nationals Rules in time for the event.

Action: Alex Wilson

A letter had been submitted by Matt Sweeney, supported by Brian Vacher, asking for a by to enter the CP National Championships. As Matt had only 750 of the 1000 jumps required but fulfilled other criteria this was passed to STC for a Permission from the Operations Manual requirements of an FAI 'D' Certificate to enter the CP National Championships. STC, at their meeting on 11 June 2009 minute 8a refers, carried a proposal that Matt Sweeney had been granted by STC a permission from the Operations Manual requirements of a FAI 'D' Licence.

Competitions Committee were advised of this in order to assist their decision as to whether Matt would be able to enter the CP Nationals. Discussion followed and the following points were raised:

- 1000 jumps led to a certain amount of experience
- Currency requirement should stand for something. Has a good pedigree of training, has been on Pro Swoop Tours and has been under the same sort of scrutiny he would expect at the Nationals
- Exemption should not be a 'norm' and is for special exceptions only. No other person should be considered
- The Committee were satisfied that all competitors are subject to compliance with safety requirements within the rules

Paul Moore, based on the pedigree of training that he had seen and Brian Vacher's recommendation, proposed that Matt Sweeney should be allowed to compete at the CP National Championships. This was seconded by Martin Soulsby.

Carried

Andy Scott would inform Matt Sweeney of this decision.

Action: Chair

30/09 ESL Finals 2009 - UK hosts

Martin Soulsby commented that the BPA were setting a precedent in actively supporting and promoting the ESL Finals.

There is an ESL Final website: <http://www.euro-skyleague.com/site/index.php>

Martin reported that he had disseminated a circular email that went round to some teams from Holland and had added further information regarding insurance, Operations Manual, Pricing and location etc. It was important to promote to other ESL nations.

Martin suggested, with the Coaching Roadshow posters being so well received, it would be an idea to have posters promoting the ESL Finals at the 2 UK Wind Tunnels. Ian Marshall suggested electronic posters that could be sent via email in pdf format to other countries.

Weed Stoodley said that perhaps we could approach other magazines. John Smyth said that there could be announcements on European Skydiving websites or on the NSL website that can be updated with further news. Martin Soulsby would look into these lines of promoting the ESL Finals.

Action: Martin Soulsby

Kate Charters foresaw a problem as so many overseas judges wanted to come. One way this had been decided previously was that if a country had teams that had entered than a judge of that country could come. The limit for the amount of judges was 6. Some clarity was needed as to what the hosting centre was expected to cover in terms of judges' expenses and what the judges would need to cover themselves. Martin Soulsby would discuss with the host centre for clarity.

Action: Martin Soulsby

31/09 International Competitions

31.1 World Games - Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei: 16-26 July 2009

31.1.1 Travel Funding Update

At the Competitions meeting of 17 February Weed Stoodley had proposed a sum of £500 per competitor as travel to Chinese Taipei was so expensive. This failed to find a seconder. As this meant that some of the delegation would have been unable to attend the event an email had been circulated on 5 May with regards to payment of the travel expenses to and from Chinese Taipei for the British delegation, and a sum of £500 per person had been agreed by the Council to assist towards these travel costs. This amounted to £2000 which would come from the BPA General Funds. However travel was more expensive than previously anticipated and there had been a shortfall of £550.50. Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Paul Moore that this shortfall should be recovered from the British Team Fund.

Carried

31.1.2 Uniform Update

The delegation were happy to have received their correct uniform

31.1.3 Insurance Update

No copies of the relevant insurance documents had been received by the BPA office from the delegation to date. Helen Lucas would email the delegation to remind them of their contract obligation to provide the office with a hardcopy of their insurance.

Action: BPA Office

31.2 World Cup – Prostejov, Czech Republic: 30 Aug - 6 Sept 2009, FS & Artistics (European & World Cup)

31.2.1 Contracts Update

Contracts had not yet been received from X'Stormin8 (FS 8-Way); who were a late invited team and had been given until Monday 6 July, Jump in the Sun (Freestyle and Freestyle) and Chixtrix (Freestyle). Weed Stoodley reported that she had heard nothing from Jump in the Sun and that Chixtrix and Flyami Vice would be unlikely to attend due to team member changes. Both Chixtrix and Flyami Vice were funded teams. Chixtrix had received £500, £300 had been used successfully on training to bring a team member up a level to compete at the World Cup and the remaining £200 was available to be given back to the BPA.

It was proposed by Martin Soulsby and seconded by Steve Saunders that Chixtrix should pay back the remaining £200.

For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions 1 (Weed Stoodley)
Carried

Weed Stoodley would inform Chixtrix of the decision via email.

Flyami Vice were unfortunately now without a videographer, however as they had not yet formally withdrawn and were actively searching for a replacement the contract return deadline would be extended to Monday 6 July. Discussion regarding funding was deferred until the next meeting.

Deferred until next meeting

31.2.2 Uniform Update

A sample of Ladies trousers from Brilliant Embroidery were tabled at the request of some of the female members of the delegation. These would cost £16.50.

It was proposed by Steve Saunders, seconded by Paul Moore that despite the 50p extra per person, ladies trousers would be offered to the delegation.

Carried

31.2.3 Insurance Update

No copies of medical insurance had been received by the BPA office from competitors to date. Helen Lucas would send out reminder email.

Action: BPA Office

31.2.4 HOD/IPC - suggestion of sending an extra BPA delegation member: John Hitchen, to interface with IPC/assist Head of Delegation

John Hitchen had said that he was good to go but if someone else would like the opportunity he was happy to stand aside. After further discussion concerning the roles of Team Manager and Head of Delegation Paul Moore was happy to go it alone as there are plenty of experienced people within the delegation should it be called upon.

31.3 5th World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, J'burg South Africa: 1-6 December 2009

As Alex Wilson was unable to report at today's meeting this would be held over to the August meeting.

Kate Charters confirmed that it was definitely 12 instead of 8 competitors. John Smyth added that Bulletin 1 was in the final draft process and would be available shortly.

Action: Next Meeting

31.4 The ISSA World Cup Series 2009

Kate Charters reported that she could send judges to the event but this would be not at the BPA's expense. Sue Moran and Richard Del-Toro would be asked to attend.

31.5 UK judges and training judges going to International competitions

Bob Charters would be Event Judge, VFS Czech Rep, and both Bob and Ruth Cooper would be on the FS panel.

Regarding the Canopy Piloting World Cup there is a 2 year turnaround and this time 2 trainees would be sent, they would be used as part of the experienced judging team and would gain their practical knowledge there. The BPA would have to pay for this should the trainees pass. The 2 trainees would be Paul Moore and Bob Charters. The 'non-trainee' panel was already sorted for this event.

Assuming the trainees passed this may have an impact of around £800 - £1000 per successful trainee on the Judges budget.

31.6 UK Delegation clothing for international competitions

There was a discussion as to whether Accompanying persons should wear the delegation clothing and how this should be paid for. Points raised were:

- Whether should have the complete uniform of polo shirt, t-shirt, jacket & trousers
- Whether should walk with the teams or be in the crowd
- As have paid entry fee and attend the opening ceremony they need the complete uniform to give professional appearance
- How would this be ordered?

After discussion it was agreed that accompanying persons could walk with delegates if wearing delegation uniform. The office would advise competitors of this decision and methods of ordering clothing. Payment would either be taken with the entry fee, where the funds would be re-couped to the British Team Fund, or the office would approach competitors regarding their accompanying persons to pay separately.

Action: BPA Office

Andy Scott was concerned with the logistics and cost of sending out the uniform to the competitors, however arrangements could be made for the uniform to be picked up from the BPA office.

Kate Charters raised an issue of Judges being part of the UK delegation and being able to wear the uniform. This point had been raised and concluded via email before the meeting that, as judges were invited as IPC delegates, they would not be able to wear the delegation uniform during the opening ceremony as may be seen as a conflict of interest. John Smyth reiterated that as they were IPC/FAI Officials and in order to maintain integrity, invited judges must be seen as being independent of the delegations and would therefore not be able to wear uniform other than the uniform issued by IPC.

31.7 19th World Parachuting Championships in FS, 14th World Parachuting CP Championships & 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia: 31 Jul - 6 Aug 2010

Nothing further to report at this time

32/09 Competitions Budget

Weed Stoodley commented on the financial aspects of the Competitions budget, also the British Team Fund.

33/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

33.1 Target 1: Support development of BPA competition coaching personnel

£1k of the £4k had been allocated. The remaining £3k would be carried over towards future Loughborough University coaching events.

1 coaching workshop had already taken place, 2 were planned for the future of which 1 coach the coach workshop date was re-arranged to October. Therefore target achieved.

33.2 Target 2: Coaching support to Non-Senior champion teams

£3600 of the £4k had been allocated. Outstanding invoices should be in to the BPA office by next period.

Benefits had been seen with teams coming through to the senior category.

33.3 Target 3: Skills Coaching Roadshows for Non-Seniors
From the budget of £12k - £1500 to Artistics, £1300 to CF and £300 for FS had been drawn so far, with some pending submissions to be actioned.
Target had been more than achieved with at least 10 coaching events having taken place.

33.4 Target 4: Retain the level of UK National and International Judging expertise
Budget of £11k. £6k had been claimed and there was a possible 3 - 4 individual claims outstanding.
Judges had had a training seminar and 2 trainee judges had been recruited. Also Judges have now their own uniform. Target achieved.

34/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

With the exception of a typing error there was nothing further to add. Therefore the Action Plan would be recommended to Council at their 23 June meeting tonight.

Recommend to Council

35/09 Skills Coaching Roadshows for non-seniors

An Artistic coaching roadshow will be taking place at Dunkeswell 27-28 June. Also Netheravon would be holding a FS Roadshow on the same weekend.
Martin Soulsby wanted to make the other discipline reps aware that he will be changing the way the roadshows were allocated for FS events. Martin would be putting together a bid form that would look at how the centre would also support and promote the roadshow.

36/09 Judging - 2010 Judges training event planning

Kate Charters would liaise with RAPA with regards to next year's event.

37/09 Any other business

Annie Glasius and Tim Porter of Go Freestyle had written to the BPA, in April, to request funding for the World Cup 2009. Unfortunately due to the funding criteria and policy Competitions Committee were unable to offer funds. However the BPA urged Annie to seek external funding and were able to provide a link to Sport England and their small grants funding programmes. Further correspondence had been received from Annie who had since looked into applying for a small grant but had found that the grant was not for individuals but for not-for-profit organisations to increase participation.
Discussion followed as to whether the BPA would support Annie's application to Sport England or should Annie apply with the support of Loughborough University where Annie was a student. One of the funding criteria set by Sport England was an age limit of under 25 years of age at world level. Competitions Committee decided to ask John Horne, BPA Liaison Officer to Sport England for further advice at Council tonight 23 June.

Defer to Council

37/09 Date of next meeting

18 August – 1430, BMFA, Chacksfield House, Leics

The meeting closed at 1732.

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Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
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 Achieved	Use of outsourced coaching workshops for at least 2 coaches	£4k
2. Coaching support to champion teams - support non-senior 2008 National Champion teams with access to coaching for progression into senior 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	£4k
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 Achieved	By running skills coaching at competition events 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 Achieved	<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 	£11k
<p>Note: The 2008/09 budget for Competitions is lower than usual, so we 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>					

Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 09 to 30 June 10

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	2009 double medal winning performance	2010 Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2010	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2009	£55000*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	2009 At least 6 BPA coaching Road show events	2010 At least 8 BPA coaching Road show events	Jul 2010	Run coaching road show events at BPA Drop Zones to support competitive interest in the sport	£10000
3. Coaching 2010 teams	2009 No Targeted Support	2010 At least one specific targeted event for the 2010 BPA Squad	Jul 2010	Run a specific skill support event to enhance the BPA selected 2010 squad	£8000
4. Judging Team	2009 UK Pool of 17 Judges	2010 UK judging team with retained or improved ratings	Jul 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all currency requirements under FAI rules • Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training • Supply judges to at least 7 non national events 	£11000
5. Maintain competition equipment holdings in line with IPC requirements	2009 Current holding	2010 Equipment stock in line with 2009 IPC changes	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate 	£1000
6. Delegation Uniform	2009 T-Shirt	2010 Delegation uniform to include Sport jacket / trousers	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from "British team fund" to dress the delegations of the BPA • Identify suitable Sporting Jacket • Identify suitable Sporting Trousers • Continue Issue of T-Shirt generic BPA design 	£5000**
<p>* Budget 1: Includes £19000 c/f from last year - as agreed</p> <p>** Budget 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund.</p>					



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Competitions dates 2009 *(as at 17 Feb 2009)*

British Open Nationals 2009

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics & Canopy Piloting	JSPC (L) / RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany	Thurs 22 - Sun 25 July 2009
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 8 - Mon 10 August 2009 4-way reserve and 8-way: Sat 15 - Mon 17 August 2009 8-way reserve: Sat 22 - Mon 24 August 2009
Artistic, Speed Skydiving & Canopy Formation		Sat 15 - Mon 17 Aug August 2009 Reserve: Sat 22 - Mon 24 August 2009
8-way Speed	Skydive Airkix	Sat 5-Sun 6 September 2009

UKSL & Grand Prix 2009

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 2 – Mon 4 May 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Skydive Weston	Sat 23 - Sun 24 May 2009
GP Canopy Formation	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 13 - Sun 14 June 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 20 - Sun 21 June 2009
GP Accuracy	Black Knights	Sat 27 - Sun 28 June 2009
UKSL FS 4-way	Skydive Airkix	Sat 11 - Sun 12 July 2009
GP Canopy Formation	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 July 2009

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