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Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday 13 October 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:	Lesley Gale	-	Editor, <i>Skydive the Mag</i>
	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	John Smyth	-	Chair, Council (to item 60.3)
Observers:	Julia Foxwell	-	Satori (to item 57.2)
	Richard Head	-	
	Matt O`Riordan	-	Bad Lieutenants (to item 57.2)
	Dan Parker	-	Bad Lieutenants (to item 57.2)
	Katie Woods	-	Satori (to item 57.2)
Apologies for absence	Paul Applegate	-	
	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	Clare Fryer	-	Discipline Rep: Speed
	Ian Marshall	-	
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP

Item Minute

50/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2009 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

51/09 Matters arising

51.1 Trophy Database (minute 39.2)

The discipline reps reported that the majority of the trophies were now photographed ready to be uploaded. Andy Scott reminded that historical winners' details for each trophy were also planned to be included.

Action: Discipline Reps

Andy Scott would approach John 'Geordie' Page for uploading instructions.

Action: Andy Scott

Steve Saunders had questioned whether the Pat Hammond Shield for 2 Way Canopy Formation Novice Intermediate had been returned to the BPA Office. Steve would investigate its whereabouts as had not been received.

Action: Steve Saunders

52.2 The recording of Red Carded Members (minute 40.1)

The following ways of capturing the details of a red-carded competitor were raised:

- Red card entry in competitors log book
- Google. List so all could access
- Keeping a record at the office

It was decided that a record should be kept at the BPA office by way of a paper copy and computer spreadsheet as the frequency of a Red Card occurrence was historically low and would be manageable by the BPA staff. This record would include the members name, the date and reason why the red card was given. The record could then be emailed to centres hosting event, yet at the same time remaining private.

52.3 Entry Criteria/Currency requirement for Speed Skydiving (minute 40.3)

Following further information from the competitor the Committee were happy the competitor did everything possible, including considerable expenditure, attendance at a training event and the borrowing of Freefly friendly kit, to meet the entry criteria for the Speed event. The competitor had opted not to jump a qualifying jump due to equipment breakdown on the plane but once on the ground was then found to not have FF1. Following discussion with the CCI of the event hosting dropzone the competitor decided it was best not to continue and had approached the Chair of Competitions Committee suggesting the entry criteria/currency requirement be reviewed.

Clare Fryer, who had been unable to attend the meeting, had put forward some entry criteria suggestions:

- The competitor must have taken part in an ISSA event OR
- 500 jumps OR
- 150 jumps in the previous year AND
FF1
Logbook endorsement for Head Down by the CCI/AI

Also to be put forward: kit requirements of:

- Freefly friendly
- Hard/Full face helmet
- AAD
- Minimum of 1 audible Altimeter (preferably 2)
- No additional weight to be worn

Dan Parker suggested that based on experience that FF2, which is Head Down Control, be part of the criteria, however at this time the above suggestions by Clare Fryer would be put forward to the CCI of the Speed event hosting dropzone.

53/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

53.1 Nationals Classics re-run, South Cerney 19-20 September 2009

The Committee wished to express it's thanks to the BPA office for its admin help and equipment run at short notice, and to South Cerney for its successful hosting of the event. 5 rounds had been completed.

A UKS member had commented that there appeared to be problems with the method of information on the event as it was felt possible competitors were not as well informed as to what was happening. The Committee believed this was a fair comment.

53.2 CF Nationals, 8-10 Aug, Hibaldstow (min 40.2)

As Kate Charters was unable to attend this would be discussed at the next meeting in December.

Defer until next meeting

53.3 Any other domestic competition issues for 2009

A misunderstanding had arisen concerning the re-couping of monies for the British Team Fund following a National event. The 2009 event bid forms clearly states "For the Nationals, please show entry fees inclusive of the £5 per entry levy and jump fees inclusive of the £1 per jump levy for the British Team Fund"

The Committee sympathized with the centre regarding staff issues before the event that may have led to this confusion, but were happy that the correct paperwork had been supplied to the centre in order to avoid this. As other hosting centres were also subject to these criteria, agreed at bidding, it was therefore proposed by Martin Soulsby, seconded by Paul Moore to

continue to communicate with the centre involved in order for the outstanding monies to be paid to the British Team Fund.

Action: Andy Scott

54/09 Domestic Competitions 2010

The bid form had been issued to all BPA clubs/centres with a completion and return time of 1700 on Monday 12 October. 8 bids forms, previously unseen by the committee, were tabled to committee members only to be considered on a meet-by-meet basis

54.1 Nationals - CP/CF/Speed 8/Speed Skydiving/Classics

54.1.1 Canopy Piloting

No bids had been received however RAPA, Bad Lippspringe had indicated that should this be the case; as the only BPA centre with a suitable swoop pond, they would volunteer to hold the event. However concerns had been raised by the centre concerning the number of judges and the scoring system.

It was therefore proposed by Paul Moore, seconded by Steve Saunders that further discussion with RAPA was needed before the bid could be accepted.

Carried

54.1.2 Speed

1 bid had been received, from Target Skysports, which was accepted by committee. See appendix for dates.

54.1.3 VFS

1 bid, from Target Skysports, had been received. The committee accepted this bid. See appendix for dates.

54.1.4 Classics

2 bids, from Silver Stars and Peterlee were to be considered, however Silver Stars bid form was incomplete. A committee member attempted to make contact via telephone to confirm missing bid details but was unsuccessful; therefore the event was awarded to Peterlee who had submitted a fully detailed bid.

See appendix for dates.

54.1.5 Canopy Formation, League Canopy Formation and 8 Way Speed

As there were no complete bids for these events it was proposed by Paul Moore, seconded by Steve Saunders that the bid form be re-issued to all Dropzones, with bids to be returned to the BPA office by 1700 on Monday 7 December 2009.

Carried, Action: BPA Office

54.1.6 8 Way Speed

As no bids were tendered for this event the bid form would be re-issued to all dropzones to be returned to the BPA office by 1700 on Monday 7 December 2009.

54.2 UKSL - 4 Way FS

3 bids had been received, from APA Netheravon, NWPC and Target Skysports. As there would be 3 meets in 2010 it was agreed all bidders would host an event. See appendix for dates.

54.3 League - Accuracy

1 bid received, from Headcorn, was accepted provisionally. Further discussion and confirmation of the date with the centre was required. See appendix for date.

A bid form for a further League Accuracy competition would be issued by the BPA Office

Action: Helen Lucas

55/09 ESL Finals 2009

Martin Soulsby reported the ESL Finals had been fantastic with the UK and Holland predominately represented however there were teams from South Africa, Norway, Greece and Belgium also present. There had been some confusion with the scores which resulted with the 'Spirit' trophy being awarded to the UK delegation, then correctly allocated to Holland in the bar later. This was however taken in the best of spirits. It was noted that a number of competitors were impressed to see Chair of Council John Smyth supporting the event.

Only one judge had attended, Kate Charters, who had done an excellent job in the circumstances however questions were raised as to why no other judges attended when it was reported in previous minutes that a number had been invited or had expressed willingness to attend.

Issues had arisen from some competitors who thought it was a BPA event; however ESL is a loose collection of individuals in each country that hold and organise the competitions. The BPA simply promoted the event. Also, it was felt that copies of the rules were not to hand, however copies had been emailed to the judges, countries involved and the dropzone. The rules were also available on the BPA, Hibaldstow and ESL websites.

Martin Soulsby was asked to compile a 'lessons learned' for future reference for all ESL event hosting centres UK and Overseas.

The Committee wished to express its thanks to the Hibaldstow on the hosting of a very successful event, Kate Charters, the BPA office and above all Martin Soulsby for his organisation of the event.

56/09 International Competitions 2009 already completed

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

Paul Moore, attending Head of Delegation having previously submitted a comprehensive written report, reported it had been an enjoyable, very well organised event. The Committee extended its congratulations to Volare who had achieved Gold in Freely, Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants, Bronze in VFS and to Kaizen, Bronze in Women's FS 4-way in the European Championships.

56.1.1 Uniform Issues

A number of the ladies had reported that the ladies trousers were ill-fitting. They had been advised by the BPA office to return these to the office who would then return the trousers to Brilliant Embroidery for refund to the British Team Fund.

57/09 International Competitions

57.1 5th FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2009, J'burg South Africa: 1-6 December 09

57.1.1 Delegation Composition

10 competitors had accepted the invitation to attend the event, however Ed Paxton had sent his apologies as he would be unable to attend due to work commitments. The remaining 9 competitors are Kieron Hayes, Spencer Hogg, Simon Larcombe, Alastair Macartney, Martin Reynolds, Deane Smith, Sean Sutcliffe, Wez Westley, Brian Vacher.

57.1.2 Contracts Update

1 contract was outstanding: Martin Reynolds. The BPA office would send Martin a reminder.

Action: Helen Lucas

57.1.3 Head of Delegation

Alex Wilson has expressed his apologies that he would no longer be able to attend the event. Both Kate Charters and Paul Moore had expressed an interest of attending as Head of Delegation. Weed Stoodley proposed that Paul Moore, based on the good reports and previous experience, should attend the event as Head of Delegation. This was seconded by Martin Soulsby.

Carried

57.2 19th World Parachuting Championships in FS, 14th World Parachuting CF Championships & 8th World Parachuting Championships in Artistics, Russia: 31 Jul - 6 Aug 2010

Acceptances to attend had been received by:

FS 4 Way:	Satori
FS 4 Way Female:	Pussy Galore (funded)
FS 8 Way:	We'll Take it
VFS:	The Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants
Freely (2 placing subject to confirmation)	Volare (funded), Army Euphoria
Freestyle (2 placings subject to confirmation)	Airkix Freestyle (funded), Italian Job Freestyle
CF 2 Way Seq:	Yappy Dogs
CF 4 Way Seq:	Cellmates 4
CF 4 Way Rot:	Canes Barkus

Weed Stoodley reported that according to the FAI criteria Team Italian Job Freestyle were eligible to represent the UK.

At this time training plans for the funded teams; Pussy Galore, Volare and Airkix Freestyle, were tabled, as were requests for funding from Satori, The Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants and Deane Smith.

Deane Smith's application would be held over until the next meeting after the CP WC 09 South Africa 1-6 Dec.

Defer until next meeting

The Committee then discussed how best to allocate funds for those who had met the criteria. As there were a significant number of qualifiers for funding it was felt that those who had not met the criteria but would be given extra consideration should have no undue adverse effect on the amount of funding received.

After assessment of the training plan, and based on the teams merits, commitment and potential to win medals the Committee supported Team Satori's funding application.

John Smyth reported that plans for a VFS event are to be confirmed at the forthcoming 2010 IPC Plenary Meeting in January. John Smyth, as IPC Delegate, would confirm IPC's decision to the Committee after the event.

Action: John Smyth

As VFS was an up-and-coming discipline in need of support, and that Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants had qualified for funding the Committee were happy to support their funding application.

Therefore the known funded teams for WPC 2010 Russia would be Pussy Galore, Volare, Airkix Freestyle, Satori and The Outbreak of Bad Lieutenants.

All funding would come from Budget 1 of the Action Plan with the addition of £2k from budget 2, £3k from budget 3, £4k from budget 4 and £4k from the British Team Fund. This would equate to £68k. (See revised Action plan).

The allocation per discipline would be £29k FS, £29k Artistics with a potential of £10k set aside for CP and Classics, pending the CP WC 09 in December.

Andy Scott would report to Council that whilst remaining within budget the Action Plan had been revised.

Action: Andy Scott

58/09 Competitions Budget

Weed Stoodley delivered her summary, highlighted that all budgets were on track and that Bingolotto money was still available, to be allocated if possible to a Speed Skydiving Coaching Roadshow.

59/09 Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

The Action Plan was previously discussed in other areas.

59.1 Coach the Coach - next event schedule

Late November would be the preferred time for the next coaching event. Andy Scott would discuss with Anthony from Loughborough University.

Action: Andy Scott

60/09 Judging

60.1 Results update to BPA

Whilst the competitions results had been received by Martin Shuttleworth and Lesley Gale, the BPA office was waiting for the overall results list from Kate Charters in order to compile the list, engrave medals etc for the AGM.

Action: Kate Charters

[Note: Trudy Kemp had since received the list, however was waiting for confirmation of the 8 Way Speed results]

60.2 FAI Submissions Form

Kate Charters was unable to attend. The BPA office would send the required form to Kate Charters for completion and discussion at its next meeting.

Defer until next meeting

60.3 IPC Meeting Output

John Smyth; who had been appointed IPC Media Liaison Office during its mid-term meeting, reported that IPC were aiming to bring more media attention to the World Parachuting Championships that were in place for 2010, this would also follow through to 2011 - 2012. This would be in partnership with the FAI Executive Board who have employed a television production company called Flying Aces. IPC and FAI would be actively promoting 'Mondial' - all disciplines in one location.

The Judges Committee had made requests to various experts with regards to improving scoring systems moving towards 'live judging' by 2012. A system would be tested at World Cups in 2011. Cametrix had been highly thought of and had been asked to do a presentation.

This was to be re-enforced at its plenary meeting in January 2010.

Also being raised at the plenary meeting was the proposal of FAI Judges would have their own uniform.

Andy Scott asked whether there would be a change to disc size for Accuracy pads from 2cm to 1cm, as this would effect whether the Competitions Committee purchased new pads. John Hitchen replied that it had not been discussed, however to go ahead with a purchase of new pads of the 2cm size. Paul Moore would provide costings for new pads.

Action: Paul Moore

60.4 2010 Judges training event

Kate Charters was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported that a training event was planned to take place at Seville, Spain at the end of March.

60.5 Judging Resignation

The Committee was disappointed to have received a letter of resignation from a BPA Judge. The Chairman said he would discuss the letter with Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, with a view to seeking to persuade the judge to stay in role.

Action: Andy Scott

61/09 Any other business

61.1 BPA Questionnaire

Andy Scott had forwarded suggested questions to the Committee and to Adrian Bond. Further suggestions would need to be received by Adrian by 31 October 2009.

61.2 AGM: Prize Giving

Martin Soulsby, as Chair of Communications Committee, reported that at the Communications Committee meeting held this morning had agreed that a podium would be built for the award giving ceremony for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists. Also that the team names would be announced however the individual team members would be displayed. The discipline reps were asked to contact the team leaders to compile a list of the team members in order to forward to Trudy Kemp.

Action: Discipline Reps

Martin Soulsby reported that at the FS Grand Prix, in 2 of the categories there were ties for 3rd place. Discussion followed on the criteria for medal positions for the overall standing for the awards at the AGM. It was decided that as this time, as there was no rule on this subject that all tied teams would receive a medal.

61.3 Roadshow Bid Forms

Martin Soulsby reported that the bid form for 2010 roadshows was now complete. At this time it was felt by other discipline reps that the form was not necessary for their disciplines. As Martin believed it would be necessary for FS the bid form would be sent to the BPA Office to distribute to all dropzones.

Action: Helen Lucas

62/09 Date of next meeting

8 December – 1430, BMFA, Chacksfield House, Leics.

The meeting closed at 1805.

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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	£68000*
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	£8000
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	£5000
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 	£7000
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 ** Budget 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund.</p>					



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Competitions dates 2010 *(as at 30 Oct 2010)*

British Open Nationals 2010

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 2 - Sun 4 July 2010
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 14 - Mon 16 August 2010 4-way reserve and 8-way: Sat 21 - Mon 23 August 2010 8-way reserve: Sat 28 - Mon 30 August 2010
Artistic, Speed Skydiving		Sat 21 - Mon 23 Aug August 2010 Reserve: Sat 28 - Mon 30 August 2010

UKSL & Grand Prix 2010

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
GP Accuracy	Headcorn	Sat 1 – Sun 2 May 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	APA, Netheravon	Sat 22 - Sun 23 May 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	NWPC, Cark	Sat 12 - Sun 13 June 2010
UKSL FS 4-way	Target Skysports Hibaldstow	Sat 10 - Sun 11 July 2010

British Open Nationals in 8-Way Speed, British Open Nationals/ Grand Prix in Canopy Formation to be confirmed. Further GP Accuracy dates may be added.