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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 1430**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Andy Scott	-	Chairman
	Paul Moore	-	
	Steve Saunders	-	Discipline Rep: CF
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice Chairman & Discipline Rep: FS
	Weed Stoodley	-	Discipline Rep: AE / VFS
<b>In attendance:</b>	John Hitchen	-	NCSO
	Helen Lucas	-	Administration Secretary
	Ian Marshall	-	
	John Smyth	-	Chair, Council
<b>Observers:</b>	Noel Purcell	-	Target Skysports (Item 65.3)
	Martin Reynolds	-	CP Competitor (Item 67.1)
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Kate Charters	-	Judges' Co-ordinator
	Alex Wilson	-	Discipline Rep: CP

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### Item Minute

#### 63/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

#### 64/09 Matters arising

##### 64.1 Trophy Database (minute 51.1)

Further discussion with John 'Geordie' Page with regard to uploading instructions was required.

**Action: Andy Scott**

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

This item was discussed at the previous meeting however the action was missed. The Chairman asked Noel Purcell of Target Skysports to review with the CCI of Target Skysports the proposed amendments to these rules including the question over criteria as FF1 or FF2. Noel kindly agreed and the Chairman would confirm with him prior to rule publication of 2010.

**Action: Chair**

#### 65/09 Domestic Competitions 2009

##### 65.1 Results for all disciplines/AGM Awards

The BPA Office confirmed they had all the information required for the Awards Presentation at the forthcoming AGM.

Steve Saunders, having located the whereabouts of the Pat Hammond Shield for 2 Way Canopy Formation Novice Intermediate, asked the Committee if it would be acceptable to represent the Shield to Jamie Flint at the AGM Awards Ceremony. The Committee agreed this would be acceptable and a fitting tribute to Pat Hammond.

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## **65.2 CF Nationals, 8-10 Aug, Hibaldstow (min 40.2)**

As Kate Charters was unable to attend this would be discussed at the first Committee meeting in the New Year.

**Defer until next meeting**

## **65.3 British Team Fund Payment Update**

Following a confusion regarding entry fees and payment by a dropzone to the British Team Fund Andy Scott was happy to report that this matter had been resolved, and payment had been made.

Noel Purcell, on behalf of Target Skysports, had expressed concerns over the raising costs of Judges expenses, in particular those Judges brought in from overseas. The centre had had to find an extra £1249 to cover airfares for 4 judges, from the USA, Russia, Sweden and Germany. The centre acknowledged the events were run 'at no cost to the BPA' but felt that had they been informed of the overseas judges in good time cheaper alternative flights may have been found. The Committee acknowledged that there was a shortfall of UK Artistic Judges and sympathised with the centre, however there was scope on the bid form for the centre to name judges and to ask questions of costs before the event however the Committee agreed there may have been a breakdown in the organisation of judges for the FS/Artistic Nationals, and that Target Skysports should not be penalised. The host DZ agreed with the Committee that it was not the intent to see the British Team Fund payment impacted.

Following discussions Weed Stoodley proposed and was seconded by Martin Soulsby that:

- a. Target Skysports should transfer the remaining payment of £1249 to the British Team Fund as agreed at the time of bidding
- b. the BPA Office will refund Target Skysports £1000 from the Judges budget from the Competitions Committee action plan, to cover extra costs of judging panel over and above the norm

**Carried Unanimously**

## **66/09 Domestic Competitions 2010**

### **66.1 Bid Forms**

The bid form had been issued to all BPA clubs/centres with a completion and return time of 1700 on Monday 7 December. 4 bids forms, previously unseen by the committee, were tabled to committee members only to be considered on a meet-by-meet basis.

Please see appendix for all dates.

#### **66.1.1 Nationals - Canopy Formation**

2 bids, from Black Knights (BKPC) and Silver Stars were to be considered. On the basis of accommodation it was proposed by Paul Moore, seconded by Martin Soulsby that BKPC would hold the event. The vote was For - 3, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 (Steve Saunders)

**Carried**

#### **66.1.2 Nationals - 8 Way Speed**

2 bids, from BKPC and UK Parachuting (Sibson) were tabled. On the basis of costs and facilities, Weed Stoodley proposed, and Paul Moore seconded, that the UK Parachuting (Sibson) bid be accepted. The vote was For - 3, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 (Steve Saunders)

**Carried**

#### **66.1.3 Grand Prix - Accuracy**

2 bids were tabled, from BKPC and Silver Stars. Discussion followed as to whether previous events were well enough attended to warrant 3 GP Accuracy events in total. Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Martin Soulsby, that both the 2 additional bids be accepted. The vote was For - 3, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 (Steve Saunders)

**Carried**

#### **66.1.4 Grand Prix - Canopy Formation**

3 bids, from BKPC, BPS Langar and Silver Stars were tabled. The bids were considered, with a view to previous attendance records.

It was therefore proposed by Steve Saunders and seconded by Paul Moore to accept the bid from BPS Langar.

**Carried unanimously**

Steve Saunders proposed and was seconded by Paul Moore, that Silver Stars bid be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

Weed Stoodley proposed, seconded by Martin Soulsby that the BKPC be accepted. The vote was For - 3, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 (Steve Saunders)

**Carried**

The Committee wished to express its thanks to all those who had submitted bids.

### **66.2 Nomination of Judges per event/ Chief Judges**

The Committee discussed the need of hosting centres to have knowledge of the Judges in place for their events well in advance to take into consideration costs involved. It was noted that historically most centres had entered on their bid forms, for Proposed Chief Judge and Judges "To be confirmed". Moving forward as all events dates were known well in advance there was a possibility to allocate judges now. Paul Moore proposed and was seconded by Steve Saunders that the Andy Scott should write to Kate Charters, Judges' Co-ordinator, to list Chief Judges and volunteers for each event, and to identify any shortfalls. The list was to be received by the BPA Office by 22 December 09.

**Carried, Action: Andy Scott**

### **66.2 Results Submissions**

As there had been some late submissions of results the Committee would like it to be reminded to the Chief Judges that results must be submitted in a timely fashion to the BPA Office to be distribute to the Competitions Committee.

### **66.3 Purchase of Parachuting Equipment**

Paul Moore had compared costings from Weckbecker and Texair Limited. Whilst some of the Committee had heard use of the Weckbecker system it was believed that further experience of the Texair system would be required before a decision could be made. Andy Scott would approach Headcorn to ask to trial the system at their GP Accuracy event on the 1-2 May 2010.

**Action: Andy Scott**

## **67/09 5<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting 09, Johannesburg S Africa 1-6 Dec 09**

### **67.1 Head of Delegation Report/Results**

Paul Moore reported the event had been well organized, with 13 Nations represented by 65 competitors, 10 of which were from the UK. The conditions, both the course and the weather, had been very challenging and there had been a number of injuries, and one fatality. The UK delegation all jumped safely, only sustaining cuts and bruises.

Brian Vacher had been the highest placing UK competitor in 6<sup>th</sup> position, Alastair Macartney in 16<sup>th</sup>, Deane Smith 19<sup>th</sup>, Martin Reynolds 20<sup>th</sup>, Wez Westley 24<sup>th</sup>, Spencer Hogg 27<sup>th</sup>, Simon Larcombe 29<sup>th</sup>, Sean Sutcliffe 34<sup>th</sup>, Kieron Hayes 40<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Storey 49<sup>th</sup>. Kieron had done very well as this was his first Class 1 event.

Both the Speed and the Distance British Records had been broken. Brian Vacher had set a new British Distance Record of 167.73m. Wez Westley set the British Speed Record of 2.424 sec, only for Alastair Macartney to break it 2 days later with 2.404 secs, then again by Martin Reynolds with 2.360 sec, only for Wez to take the record back 28 minutes later with 2.347 sec. All of which made for good watching.

The amount of injuries at the event highlighted the need for correct skydiving insurance that covered competitions also. The Committee recognised that the BPA had a duty of care to the UK delegation. Whilst the BPA Office held copies of current insurance documents that had been submitted by competitors before taking part in a competition there was a need to identify to the competitor that the insurance they had in place may not cover competition jumps, and that their insurance must cover repatriation. Andy Scott would approach Manson Insurance Brokers, via the Insurance Sub-Committee Reps, for advice on the potential to cover invalid cover or any shortfall in cover by a delegation member, and to ask what they may have available as a policy.

**Action: Andy Scott**

## **67.2 Funding Matters**

The Committee discussed the possibility of funding Deane Smith and other Canopy Piloting competitors, from the 10k setaside, for the World Parachuting Championships in 2010. Deane Smith's training plan had been tabled at the previous meeting. The following points were raised:

- The funding of CP was potentially not as much as it could be
- Whether the published funding criteria was correct
- Whether the Competitors had met the published funding criteria
- The potential to win medals
- The potential for some/all of the available funds to be used for coaching of the delegation as a whole as the competitors had recently discussed in a meeting at the World Cup 2009 venue
- The potential for some/all of the available funds to be used for the coaching of up-and-coming Canopy Piloters

Weed Stoodley proposed that as she felt that no CP competitors had met the published funding criteria, the setaside 10k balance be divided between the 15 competitors that did qualify, not including Satori. This failed to find a seconder.

Martin Soulsby proposed, seconded by Weed Stoodley, that due to the confusing funding criteria, that £2900 be put towards a Coach for the 2010 CP delegation at a venue of their choice, as a one-off case.

**Carried**

Deane Smith's training plan was reviewed, and Paul Moore proposed that Deane Smith should be funded £7000, as requested on the training plan, for the World Parachuting Championships and beyond. This failed to find a seconder.

Paul Moore then proposed funding of £5000, with the £2900 excluded, for Deane Smith. This was seconded by Steve Saunders. The vote was For - 2, Against - 2. The Chairs vote was For.

**Carried, subject to ratification at Council this evening**

[Note: At Council that evening the matter was discussed further and another vote resulted in a change to the funding of Deane Smith down from £5000 to £2900 in line with per head funds of other 2010 funded delegation members - Council minute 95.3.2 refers]

## **67.3 Canopy Piloting Technical Rep**

As Alex Wilson was not available to stand for Council in 2010 Paul Moore recognised there was a potential lack of CP knowledge within the Competitions Committee. The Committee also acknowledged there needed to be greater technical input to the funding criteria for CP which stands alone in different location influences. Paul Moore therefore proposed that Martin Reynolds, as a CP competitor, be co-opted to Competitions Committee as CP Technical Rep to advise on CP competitions. This was seconded by Steve Saunders. Martin Reynolds was happy to take on this role.

**Carried Unanimously, Recommend to Competitions Committee 2010**

Paul Moore, as he has an interest in the discipline, expressed his wish to volunteer for the role of CP Discipline Rep. This would be discussed at the BPA Inaugural Meeting at the BPA AGM 2010.

**Defer until 16 Jan 2010**

## **68/09 2010 Dubai Parachuting Championships and Gulf Cup 6-17 Jan 2010**

Matt Sweeney had expressed to the BPA Office his wish to attend this event. The Committee acknowledge the short time left in which to register and pay and wished the BPA Office to contact Matt as soon as possible after the meeting in which to make payment to the BPA in order to make the registration date of 15 December 2010.

**Action: Helen Lucas**

The Committee acknowledge that Jeff Chandler, Mike Desmond, Deane Smith and Mark Boddy had registered and paid via the event organizers.

[note: Helen Lucas had contacted Matt Sweeney who expressed his desire to register independently of the BPA. Helen, as permitted by Jeff Chandler, had passed on Jeff's contact details to Matt. No further action was necessary]

## **69/09 Judging Matters**

### **69.1 Judge Resignation Update**

The Chair was happy to report that Karla Cole would continue as a BPA Judge and had agreed to support also the new FS 8 Way web meet. The BPA Office confirmed receipt of all required logbook information to register Karla as current with IPC/FAI.

### **69.2 FAI Submissions**

Kate Charters was not present at the meeting but had communicated to the BPA Office via email that all FAI Judges were forwarded for the list and would forward a copy to the BPA Office. Also Kate stated that all FAI Judges were put on the list for all competitions at World level next year. The BPA would ask FAI if they had received a copy of the Judges List as Kate Charters was required to forward the FAI Judges list to the FAI by 31 December 2009.

**Action: Kate Charters & BPA Office**

### **69.3 Judges Co-ordinator/European Judging exchange ideas**

Kate Charters was unable to attend the meeting.

### **69.4 Judges Training Update 2010**

The Judges Training seminar was planned for the last weekend in March (27-28 March) in Seville Spain. Concern was raised as there was no swoop pond at the dropzone and that no funding requests had been received by the Committee. Martin Soulsby proposed and was seconded by Steve Saunders that the Chair should write to Kate Charters to seek clarity, as the Committee had received no funding requests, the Seminar in Seville would be self-funding.

**Action: Andy Scott**

## **70/09 Financial/Action Plan Updates**

### **70.1 Budget**

Weed Stoodley summarized on the financial aspects of the Competitions Budget and the British Team Fund

### **70.2 Coach the Coach**

The next Coach the Coach event at Loughborough University was planned for Saturday 30 January. The Discipline Reps were to provide the BPA Office a consolidated list of people wishing to attend in order for the office to forward to the organisers. There were 15 spaces on the course available.

**Action: Discipline Reps & BPA Office**

### **70.3 Event for National Teams**

The event was not to be seen as coaching for individual disciplines but as a coaching session for all of the UK delegation which would cover competitions, psychology, nutrition and suchlike. The Discipline Reps would ask their times when they would be available in order to consolidate a date for the session.

**Action: Discipline Reps**

### **70.4 Coaching Roadshows - to select hosts from submitted bids**

Tabled were bids from BPS Langar, Target Skysports, UK Parachuting (Beccles) and UK Parachuting (Sibson).

With consideration to the information provided, and with events already planned by the centres, FS Coaching Roadshows were awarded to BPS Langar, UK Parachuting (Beccles) and UK Parachuting (Sibson). Martin Soulsby expressed his thanks to those who had submitted bid forms.

Steve Saunders stated that he had received 4 applications for CF Roadshows, from Sibson, Dunkswell, Hibaldstow and Weston. Weed Stoodley had received applications via email for Artistic Roadshows from St Andrews, Cark and Hibaldstow.

Also tabled was a bid form for an Accuracy Roadshow from Headcorn. Steve Saunders would discuss the requirements of holding a Roadshow and would report back to the Committee at its meeting at the AGM

**Action: Steve Saunders**

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 1830

## Competitions Action Plan: 1 July 09 to 30 June 10

Target	From	To	By	How	Budget
1. World Class Performance	<b>2009</b> double medal winning performance	<b>2010</b> Continued medal winning performance	Sep 2010	Funded support to BPA selected teams based on performance in competition 2009	£68000*
2. Coaching Road Show Events	<b>2009</b> At least 6 BPA coaching Road show events	<b>2010</b> 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	<b>2009</b> No Targeted Support	<b>2010</b> 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	<b>2009</b> UK Pool of 17 Judges	<b>2010</b> UK judging team with retained or improved ratings	Jul 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all currency requirements under FAI rules</li> <li>• Provide financial help with pre-season refresher training</li> <li>• Supply judges to at least 7 non national events</li> </ul>	£7000
5. Maintain competition equipment holdings in line with IPC requirements	<b>2009</b> Current holding	<b>2010</b> Equipment stock in line with 2009 IPC changes	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase / Hire of equipment as rules evolve and dictate</li> </ul>	£1000
6. Delegation Uniform	<b>2009</b> T-Shirt	<b>2010</b> Delegation uniform to include Sport jacket / trousers	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from "British team fund" to dress the delegations of the BPA</li> <li>• Identify suitable Sporting Jacket</li> <li>• Identify suitable Sporting Trousers</li> <li>• Continue Issue of T-Shirt generic BPA design</li> </ul>	£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 18 Dec 2009)*

### British Open Nationals 2010

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Classics	Peterlee Parachute Centre	Fri 2 - Sun 4 July 2010
Canopy Formation	Black Knights Parachute Centre	Sat 3 - Mon 5 July 2010 Reserve Sat 10 - Mon 12 July 2010
8-Way Speed	UK Para, Sibson	Sat 4 - Sun 5 Sept 2010
Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving	Target Skysports, Hibaldstow	4-way & VFS: Sat 14 - Mon 16 August 2010 8-way, 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: 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
GP Accuracy	Silver Stars	Sat 5 - Sun 6 Jun 2010
GP Accuracy	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 Sep 2010
GP Canopy Formation	Silver Stars	Sat 15 - Sun 16 May 2010
GP Canopy Formation	BPS, Langar	Sat 19 - Sun 20 June 2010
GP Canopy Formation	Black Knights	Sat 18 - Sun 19 Sep 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