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## Competitions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

**Tuesday 20 April 2010 at 1430**

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

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|------------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Present:</b>              | Steve Saunders | - | Chair, Discipline Rep: CF      |
|                              | Richard Head   | - | Discipline Rep: FS             |
|                              | Ian Marshall   | - | Discipline Rep: Classics       |
|                              | Martin Soulsby | - | Vice Chairman (from Item 5.4)  |
|                              | Weed Stoodley  | - | Discipline Rep: AE / VFS       |
| <b>In attendance:</b>        | Kate Charters  | - | Judges' Co-ordinator           |
|                              | Helen Lucas    | - | Administration Secretary       |
|                              | Paul Moore     |   |                                |
| <b>Observers</b>             | Tony Makepeace |   | to Items 15.4 & 15.5           |
|                              | Dougie Peacock |   |                                |
| <b>Apologies for absence</b> | John Hitchen   | - | NSCO                           |
|                              | John Smyth     | - | IPC Delegate, Chair of Council |
|                              | Liz Warner     |   |                                |

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### Item Minute

#### 13/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2010 had been ratified electronically by the Council and published on the BPA website:

<http://www.bpa.org.uk/minutes>

- 14/10 Resignation from Competitions Committee** - Paul Moore: Discipline Rep - CP  
Paul Moore kindly attended the meeting to explain his resignation. He said that as a volunteer, he had been disappointed by the marked lack of appreciation by certain competitors of the time and effort involved in being a discipline rep. Some had sought to blame him for logistical issues that had not been of his making and, quite to the contrary, he had been working hard to seek to resolve the new date for the CP Nationals, the appointment of a CP Technical Rep, collective funding for the CP team which Paul said had been denied and funding for Deane Smith of £2900 as the only competitor to have applied for funding. Disappointingly, these efforts were not well received by some of the CP fraternity.

The Committee wished to express its appreciation to Paul Moore for his commitment and hard work as a Competitions Committee member and Discipline Rep, and fully understood the reasoning behind Paul's decision and wished him well for the future.

Martin Soulsby and Kate Charters entered the meeting at 1445.

Paul Moore then left the meeting.

The Committee wished to note that collective funding for CP Team Coaching of £2900 had been agreed by Competitions Committee during its meeting of 8 December 2009 (min 67.2/09 refers).

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## 15/10 **Matters arising**

### **15.1 To appoint a Discipline Rep: Speed (min 1.2)**

Steve Saunders had been trying to contact Peter Warren with a view to asking him to become Speed Discipline Rep but Peter had proved elusive.

Clare Fryer had expressed that she would be happy to advise Competitions Committee should they require it but in view of her pregnancy would not be able to take on a more active role and that the Pro-tracks would be returned to the BPA Office. The Committee thanked Clare and wished her all the best for her forthcoming event.

[note: The Pro-tracks had been returned to the BPA Office that evening by Steve Saunders]

### **15.2 Trophy Database (min 3.1)**

John 'Geordie' Page had confirmed to the BPA Office that he had the parameters and would be forwarding them via email to Andy Scott and the BPA office.

Matty Holford had kindly brought to the BPA office 2 swords which he felt could be used for trophies at various competitions. The Committee discussed presenting such a trophy with regards to sharpness and the need to be mounted. Martin Soulsby would investigate further the cost of mounting and the legal implications of such a trophy before the Committee could discuss further to which discipline they could be allocated to.

**Action: Martin Soulsby**

### **15.3 CF Nationals 09, Hibaldstow (min 3.3)**

James Swallow, on discussion with Steve Saunders, had apologised and had taken on board the recommendations of the committee for future events.

### **15.4 Texair System (min 3.4)**

The Chair stated that, on discussion with Andy Scott before Council on 23 February 2010 it was found that the trial at Headcorn was not able to take place as the Texair System would not be available. An alternative date and venue for the trial had been arranged at South Cerney, 5-6 June 2010 however the Committee would like to apologise to Andy Houston of Texair as this was not communicated to him in a timely fashion.

Moving forward the Committee discussed equipment the BPA already own and the following points were raised

- No 2cm pads owned by the BPA
- Old technology, pads not always compatible to the boxes
- Maintenance
- Transportation to and from an event
- The possibility of purchasing 2 2cm pads from Weckbecker

Tony Makepeace, who currently maintains the boxes, stated that two boxes of the same type were required at the Nationals should any problem occur with one of them.

The Committee discussed purchasing the Texair System which would comprise of two 2cm pads and one box. Andy Houston of Texair would also maintain the equipment which he would then transport to and from events. Andy Houston would also supply a second box to the event should there be any problems, and that any replacement equipment could be bought at cost.

There were 2 proposals, both of which obtained an equal vote. The Chair used his deciding vote. It was decided, subject to a mutually agreed contract, that the BPA would purchase 1 box and 2 pads for £1400.

**Action: Purchase Texair System**

[note: Andy Houston and the BPA had since agreed the contract and purchase had been made]

The Committee wished to express it's thanks to Tony Makepeace for the immaculate maintaining, and the recent cataloguing of the BPA's equipment.

### **15.5 Competitions Equipment Co-ordinator (min 5.4)**

Adam Searle would not be available for the role of Equipment Co-ordinator for 2010/11. The Committee wished to thank Adam for his hard work last year.

All the equipment had been returned to the BPA Office.

The Committee discussed the need of an equipment co-ordinator as there was a minimal amount of equipment that needed to be transported. It was recognised that the event hosting

centre should have DVD players and monitors for the judges, and that it was the DZs responsibility to highlight their need for equipment via Form 163. However the Discipline Reps would follow up with a call to the centre to ask of their needs.

**Action: Discipline Reps**

Equipment would continue to be stored at the BPA Office and would be signed in and out by Dave Lucas, or by Helen Lucas when Dave is not available.

#### **15.6 Cametrix attendance at Hibaldstow (min 5.5)**

The Chair confirmed that Cametrix would be in attendance at Hibaldstow.

### **16/10 Judging Matters**

#### **16.1 Review of the Judges Co-ordinator Form 218**

Kate Charters presented a number of changes to Form 218 to the Committee. Weed Stoodley also had some additions and amendments, and would forward exact wording to the BPA Office for compilation. The form with additions and amendments, in draft, would be sent to Competitions Committee for approval before publication.

**Action: Weed Stoodley, BPA Office**

#### **16.2 Judges Training Seminar**

Kate Charters reported that the training seminar at Hibaldstow had gone very well with 13 Judges attending. Dougie Peacock had made a welcome return to Judging and was undergoing refresher training and that Ruth Ferris and Stavros were now Training Judges. The Judges had been pleased with the travelling expenses as discussed at the previous meeting (min 11.2 refers).

#### **16.3 Judging matters not already covered**

##### **16.3.1 Judging Scoresheets**

Kate Charters reported that at the seminar each discipline group was tasked with redesigning the scoresheet so a master copy could be held at the BPA office, with scoresheets being available to download, via the website, when required.

##### **16.3.2 Deputy Judges Co-ordinator**

The Committee welcomed Liz Warner, who was unable to attend the meeting, as Deputy Judges Co-ordinator.

##### **16.3.3 Judging Timescale at competitions**

A concern had been raised from a coach that with a competition finishing in one day there may have been undue pressure on the Judges and on the lower classed teams. Kate Charters assured the committee that for the Judges it had been very relaxed, well judged event.

##### **16.3.4 CP Judges**

Gill Winter would be available to attend the CP Nationals at RAPA in order to evaluate the CP National rated judges for their FAI rating.

### **17/10 Domestic Competitions 2010**

#### **17.1 Nationals Rules**

The CP rules would require further amendments to both the Admin and the Technical areas before these would be available to publish.

**Action: The Chair, BPA Office**

With one minor amendment to the Classics rules the Committee were content that the rules were now ready for publication.

**Action: BPA Office**

#### **17.2 GP Rules**

The draft Grand Prix Rules had been circulated and there had been no requests for variations. The rules were now ready for publication.

**Action: BPA Office**

#### **17.3 Any other domestic competition issues**

##### **17.3.1 CP Nationals 2010**

As there had been no official bid received from RAPA clarity was required to the costings of the event. The Nationals were to be ran at no cost to the BPA.

Kate Charters was asked to prepare, assuming there would be approximately 15 competitors, a rough budget which would include Gill Winter's attendance, flights & daily subsistence for the judges, Cametrix attendance and Medals.

**Action: Kate Charters**

**18/10 International Competitions 2010**

**18.1 19<sup>th</sup> FS, 14<sup>th</sup> CF & 8<sup>th</sup> Artistics FAI World Parachuting Championships 31 Jul - 6 Aug 2010 Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia**

**18.1.1 Visa Requirements**

The BPA Office stated that only one passport scan was outstanding due to the passport being renewed. The Office was in the process of forwarding the scans to the Russian event organisers.

**18.1.2 Head of Delegation**

The Committee had invited John Smyth to attend the event as Head of Delegation; however John would be attending in his role of Media Co-ordinator and had regretfully declined the offer due to conflicting roles. John Hitchen would also be unable to attend.

[note: At Council that evening it was suggested that an accompanying person might be able to fulfil the role. To this end a letter of invitation to act as Head of Delegation had been sent to Ashley Kemp]

**18.2 3<sup>rd</sup> CP World Parachuting Championships 7-15 Aug 2010 Kolomna, Russia**

**18.2.1 Delegation Composition**

Martin Soulsby proposed that selection of competitors for this event should be based on the 2009 Nationals scores. These scores would be more relevant in comparison to sea level and would be off-year selection in line with other disciplines. Weed Stoodley seconded.

**Carried**

Invitations to represent GBR would be sent to Deane Smith (who had previously received a bye), Alastair Macartney, Brian Vacher, Simon Larcombe, Spencer Hogg, Sean Sutcliffe, Wez Westley and Martin Reynolds.

**Action: BPA Office**

**18.2.2 Head of Delegation**

Paul Moore had declined the invitation to attend as Head of Delegation. The Committee members would actively seek volunteers to act as Head of Delegation, and would send their suggestions via email.

**Action: All Committee**

**18.3 31<sup>st</sup> FAI World Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championships 28 Aug - 4 Sep 2010 Niksic, Montenegro**

**18.3.1 Delegation Composition**

Acceptances had been received from Glenn Stephenson, Pete Sizer, Janos Leszko and Esther Reynolds. Unfortunately Jeff Chandler would be unable to attend.

**18.3.2 Competitors for the Junior Category**

Letters of invitation had been sent to James Bacon and Lee Harrison.

[note: Lee Harrison had since expressed his interest to attend]

**18.3.3 Head of Delegation**

As Kate Charters would be available Martin Soulsy proposed, seconded by Richard Head, that Kate attend the Montenegro event as Head of Delegation.

**Carried**

**18.4 Delegation Uniform**

The Committee would like to express to the Competitors of the forthcoming events that the Team Uniform, namely the Jacket and trousers, were to be used over multiple events. Should the Jacket/trousers be given away freely they would need to be replaced at cost to the competitor. Replacements free of charge due to general wear and tear would be acceptable.

**19/10 Competitions Budget and Action Plan 1 July 09 to 30 June 10**

Weed Stoodley reported that some of the unspent budget from the 09/10 Action Plan would be carried over for 2010/11. As this was an off year there would be a lump sum set aside for the teams that met the funding criteria for WPC 2012.

**20/10 Competitions Action Plan 1 July 10 to 30 June 11**

The Committee would present its list of recommendations to Council tonight:

1. Organise a programme of Skills coaching roadshows
2. Review BPA competitions equipment.
3. Maintain the judging pool, including engaging new trainee judges as appropriate.
4. Provide a national team uniform.
5. Off year funding for targeted coaching (details yet to be decided).

**Action: Recommend to Council**

The Committee also agreed, as in the past, some funds would be earmarked and carried forward to the 2011/2012 funding for teams meeting funding criteria for 2012 World Championships.

**21/10 Any Other Business**

**22.1 Equipment Co-ordinator Expenses Claim**

A query had arisen from an expenses form sent from Adam Searle with regards to his expenses for the transportation of judging equipment to the 2009 Nationals and ESL events at Hibaldstow. Clarity was sort as to who had sanctioned the equipment. Steve Saunders would enquire of Andy Scott as to the terms that Adam agreed to be Equipment Co-ordinator, and to Adam Searle as to who sanctioned the equipment to be at Hibaldstow.

**Action: Chair**

The meeting closed at 1835

Ratified electronically by the Council and published on 21 May 2010

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

| Target   | From  | To   | By       | How  | Budget  |
|--|---|--|----------|--|---------|
| 1. World Class Performance   | <b>2009</b><br>double medal winning performance         | <b>2010</b><br>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><br>At least 6 BPA coaching Road show events | <b>2010</b><br>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><br>No Targeted Support                      | <b>2010</b><br>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><br>UK Pool of 17 Judges                     | <b>2010</b><br>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><br>Current holding                          | <b>2010</b><br>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><br>T-Shirt                                  | <b>2010</b><br>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</p> <p>** Budget 6: Uniform will continue to be funded from the British Team Fund.</p> |   |  |          |  |         |



## Competitions dates 2010 (as at 11 May 2010)

### 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<br>Reserve Sat 10 - Mon 12 July 2010  |
| Canopy Piloting                                    | RAPA, Bad Lippspringe, Germany | Thu 8 - Sat 10 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<br>8-way, 4-way reserve and VFS Reserve: Sat 21 - Mon 23 August 2010<br>8-way reserve: Sat 28 - Mon 30 August 2010 |
| Artistic, Speed Skydiving                          |                                | Sat 21 - Mon 23 Aug August 2010<br>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 |