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**United States Parachute Association Minutes:**  
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**1. Call to Order**

There was a briefing for new Directors at 9:00 A.M. that was attended by all Directors. Information was presented by the outgoing President, Don Yahrting and Executive Director Chris Needels.

The President, Mr. Don Yahrting, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on January 24, 2003. The Directors present included: G. Bangs, S. Butcher, J. DeSantis, D. Ellisor, J. Farrington, J. Goswitz, L. Hill, M. Laughlin, J. Meyer, M. Mullins, M. Murdock, D. Page, G. Peek, M. Perry, J. Rodriguez, R. Schachner, L. Schlichtemeier, S. Smith, L. Stapleton, D. Stewart, T. Thacker, and B. J. Worth.

Mr. Don Koranda from the N.A.A. was absent.

The outgoing President, Mr. Don Yahrting and the outgoing Chairman of the Board, Mr. Gene Paul Thacker were also present to assist the new Board until new officers were elected. The President declared that the newly elected Board was now seated.

The President welcomed the gallery and the Directors. The members of the gallery introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)  
*“Move to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting.”*

**Motion 2:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)  
*“Move to adopt the agenda.”*

**3. Interim Actions of the Executive Committee & President's Report (Mr. Yahrting)**

Executive Committee Interim Actions– July 2002 – January 2003

The following interim actions were conducted by the Executive Committee during the past six months, and are now presented for consideration to the Board of Directors:

XC Interim Action 08/13/02

**Motion 3:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)  
*“Move to eliminate SCM Section 6-1.2C, ‘If less than four teams enter an intermediate event, the participants will compete in the Open class of that event.’”*

XC Interim Action 09/24/02

**Motion 4:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to waive the requirement of holding an Instructor rating for three years to become a Coach Course Director for Trish Small, Northhampton, MA, Mark Wilson, Northhampton, MA, and Ryan Gifford, Davis, CA."*

XC Interim Action 09/27/02

**Motion 5:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to waive the three year requirement of holding an Instructor rating to become a Coach Course Director for Paul Kopelen of the Green Beret Sport Parachute Activity at Ft Bragg, NC, because he is assuming the instructional responsibilities of the retiring sport parachute activity custodian, Kip Lohmiller."*

XC Interim Action 10/09/02

**Motion 6:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to appoint Paul A. Bauermeister as the 2003 Para-Ski Team Manager."*

XC Interim Action 11/16/02

**Motion 7:** Passed, 20/0/2 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to authorize the support requested by Jeff Root for A.A.D. funding in the amount of up to \$18,375.00."*

XC Interim Action 11/16/02

**Motion 8:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to revoke the membership of Paul Gundlach for life."*

XC Interim Action 11/16/02

**Motion 9:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to authorize the deferral of the currently scheduled change in accounting basis from cash to accrual from January 1st, 2003 to January 1st, 2004."*

XC Interim Action 11/20/02

**Motion 10:** Passed, 22/0 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to continue the 2002 U.S.P.A. Budget until the conclusion of the January 2003 U.S.P.A. Board of Directors Meeting."*

XC Interim Action 12/06/02

**Motion 11:** Passed, 21/0/1 (Mr. Yahrting)

*"Move to direct the IPC Delegate to notify the IPC Secretary of a tentative bid from the USA for a 'World Cup of Canopy Piloting' for inclusion on the IPC 2003 Agenda."*

XC Interim Action 12/19/02 Defeated by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee defeated a motion to waive SIM Sections 2-1.J.3 & 5 for Arthur J. Shaffer, D-10182, to allow a tandem demo into Alltel Stadium for the Jacksonville Jaguars' football game on December 22, 2002. The proposed tandem passenger for this demo was Jack Dillon Melnick, USPA # 169852, D-025299.

**Motion 12:**

Passed, 19/3

(Mr. Yahrling)

*“Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.J.5 for ‘The Art of Skydiving’ Demo Team members Art Shaffer, USPA member # 45838, and John Wright, USPA member # 086658 for a tandem demo into Alltel Stadium for the Jacksonville Jaguars on December 22, 2002. Both individuals are USPA PRO rated.”*

It was reported that during the Executive Committee meeting on 11/16/02 a Christmas bonus for the Executive Director was unanimously approved by the committee members. He was thanked for his efforts in the past and previous years.

**4. Report for the Chairman of the Board**

The outgoing Chairman of the Board, Gene Paul Thacker addressed the board.

**5. Treasurer's Report (Dr. Schlichtemeier)**

Information regarding the current financial status of the Association and the 2002 end-of-year income/expense results were presented by Executive Director Chris Needels in the Executive Director's Report.

Treasurer Lee Schlichtemeier presented a brief summary of the current status and 2002 end-of-year results for the USPA Reserve Fund and the U.S. Parachute Team Trust Fund.

**USPA Reserve Fund.** A summary of results from December 2000 through December 2002 is as follows:

	Assets	%Gain/Loss	S & P 500 Index
Dec 2000	942,520	-3.4%	-14.8%
Dec 2001	1,099,338	-4.9%	-11.9%
Dec 2002	1,065,616	-3.1%	-23.4%

Note: \$200,000 was added to the Reserve Fund during the first half of 2001.

Comment: While striving to not sound repetitive or making excuses, the investment markets for the third straight year yielded substantial negative returns. This is the first time since the 1930s that the overall investment markets have seen such an abysmal investment performance. The Reserve Fund has not been immune to these negative returns but it has experienced a substantially better result over this time period than the market averages and the vast majority of investment funds. As of the end of 2002, the following allocation exists:

Cash	36%
Stocks	21%
Bonds & Fixed-rate Securities	32%
Mutual Funds	7%
Certificate of Deposit	5%

The high concentration in cash (money-market funds) is designed to allow for funding of anticipated expenditures in 2003 for the USPA Headquarters relocation needs and association software purchase. The overall climate and outlook for the Reserve Fund is stable for 2003 with

little anticipated capital growth but a continuing good income stream targeted at an average of the long-term government bond rate plus 2%.

**U.S. Parachute Team Trust Fund.** A summary of results from Dec 2000 through Dec 2002 follows:

	Assets (\$)	Distributions (\$)	Contributions (\$)
Dec 2000	279,767	13,930	28,199
Dec 2001	322,164	0	22,638
Dec 2002	341,475	0	25,008

Assets increased \$19,750 plus contributions of \$22,638 during calendar 2001. Assets decreased \$5,697 for 2002 when contributions of \$25,008 are subtracted from 2001 assets. As stated for the Reserve Fund above, this return of a negative 1.8% is substantially better than the vast majority of investment funds and the overall value of the Trust Fund continues to grow. Interest and dividend income for 2002 was \$23,991 or 7.45% of the valuation of the Trust Fund Dec 31, 2002. The negative return can be attributed primarily to overall depressed investment markets changing investment risk and ratings. Changing investment risk and ratings refers to substantial changes in the valuation of securities and debt instruments of issues previously described as 'widows and orphans' investments. A portion of these valuations have been reversed during the first month of 2003 and I anticipate little change in the overall investment ratings for the remaining issues in the Team Trust Fund. The overall climate and outlook for the Team Trust Fund is stable for 2003 with little anticipated capital growth but a continuing good income stream targeted at an average of the long-term government bond rate plus 2%.

#### **6. Executive Director's Report (Mr. Needels)**

There were many challenges for 2002. It was the year to complete the Instructor tier in the rating hierarchy; educate the FAA, TSA and Homeland Security office on skydiving in the new terrorist threat environment; redesign the website; find a new association software package; and enhance sport promotion.

The results were mixed. USPA deserves an "A" for its work on the rating program. The goal was fully met. USPA deserves, too, an "A" in educating and working with the federal government, with a highlight being the testing and evaluation of parachute equipment screening by the newest detection devices, and dissemination of results to airport screeners. The redesign of the website and the evaluation of new software were delayed due to manpower shortages. Sport promotion brought only a "C", again due to lack of resources.

The membership numbers for the year were slightly down for the first time in many years. In fact, almost all membership services figure were down from the prior year, as the economic slump continued industry wide. License and rating figures followed suit, although the Coach course showed strong growth. Group membership dropped, with almost all not renewing going out of business.

The bright spot was the end of year bottom line, which was not only in the black, but also more than \$100,000 better than the previous year. This was accomplished through belt tightening and program streamlining, all while USPA endured another \$100,000 insurance premium increase. The TTF and the AADF also moved forward despite negative investment pressures.

For 2003 and beyond, USPA faces many of the same challenges as the year before. At the outset, with a new Board with new leadership, USPA must build a strong governance team. The internecine warfare of the past several years must end. USPA can not be held hostage by a handful of malcontents who have no other agenda than to disrupt the association for their own self-serving purposes. We have to just say "Stop it!"

We must also jumpstart our membership growth, while we continue with other ongoing programs. We will continue to work with federal, state and local governments to protect skydiver access to airports and airspace, to include getting through airport security without unjustified hassle. At last we will complete the training hierarchy by defining and documenting the process by which course directors are trained and certified.

For the headquarters, USPA must continue with earnest the HQ re-location and the automation upgrades. And in the process of all these challenges, we must keep skydiving fun and the friendships strong.

### **7. Nominations of Officers**

The slate of candidates for the Executive Committee was nominated by the members of the board.

President: Glenn Bangs, John Goswitz

Vice President: Mike Perry, Jess Rodriquez

Secretary: John Goswitz, Jan Meyer, Madolyn Murdock

Treasurer: Dr. Lee Schlichtemeier

Member at Large: John DeSantis, John Goswitz, Mike Mullins, Larry Stapleton

Chairman of the Board: John DeSantis, B.J. Worth

Elections were scheduled after a recess to permit members to deliberate their voting preference.

**Motion 13:** Passed, 10/9/3 (Ms. Farrington)

*“Move to motion in round table discussion of election of officers followed by a short recess prior to balloting.”*

Candidates were questioned by the Directors and were each allotted 5 minutes to address the Directors.

The following individuals were elected as officers of the Association for the term 2003-2004. All votes were by secret ballot, except as noted:

President: Mr. Glenn Bangs

Vice President: Mr. Mike Perry

Secretary: Ms. Madolyn Murdock

Treasurer: Dr. Lee Schlichtemeier (by acclamation)

Member-at-Large: Mr. Mike Mullins

Chairman of the Board: Mr. B.J. Worth (by acclamation)

**Motion 14:** Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Ellisor)

*“Move to destroy the ballots per Section 1-3.2L of the Governance Manual.”*

## **8. Special Agents Reports**

### **IPC Delegate – Marylou Laughlin**

The annual IPC meeting will be in Fortaleza, Brazil February 1-4 2003. We are lucky this year to have five people attending from the US: B.J. Worth the IPC President, Larry Hill, Scott Smith, and Larry Bagley the US Alternate Delegate and Marylou Laughlin, the US Delegate.

### **The World Air Games (WAG)**

Purpose of World Air Games - The World Air Games are conducted to determine champions in all WAG sporting events, develop camaraderie among the world's top air sports athletes, showcase air sports to the public, promote public participation in air sports, and generate revenues for the WAG Organizers and FAI.

### **History of the World Air Games**

The first World Air Games took place in Turkey (1997), and the second World Air Games took place in Spain (2001). Both events included approximately 3,500 participants, with 2,000 athletes competing in 20+ air sports events, at eight separate competition venues

### **Future World Air Games**

The World Air Games (WAG) have been reorganized. The problems that existed in the previous WAGs have been evaluated and these are some of the changes that have been made. The WAG should consist of a balanced and representative number of approved WAG events, with an absolute maximum of 1,000 participants. The World Air Games should take place over a period of six to seven days. The Opening Ceremonies should take place on a weekend at a central venue. The competition events should be conducted on a time-share basis at two or three venues in close proximity to one another.

The FAI is presently seeking bids to host the next WAG in 2005.

The FAI has produced the following promotional material, which are available for purchase from the FAI:

1. A full-color, high-quality brochure to support the candidature of parachuting for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games;
2. A 26-minute video of the 2001 World Games in Akita, Japan, and was also part of the Olympic Games Candidature Documents.

There are two major issues that the US will need to vote on at the IPC Meeting. The first one is whether the IPC should still peruse the "Olympic Dream". Parachuting will not be included in the program for the Olympic Games in 2008 in China. Marylou Laughlin asked the full BOD for their direction weather the US should vote in favor of continuing with the direction that the IPC has been following. The BOD was unanimously in favor of supporting the continued support of "The Olympic Dream".

The next issue is the changing of the composition of the Jury at IPC category one events. Presently there is a Representative Jury where every country can have a member on the jury, if they attended the last IPC meeting. The proposal is to change to a Nominated Jury. The Nominated Jury would be made up of a President and two members. They would be selected

prior to the competition and all their expenses would be paid by the IPC. I asked the BOD for their direction and the BOD voted in favor of keeping the jury as Representative Jury.

I will give a detailed report on the IPC Meeting in Fortaleza Brazil at the Summer USPA BOD meeting

### **9. Old Business**

The Directors heard a presentation from Melanie Canatser of Perris Valley Skydiving, and Lyle Presse and Jim Slaton of the Pro Swooping Tour, about a proposal to host World Cup of Canopy Piloting in 2003.

**Motion 15:** Passed, 20/0/1 (Mr. Worth)

*“Submit a bid to the IPC to host a World Cup of Canopy Piloting per the bid proposal presented by Perris Valley Skydiving Center, in addition to competitor qualification criteria for all registered competitors established by the IPC.”*

### **10. New Business**

There was no new business to report.

### **11. Selection of dates and location of the Winter, 2004 USPA BOD meeting**

Nominations for consideration included Alexandria, Atlanta, and Los Angeles. A tentative date of Feb 6-8, 2004 was agreed to after considering the dates of the dates of the IPC meeting, DZO conference, and other potential conflicts. A final date will be announced after research is done by Headquarters on availability of hotels.

**Motion 16:** Passed 11/10 (Mr. Bangs)

*“Move that the winter 2004 USPA Board of Director’s Meeting be held in Alexandria, VA.”*

### **12. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Competition Committee**

Chair: Marylou Laughlin  
Members: Larry Hill  
Madolyn Murdock  
Danny Page  
Scott Smith  
Tony Thacker  
BJ Worth  
Larry Bagley (Director of Competition)

Advisors: Don Ellisor, Brenda Reid, Richard Schachner

The Committee would like to thank all the members who attended our meetings and helped us with their input.

#### **Section 1 - General Section (Tony Thacker)**

Currently 10-way and 16-way, in SCM Section 1, has no license requirement for registering, not

being deemed open or intermediate gives the impression that there are no license requirements to compete in these events.

**Motion 17:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Thacker)  
“Move to add to 1-1.4:A.4.d. (3) to read, ‘(3) 10-Way & 16-Way C License.’”

It was discussed that some events have more medals than competitors. In this situation we wanted there to be at least one competitor that did not receive a medal. We realized that if only one competitor is registered then no one would be awarded a medal but we wanted to at least award the gold medal. With that being said, the committee recommends a motion.

**Motion 18:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Thacker)  
“Move to change SCM Section 1-1.15:A. to read, after ‘in the team events’, ‘except  
1. If only two enter the event: 1st place  
2. If only three enter the event: 2nd place.’”

### **Section 2 – Freestyle & Accuracy Landing (Tony Thacker)**

It was discussed that in section SCM 2-1.3, rules specific to Style, that the order of jumping requires that after the first round the meet has to shut down until scores are posted. This virtually brings the style event to a standstill. It was decided that this should be eliminated. The forced reverse order also slows the competition down. This produced a motion.

**Motion 19:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Thacker)  
“Move to change SCM Section 2-1.3:B.1 to read, ‘The jump order for style is by team and is determined by the same method as the Accuracy Event.’ Then, delete SCM Section 1-1.3:B.2 through 5.”

It was discussed and agreed by the committee that an explanation of the Thacker Cup be placed in the SCM.

### **Section 4- Canopy Formation (Larry Hill)**

The only discussion was to bring the competition draw in line with the other disciplines. The following motion is made.

**Motion 20:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Hill)  
“Change SCM 4-1.4 Competition draw to add,  
‘D. When available, an electronically-generated draw may be used.’”

### **Section 5- Formation Skydiving (Danny Page)**

The adjustment of the wording of SCM 5-1.2 is to eliminate the chances of a competitor doing video on an open 4-way team and jumping as a member of an intermediate team.

**Motion 21:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Page)  
“Move to change SCM 5-1.2 Event Description to read as follows:  
‘A. 4-Way:  
1. Advanced and Open: Each round consists of five or six (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the dive pool.  
2. Intermediate: Each round consists of four or five (whichever is drawn first) scoring

*formations from the dive pool.*

*B. 8-Way:*

*1. Open: Each round consists of five or six (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the dive pool.*

*2. Intermediate: Each round consists of four or five (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the dive pool.*

*C. 16-Way: Each round consists of three or four (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations drawn from the dive pool.*

*D. 10-Way: Each round consists of building one formation drawn from the dive pool.*

*E. A competitor or videographer is allowed to compete on only one team in each of the events.’’*

The next two motions are to move the reverse order option from Section 5 to Section 1.

**Motion 22:**

Passed 21/0

(Mr. Page)

*“Move to delete SCM section 5-1.8(A)(2).”*

**Motion 23:**

Passed 21/0

(Mr. Page)

*“Move to change SCM 1-1.6(G)(2) to read: ‘Teams or individuals will compete in this order unless otherwise determined by the meet director.’”*

This next motion was to adjust the wording of SCM 5-1.3 to allow an intermediate 8-way team to be made up of any one. The Committee also reviewed a proposal from some competitors regarding the team composition for 4 way and player coaches and it was decided that no change would be made at this time.

**Motion 24:**

Passed 21/0

(Mr. Page)

*“Move to change SCM section 5-1.3(E) to read:*

*‘No team in the Advanced or Intermediate 4-way formation skydiving classes may be composed of more than one quarter of members who have previously won a gold medal in that class or a higher class at a previous U.S. National Championship or in the same event at a FAI-sanctioned World Cup or Championship event; provided, that the videographer shall not be considered when applying this rule.’”*

This next motion was to adjust the dive pool for 8-way intermediate to eliminate the mirror images and non-repeater blocks.

**Motion 25:**

Passed 21/0

(Mr. Page)

*“Move to change SCM section 5-1.4(C)(3)(a) to read:*

*‘8-Way Intermediate:*

*Representations of the numbered block sequences (except blocks 9, 11, 12, 15, 20, and 22) and lettered random formations from the current dive pool are singularly placed in one container.’”*

## **Section 6- Artistic Events (Scott Smith)**

Tamara Koyn presented a document of proposed rule updates. Those were reviewed and these changes reflect that work.

Section 6 was edited to make clerical changes as well as the following:

Allow Electronic Draw

Limit judges to only 3 viewings.  
Eliminate hook knife requirement for skysurf  
Eliminate standing deployment requirements for Skysurf  
Define Tuck position  
Better define Eagles  
Change back tracking compulsory  
Better define judging criteria  
Make sure guest teams cannot affect weighing for speed rounds  
Add more difficulty definitions

**Motion 26:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move to amend Section 6 to reflect the after action report.”*

### **Section 7- Collegiates (Danny Page)**

**Motion 27:** Passed 20/0/1 (Mr. Page)

*“Move to appoint Bill Wenger as the Meet Director for the 2003 National Collegiate Championships in Lake Wales Florida.”*

This next motion was to incorporate the recommendations from the after-action reports from the last two Collegiate Nationals. Fundamentally, what we're changing is the number of jumps a participant can have to jump in a particular class, and changing the 4-way dive pool to remove the formations that are no longer part of the section 5, 4-way dive pool.

**Motion 28:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Page)

*“Move to adjust the wording in Section 7 to reflect the changes in Attachment ‘A’.”*

**Motion 29:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Page)

*“Move to change SCM section 7-2, which currently reads:*

*‘4-way Block Sequences:*

- 1. Blackhole - Bipole*
- 2. Monopod - Monopod*
- 3. Stardian - Stardian*
- 4. Sidebuddies - Sidebuddies*
- 5. Zigzag - Marquis*
- 6. Caterpillar - Caterpillar*
- 7. Ritz – Icepick’*

*To read:*

*‘4-way Block Sequences:*

- 1. Sidebody Donut - Sideflake Donut*
- 2. Monopod – Monopod*
- 3. Stardian - Stardian*
- 4. Sidebuddies – Sidebuddies*
- 5. Canadian Tee - Canadian Tee*
- 6. Cat + Accordion - Cat + Accordion*
- 7. Ritz – Icepick*

## 8. Zigzag – Marquis’

*Additionally, random ‘E’ Opal in the collegiate dive pool has been replaced with the random formation ‘H’ Crossbow from section 5-3.2.”*

### **Section 8- Judging (Madolyn Murdock)**

The committee continues to work with the judging community toward the development of a syllabus for each event to mirror the National Judge Training Program Syllabus for Formation Skydiving adopted at the last meeting.

Brenda Reid and Sherry Schrimsher will develop the judge training syllabus for Canopy Formation. Sherry Schrimsher has agreed to develop a judge training syllabus for Style and Accuracy Judges. Tamara Koyn will develop a judge training syllabus for Artistic Events Judges. These will be reviewed by the committee prior to the next meeting or as they become available.

In line with changes made to the SCM at the winter 2002 BOD meeting, the committee approved the draft of the Regional Judge proficiency card to be used for obtaining a regional judge rating as well as the written exam that would be administered by a National or FAI judge.

In line with development this program and the other changes to the SCM the approval of judges ratings by the BOD was to be unnecessary once a new rating program was in place. Therefore we propose the necessary change to the SCM and the GM that require this approval to obtain a rating. This would put this rating more in line with the process for obtaining all other ratings in our system.

**Motion 30:** Passed 21/0 (Ms. Murdock)

*“Change SCM Section 8-1.6C to read, ‘A Judge’s rating will remain a permanent rating concurrent with USPA membership.’”*

**Motion 31:** Passed 21/0 (Ms. Murdock)

*“Change Governance Manual 6-1.5F to read, ‘Recommends to the USPA Board of Directors the appointment of new International Judges.’”*

### **Section 10- National Site Selection (Madolyn Murdock)**

At the last meeting a revision to Section 10-1 was proposed that would change the voting procedures for US Nationals site selection to allow the gallery to remain for the discussion period and presenters to leave the room after the presentations. It would also allow for vote by a show of hands.

After review of the proposed changes, the committee makes the following motion to adopt these modifications to our US Nationals site selection process.

**Motion 32:** Passed 21/0 (Ms. Murdock)

*“Change 10-1.3 Site Selection to reflect the changes in Attachment ‘B’.”*

A bid form has been under development for the Nationals site selection process that will allow the BOD members to more easily compare the bids. The committee reviewed this form and

recommends that it be a part of all bid packages for US National Skydiving Championships.

**Motion 33:** Passed 21/0 (Ms. Murdock)

*“Add the Bid Summary to the SCM as Section 10-4 and change 10-1E to read, ‘Bids should follow the format established in this section’s Minimum Site Requirements to include the 10-4 Bid Summary.’”*

The committee will seek input from the judging community regarding a fair payment structure for judging events.

### **Section 11- US Team Delegations (Scott Smith)**

**Motion 34:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move to appoint Tom Falzone Team Manager for 2003 U.S. Formation Skydiving Team.”*

**Motion 35:** Passed 20/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move to appoint Sue Abreu Team Manager for 2003 U.S. Style & Accuracy Team.”*

There was no procedure in Section 11 for appointing the Artistic Events team. This addition will align the AE events with other disciplines.

**Motion 36:** Passed 20/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move that the following section be added to the SCM Section 11-1.4C,*

*‘5. US Artistic Team*

*a. The US Artistic Team is selected from the 1st place teams in the applicable event (Freefly, Freestyle male & female, and Skysurf male and female)*

*b. Alternate teams for these events are chosen from the following-place finishers from the official standings.*

*c. To receive US Team status in the upcoming World Parachuting Championships a team must receive a ranking from the previously held US National Skydiving Championships.’”*

There is no rule for appointing a team to the women’s category at a WPC. It was also researched and determined that the team would have met the requirement for being the same team that is required by open teams appointed to the US team.

**Motion 37:** Passed 20/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move that the team Synchronicity be named the US Formation Skydiving team to enter Women’s 4-way category at the 2003 World Parachuting Championships.”*

The WPC allows up to three teams per category but there is no rule in the SCM to accommodate the appointment.

**Motion 38:** Passed 20/0 (Mr. Smith)

*“Move that the following be named to the US Artistic Events Team with the stipulation that they do not receive US Team Trust Fund Monies:*

*Freefly USA2 Arizona Freeflight (2nd Place Nationals)*

*Freefly USA3 Arizona Flight Force (3rd Place Nationals)*

*Freestyle Male USA2 Mike Ortiz/Sean MacCormac (2nd Place Nationals)*  
*Skysurf Female USA2 Tanya O'Brien/Craig O'Brien (current World Champion)*  
*Skysurf Male USA2 Mike Ortiz/Sean MacCormac (2nd Place Nationals)''*

Distribution of US team funds was presented by Dr. Lee and then discussed. The Committee decided to table to summer meeting since it would still have time to distribute before the world meet.

### **Section 12- World Records (BJ Worth)**

World Record Reporting Procedures: No changes were proposed.

It was noted that the IPC was proposing a new large formation world record category for the Artistic Events, and that a world record attempt was being planned in the U.S. immediately upon the IPC's approval of the new record category.

### **Section 13- International Parachuting Activities (BJ Worth)**

The final draft of the new Section 13 was presented to the Board for approval. During previous meetings, the Board had discussed and approved the basic policy changes that are now included in the final draft of this document. The Competition Committee believes that the adoption of this new section in the SCM will clarify the procedures for bidding to host IPC events in the US, and alleviate confusion that has come up in this regard in the past.

**Motion 39:** Passed 20/0 (Mr. Worth)

*“Move to approve a new Section 13 be added to the Skydivers Competition Manual titled ‘International Parachuting Activities’ as written and approved by the Competition Committee.”*

The Competition Committee reviewed a bid from Perris Valley Skydiving Center to host the first IPC World Cup of Canopy Piloting. The Committee reviewed the proposed rules and all other elements contained in the bid proposal. The Committee unanimously recommended to the Board that USPA's IPC Delegate submit an official USA bid at the 2003 IPC meeting to host a Canopy Piloting World Cup, per the terms of the bid presented by Perris Valley.

## **B. Constitution and By-Laws**

Chair: Mike Mullins  
Members: Gary Peek  
Jan Meyer  
Scott Smith  
John Goswitz

**Motion 40:** Passed, 13/8 (Mr. Goswitz-Against) (Mr. Mullins)

*“Move to solicit members’ proxies to change the USPA By-Laws by eliminating the National Director Nominating Committee and eliminating the Regional Director Candidate petition requirements.”*

**Motion 41:** Passed, 14/7 (Mr. Mullins)  
*“Move to solicit members’ proxies to change the USPA By-Laws to make the term of office of USPA BOD members and officer’s 3 years, such change to be effective with the USPA election held in 2004.*

**Motion 42:** Passed, 17/3/1 (Mr. Mullins)  
*Move to solicit members’ proxies to change the USPA election schedule as follows:*  
*August- Nomination of candidates*  
*September- Publication of names of nominees*  
*October- Ballot election by mail*  
*November- Announcement of new USPA BOD.*  
*Seating of new USPA BOD at the next scheduled BOD meeting.*

The Chair wishes to thank the Committee members for their work in formulating and passing these three motions that will make the election process fairer and save our members money.

### **C. Executive Committee**

Chair: Glenn Bangs  
Members: Mike Mullins  
Madolyn Murdock  
Mike Perry  
Lee Schlichtemeier  
B.J. Worth

The Executive Committee met briefly in closed session to consider a disciplinary action, which resulted in the following motion for the full Board’s consideration:

**Motion 43:** Passed 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)  
*Move to revoke for life the instructional ratings of Craig Allen Arnold, Sr., USPA #126119.*

### **D. Finance and Budget**

Chair Lee Schlichtemeier  
Members: Don Ellisor  
Larry Stapleton  
Richard Schachner – added to committee after meeting.  
Advisors: Chris Needels, Executive Director, USPA

#### **Items:**

- 1. Review of 2002 financial results.** Reported by Executive Director, Chris Needels, in the Executive Director’s report.
- 2. 2003 Budget.** Presented in the form of the ‘Annual Operating Budget 2003’ dated December 10, 2002 by Chris Needels. This has been previously reviewed by the Treasurer and presented to the Committee in December and accepted. It was then presented to the Executive Committee who acted upon it by passing an interim budget

resolution that was confirmed by the BOD at this meeting. The budget as presented appears reasonable and prudent and was accepted.

**Motion 44:**

Passed, 21/0

(Dr. Schlichtemeier)

*Adopt the document entitled: "USPA Annual Operating Budget 2002" and dated December 10, 2002 as the 2003 USPA Budget.*

3. **Deferral of change to accrual basis accounting.** Executive Director, Chris Needels, has recommended that the planned change from cash basis accounting to accrual basis accounting be deferred for one year (from January 1, 2003 until January 1, 2004). The current association software is obsolete, and we would need to purchase an accounting module for this obsolete program in order to change to accrual basis. Since we are planning to upgrade to new association software whose purchase will include an accounting software package that will handle the change from cash to accrual basis, it seems more prudent to defer this changeover for one year. This will cost less than making two changes (one now with the old software and one with the new software) and is with the advice of the association's accounting and bookkeeping firm. Since this deferral was required prior to the BOD meeting, it had already been presented to the previous Finance & Budget Committee, who approved it and recommended it to the Executive Committee, who made this deferral through an interim action which has already been confirmed by the BOD.
4. **Investment results.** See Treasurer's report.
5. **Headquarters relocation status.** The budget remains the same as presented at the July 2002 BOD meeting.
6. **Cash reserves.** The planned land purchase for the Headquarters relocation and association software purchases will lower the cash reserves of the Association to approximately \$1,000,000. The Committee believes that this number, approximately 30% of the operating budget, represents a minimum for the prudent operation of the Association. We recommend that further capital expenditures (e.g., completion of Headquarters relocation, etc.) be financed through debt instruments or by mortgage or (at the appropriate time) sale of the current Headquarters building.
7. **Lottery.** While this appears to be a good idea in concept, we do not yet have either a plan or financial impact analysis for the project. Larry Stapleton will continue to work on this project through Membership Services Committee and Executive Director, Chris Needels, to bring it to a level at which a final recommendation can be made.
8. **Competition Committee matters:**
  - a. **Revision of SCM 11-2: Financial Procedures—U.S. Parachute Team.** This remains a project in development with recommendations planned for presentation to the Competition Committee at the July 2003 BOD meeting.
  - b. **Team Trust Fund investment results.** See Treasurer's report.
  - c. **Review of fundraiser contract.** The individual involved is not in a position to continue developing this plan and the matter is shelved for now. However, the draft contract remains available as an outline for future fund raising activities.
9. **Insurance status.** Premiums for members' third party liability insurance continue to rise. We estimate a 35% increased premium due later in 2003 but are evaluating other carriers to determine if we can obtain better rates with the same coverage. Claims were down significantly in 2002, but since insurance company investment results were poor,

premiums will continue to rise for the short-term future until companies again become more competitive in the rate arena.

- 10. Capital budget.** The association software as discussed above and by the Executive Director in his report is obsolete. To better serve the membership and more efficiently use staff resources, its replacement should come in 2003. Executive Director, Chris Needels, and the staff are evaluating association software packages that will serve our needs. At present he does not feel that our expenditure for this system should exceed \$250,000.

**Motion 45:** Passed, 20/1 (Dr. Schlichtemeier)

*Authorize the Executive Director to spend up to \$250,000 to purchase association software package.*

- 11. Enabling resolutions.** As is standard at the beginning of each new BOD term, the following enabling resolutions are presented:

**Motion 46:** Passed, 21/0 (Dr. Schlichtemeier)

*Be it resolved that the Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Co. is hereby designated a depository of funds for the United States Parachute Association and that the following officers and the Executive Director of the USPA are authorized signatories for the accounts of the USPA:*

*President: Glenn Bangs*

*Treasurer: Lee Schlichtemeier*

*Executive Director: Chris Needels*

*Staff Director: Larry Bagley*

**Note:** The above list of signatories has been changed from the original motion to reflect Assistant Executive Director instead of the Secretary. This list of signatories is standard and has been for some years. The error was in the writing of the motion.

**Motion 47:** Passed, 21/0 (Dr. Schlichtemeier)

*Be it resolved that Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Inc. is hereby designated a depository of funds for the United States Parachute Association and that the following officers and the Executive Director of the USPA are authorized signatories for the accounts of the USPA:*

*President: Glenn Bangs*

*Treasurer: Lee Schlichtemeier*

*Executive Director: Chris Needels*

*Staff Director: Larry Bagley*

**Note:** The above list of signatories has been changed from the original motion to reflect Assistant Executive Director instead of Secretary. This list of signatories is standard and has been for some years. The error was in the writing of the motion.

There being no further business, the Finance & Budget Committee adjourned at 12 noon, January 25, 2003.

## **E. Group Member Committee**

Chair: Jess Rodriquez  
Members: Larry Hill  
John DeSantis  
John Goswitz  
Jessie Farrington  
Advisors: Ed Scott, Director of Group Membership  
Danny Page

### **New Business**

Vision statement - We would like to remind everyone that the purpose of this committee is to represent the interests of USPA Group Members before the USPA Board of Directors for the benefit of the individual members.

This is a vision that the committee will strive to do by “bridging that gap” between skydivers and the Group Member program.

The committee all agreed that information must be disseminated to the general membership as to the importance of the Group Member program. A good place to start would be a letter received by USPA headquarters and addressed to the USPA BOD about the importance of the program in the eyes of Federal and State regulators written by an independent source, Mr. Tom Buchanan. The Committee would like to suggest that Parachutist request Tom Buchanan write an article about same.

### **Agenda**

1. Group Member Listings - A current Group Member DZ requests that USPA also list their Georgia based DZ in Tennessee as a Tennessee Group Member, when they have no DZ in Tennessee.

The committee would like to ask staff to review procedure documents to determine if USPA is following proper guidelines for the issuance of Group Membership and write a letter of response back to Atlanta Skydiving Center rejecting their attempts to circumvent the procedures for Group Membership. The letter will include a strong statement regarding their negative advertising methods, and that USPA will not condone or be any part of such misleading information.

2. Group Member Pledge - Consideration of revising the Group Member pledge to allow Group Member DZs to simply encourage individual USPA membership as opposed to requiring USPA membership was discussed.

A passionate and earnest discussion was held amongst the committee and a few members of the gallery. It was unanimously agreed within the Committee that nothing should be changed, at this time.

3. Non-Group Members hosting a USPA Certification Courses - A discussion regarding allowing a non-group member DZ to host a course with no fee attached due to the lack of any local GM DZ not wanting to host a course and the distance to the nearest course is too far, placing

additional hardship on the individual member was discussed.

The committee determined that no change should be made to the existing program; however, the individual non Group Member drop zone could request a hardship wavier to the policy. USPA would forward such a request through the Executive Committee.

#### **F. Headquarters' Relocation Task Force**

Chair: Chris Needels  
Members: Bill Ottley  
Mike Perry  
Dr. Lee Schlichtemeier  
Gene Paul Thacker

By action of the president, the task force was reconstituted. The chairman stated that the TF did not meet at this meeting, but did provide a brief update to the board on the project.

#### **G. Membership Services**

Chairs: Madolyn Murdock  
Members: Don Ellisor  
Djan Stewart  
Jan Meyer  
Richard Schachner  
Larry Stapleton  
Lee Schlichtemeier  
Advisor: Bill Ottley

An update on the insurance program from Headquarters alerted us of a pending increase in premiums of 30% on individual insurance and 25% on demo insurance effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will amount to an approximate increase of \$100,000 in our yearly premiums or approx. \$3.30 per member cost added to the current estimated \$9.90 per member cost. Chris Needles and Headquarters staff will be researching alternatives and keep the committee informed.

It was also discussed that the Skydiver's Information Manual is now online in PDF format.

USPA is seeking information from our members that will tell us how USPA can best serve them and why they are a USPA member. This survey will be accomplished by a random mailing to the members.

The committee spent the majority of our committee time discussing the goals for the upcoming term and development of potential agenda items. This list will be reviewed and prioritized and worked will commence by the committee in the interim.

The Membership Services Committee members agreed that development of a perpetual list of nominees for the USPA Achievement Award would be initiated. From this list recommendations will be forthcoming to the Board for this prestigious award. We are seeking input and nominations for this award as well as the USPA Gold Medal for Meritorious Achievement from all Directors by April 1 and will also be soliciting nominations from the membership.

## **H. Nominations and Elections**

Chair: John Goswitz  
Members: John DeSantis  
Lee Schlichtemeier  
Larry Stapleton  
Sherry Butcher  
DJan Stewart  
Advisor: Madolyn Murdock

The committee met once during the Board meeting to outline and discuss the issues that need to be addressed before the next election. It was decided that no motions would be forthcoming at this meeting. The intent of the committee is to work on a number of issues that have been identified and bring the resulting motions to the Board at the Summer 2003 meeting. The committee wishes to thank Madolyn Murdock for the work she preformed as the former chair of the committee and the agenda she provided to us. She has agreed to serve as an advisor to the committee during this term.

## **I. Regional Directors**

Chair: Tony Thacker  
Members: All Regional Directors  
Advisors: All National Directors

Items discussed by the committee:

Encourage our S&TAs to enforce the BSRs  
Encourage our S&TAs to submit incident reports as very few get to HQ  
Encourage our S&TAs to run Safety Day  
Discussed Allegations & Process anonymity

## **J. Safety and Training**

Chair: Mike Perry  
Members: Mike Mullins  
Jessie Farrington  
Sherry Butcher  
DJan Stewart  
Jan Meyer  
Advisor: Mike Turoff

The Committee reviewed six petitions for appointment as an AFF course director. Three of the six candidates submitted resumes. This review resulted in the following motion:

**Motion 48:** Passed 18/3 (Mr. Goswitz-Against) (Mr. Perry)  
*“Move to appoint the following individuals as AFF Course Directors following successful completion of the Accelerated Freefall Instructor Rating Standardization Meeting to be conducted on February 1, 2003: Bram Clement, Steve Heterick, Jerry McCauley.”*

The committee considered five waiver requests. The following motions resulted from these reviews:

**Motion 49:** Passed 19/1/1abstention (Mr. Perry)  
*“Move to waive IRM Static Line Instructor Rating Course, A.4.c (earned a USPA D license or FAI equivalent) for the following individuals: Rob Eno, Amy Craumer, John Craumer, John Stepanchack, Pat Yonkin, Ann Ross.”*

**Motion 50:** Passed 20/1 (Mr. Perry)  
*“Move to waive IRM Static Line Instructor Rating Course, A.4.c (earned a USPA D license or FAI equivalent) for Nick Rugai.”*

**Motion 51:** Passed 20/0/1 (Mr. Perry)  
*“Move to waive SIM 7-2 B.1.c (have at least 500 Ram jumps on a ram air type canopy) for Bill Meyer (D 24522).”*

**Motion 52:** Passed 20/1 (Mr. Thacker-Against) (Mr. Perry)  
*“Move to waive IRM Tandem Instructor Rating Course Section 1 D.1.a (has held a USPA tandem Rating for at least three years) for Jake Thompson to become a tandem course director. Mr. Thompson has 2.5 years as a tandem instructor.”*

(Moved to table by a vote of 20/0/1 to allow time for research by the new Regional Director. Removed from the table after the break by a unanimous vote.)

The Committee considered and denied a waiver request from Matthew Cline to waive the requirement to have held a tandem instructor rating for at least 3 years. Mr. Cline does not currently have a USPA Tandem rating but is pursuing it. He will be requested to reapply once he has the rating as well as provide additional information via a resume.

A waiver from Scott Stevens, Member number 45569, to waive the requirement to hold a D license to become a Static Line Method Specific Instructor was considered and denied by the committee. Based on the information provided it appears Mr. Stevens meets the requirements for a D license but does not want to apply for one.

A waiver from William Owens to waive the requirement to hold a D license to become a Static Line Method Specific Instructor was considered and denied by the committee. Based on the information provided it appears Mr. Stevens meets the requirements for a D license but does not want to apply for one.

Mr. Bill Booth and Mr. TK Donnelly addressed the committee with their desire to relinquish tandem instructor rating in favor of USPA being the sole issuers of tandem ratings. The only point of contention was USPA’s ability to record type rating information to make it available to drop zone management. It was decided that an endorsement in the logbook would be sufficient and practical. Headquarters should disseminate this procedural requirement to all existing and future Tandem Course Directors.

A review of night jump equipment recommendations resulted in the following motion:

**Motion 53:**

Passed 17/2/1

(Mr. Perry)

*“Move to add to SIM 6-4 D – ‘7. A whistle for each jumper to assist in locating jumpers that land outside the designated landing area.’”*

The committee considered the “Instructional End Game.” The committee affirmed the concept of developing a Course Director’s Course. During further discussion the committee feels that the use of outside resources would be necessary. Rob Laidlaw approached the committee and offered his services. He has agreed to facilitate a course development workshop with committee volunteers and staff. This workshop would be conducted prior the summer meeting and a report of the results provided to the committee and board during the summer meeting.

In the interim between this meeting and the next the committee will review the IRM and SIM. They will provide comments to the Chair of the S&T by 30 March 2003. The Chair will consolidate and provide the consolidated changes to the Director of Safety and Training and the Director of Communications by 15 April 2003. Each committee member is encouraged to review each document in its entirety but have been assigned specific sections to focus their attention on. Those assignments follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>SIM</u>	<u>IRM</u>
DJan Stewart	ISP Categories A, B, & C	Coach
Jessie Farrington	Section 5, ISP Categories D & E	Static Line / IAD
Sherry Butcher	Section 1, ISP Categories F,G,&H	AFF
Mike Mullins	Sections 2 through 9	Static Line / IAD
Jan Meyer	Appendix B, sections 6 & 8	AFF
Mike Turoff	Section 7	

All members of the committee will review Section 3 of the SIM.

The chair would like to thank all members of the Safety and Training Committee and the Director of Safety and Training for their work during this meeting.

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion 54:**

Passed unanimously

(Mr. Goswitz)

*“Move to adjourn.”*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M. on Sunday, January 26th, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Madolyn Murdock, Secretary  
February 17, 2003

Attachments: “A”- NCPC Competition Rules, Section 7 proposed revisions  
“B”- SCM National Site Selection, Section 10 proposed revisions

## Attachment "A"

**Proposed omissions—**

**Proposed additions**

### **7-1: U.S. NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION RULES**

**Refer to Section 1-1 General Competition Rules for topics not covered in this section.**

#### **7-1.1: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

- A. To establish and conduct an annual National Collegiate Parachuting Championships.
- B. To recognize and honor National Collegiate Parachuting Champions of Freefall Style, Accuracy Landing, and Formation Skydiving.
- C. To promote learning, safety, competition, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among college skydivers.

#### **7-1.2: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. To be eligible to compete, each competitor must:
  - 1. Hold a currently valid USPA skydiving license (~~any class unless specified otherwise in the event~~); appropriate to the events entered.
    - a. Freefall Style - A license
    - b. Landing Accuracy - A license
    - c. 4 way Formation Skydiving - B license or higher
    - d. 2 way Formation Skydiving - A license and under 100 jumps
  - 2. Be a current USPA member.
  - 3. Enrollment
    - a. Each entrant must furnish a statement from the registrar of his or her school that he or she is a full-time student enrolled for 12 or more semester hours or the equivalent in the term immediately preceding the championships.
    - b. The school must be fully or provisionally accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency and so listed in the Education Directory (Higher Education), published by the U.S. Government Printing Office.
- B. To be declared ineligible to compete, a competitor must have achieved all three of the following:
  - 1. Be more than 24 years old at the time of the meet
  - 2. Made his or her first jump more than five years prior to the competition
  - 3. Made more than 1,000 freefall skydives

*Note: Any competitor who intentionally violates the spirit of this rule may be barred from future National Collegiate competition.*

#### **C. Classes of Competition:**

- 1. Novice class is open to participants with no more than ~~400~~ 125 freefall skydives.
- 2. Intermediate class is open to participants with ~~101~~ 126 through ~~300~~ 400 freefall skydives.
- 3. Masters class is open to participants with ~~301~~ 401 or more freefall skydives.
- 4. Competitors may choose at the time of registration to compete in a higher class.
- 5. Competitors may enter only one Formation Skydiving event.

### **7-1.3: DUTIES AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS**

A. By formally registering in the meet, each competitor agrees to accept all rules published in this document and only personnel meeting and abiding by the requirements outlined herein may compete.

B. Participants must be acquainted and comply with these rules throughout the competition.

C. Participants must abide by the basic rules of good behavior and sportsmanlike conduct, follow the schedule fixed by the meet officials, attend scheduled activities on time with the proper equipment, and respect the established order of jumping.

### **7-1.4: EVENT DESCRIPTION**

A. Event No. 1—Individual Accuracy Landing:

1. Each round consists of individuals guiding their canopies by precision target approach for an accuracy strike on the target ~~disc~~.

2. The classes in this event are Novice, Intermediate, and Masters.

B. Event No. 2—Freefall Style: Each round consists of individuals performing a series of four 360° turns and a two backloops in the proper sequence and prescribed directions as drawn.

1. The four series are:

a. Left (L): LT-RT-BL-LT-RT-BL

b. Right (R): RT-LT-BL-RT-LT-BL

c. Cross (+): LT-RT-BL-RT-LT-BL

d. Reverse Cross (+): RT-LT-BL-LT-RT-BL

2. The classes in this event are Novice, Intermediate, and Masters.

a. Novice class will execute a half series (turn, turn, loop).

b. Intermediate and Masters classes will execute a full series (turn, turn, loop, turn, turn loop).

C. Event No. 3—4-way Formation Skydiving: Each round will consist of a sequence of three or four (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the current Collegiate dive pool.

1. Members may ~~be mixed: Novice, Intermediate and Masters classes.~~ consist of any experience level as long as they meet the license requirement.

2. Each team consists of four members and is eliminated from competition if for any reason it is cut to three or fewer members.

D. Event No. 4—2-Way Formation Skydiving: Each round will consist of a sequence of three or four (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the current Collegiate dive pool.

1. Member must be Novice.

2. Each team consists of two members and is eliminated from competition if for any reason either team member is unable to compete.

### **7-1.5: EXIT ALTITUDE**

A. Individual Accuracy Landing: Each jump is made from 3,000 feet with a five-second maximum delay.

B. Freefall Style: Each jump is made from 7,500 feet.

C. 2-, and 4-Way Formation Skydiving: Each jump is made from 10,500 feet.

### **7-1.6: WORKING TIME**

A. Freefall Style: Working time starts when the competitor starts the first turn and ends 16 seconds later.

B. 2-, and 4-Way Formation Skydiving: Working time starts when any team member, excluding the videographer, separates from the aircraft and ends 35 seconds later.

### **7-1.7: OPENING ALTITUDE**

- A. On all jumps, the parachute must be opened by manual activation of the opening system.
- B. All pilot chutes must appear no lower than the attitudes required in the USPA Skydiver's Information Manual, Section 2-1, Basic Safety Requirements.

### **7-1.8: NUMBER OF ROUNDS**

- A. The minimum requirements for a valid event in each class will be one jump per contestant or team registered in that class. The scores of all completed rounds are computed to determine the final standings. The maximum scheduled number of rounds is:
  - B. Individual Accuracy Landing - 4
    - 1. Each competitor makes four jumps.
    - 2. The scores of all four are computed to determine the final standings.
  - C. Freefall Style - 3
    - 1. Each competitor makes three jumps.
    - 2. The scores of all three are computed to determine the final standings.
  - D. 2-Way Formation Skydiving - 3
    - 1. Each team makes three jumps.
    - 2. The scores of all three are computed to determine the final standings.
  - E. 4-Way Formation Skydiving - 4
    - 1. Each team makes four jumps.
    - 2. The scores of all four are computed to determine the final standings.

### **7-1.9: SCORING AND RECORDING**

- A. Each 4-way team may provide a videographer or be assigned one from a pool of videographers who will be responsible for providing the evidence required to judge each round. Teams are responsible for briefing the videographer on their exit count and for presenting each point to the video.

Rejumps will be awarded if the Chief Judge, Event Judge, and Chief Videographer agree that the videographer interfered with the team's performance.

Teams who choose to jump with their own Videographer will not be eligible for rejumps due to interference from the Videographer.

- B. Two-way teams may be judged using ground to- air video.
- C. Accuracy landings are scored up to the edge of the tuffet.
- D. Style Judges will be stationed at video monitors or other suitable optical devices to observe a competitor's performance. Each judge will have a digital stopwatch reading to one hundredth (.01) of a second.

A minimum of three principal judges must observe and time each style jump. If a principal judge records no time (NT) or a time but no observations, the score sheet will be used to determine time and penalties.

Each judge will record: Aircraft number and competitor number. As the judges observe the performance they will mark the description of their observations, including penalties on the score

sheet. After the performance, the judges shall note the time of the series to the nearest hundredth of a second on the score sheet.

The score sheets of all judges will be collected after each jump for evaluation by the scoring section.

Penalty marks will be assigned to the respective figure, If it has been penalized by a majority of judges observing the jump.

The penalty awarded Is obtained by taking a way the highest and lowest penalty calls until one remains, which Is the penalty given.

Any -, +, \_, D, S, penalty qualified by 16.0 sec may be correlated with -, +, \_, D, S, penalties to determine If a majority of judges have assigned the same kind of penalty.

A score is computed by discarding the lowest and highest times and averaging the remainder to (.01) seconds.

An erratic time (one which varies more than (.05) seconds from the nearest time) will be discarded if the jump is observed by at least three (3) judges. If an erratic time is discarded, the remainder will be averaged.

If a jump is observed by three (3) judges and a difference of more than (.05) seconds exists among all times, the times will be averaged.

Penalties called by judges whose times were discarded will be used to determine scoring penalties.

A competitor's score will be the original time plus all accumulated penalties.

E. Scoring will be by the placement system.

1. National Collegiate Champions of Novice Parachuting, Intermediate Parachuting, and Master Parachuting is determined by adding each competitor's place in accuracy and his or her best freefall event (4-way Formation Skydiving, 2 way, or Freefall Style).
2. The National Collegiate Champion is determined by combining all scores of Intermediate and Masters classes and recalculating each competitor's place in each event; the lowest sum will determine the winner.
3. A place is defined as the number immediately following the number of competitors placing higher in each event.
4. Ties:
  - a. If a tie occurs, the competitor with the least difference between the two places is the winner.
  - b. If a tie cannot be resolved by this method, the jumper with the lowest total accuracy score is the winner.
  - c. If a tie (for a medal) cannot be resolved by this method, co-awards will be presented.

F. Because of the less advanced requirements in the Freefall Style and Formation Skydiving event, Novice Class participants are not considered for National Collegiate Parachuting Champion.

F. A competitor must jump in every completed round of an event used for scoring to use that event in computing overall standing.

#### **7-1.10: TECHNICAL CONDITIONS**

A. The sponsoring organization and hosts of this meet bear no responsibility for any accidents, injuries, or casualties to contestants.

B. Minimum number of judges is seven; one Chief Judge and six Principal Judges. Judging will be by nationally rated Judges in each event.

C. All events will be judged with a minimum of three principal judges.

D. To control unsafe swoop-type approaches, turns below 300 feet that create a safety hazard are not allowed, and competitors who are observed violating this rule will not be allowed to continue to compete, without refund of fees.

#### **7-1.11: AIRCRAFT**

A. A variety or any combination of aircraft may be used.

B. Competitors may not make any change whatsoever once manifested for any lift, regardless of type of aircraft.

#### **7-1.12: WEATHER**

A. Wind speed and direction determinations are to be made by meet management at reasonable intervals.

B. The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in the Accuracy Events is set by the Chief Judge, Event Judge, and Meet Director within the range of between six m/s and eight m/s.

C. Maximum allowable wind speed in the freefall events is nine m/s.

#### **7-1.13: PROTESTS**

A. Each protest concerning a jump attempted or made must be submitted to the Event Judge or Chief Judge within one hour following the protested incident.

B. Each of the principal judges will have a vote, and the decision of the judges is final.

#### **7-1.14: DETERMINATION OF RESULTS:**

A. The winners of an event are determined by combining all scores earned in completed rounds of the event.

B. Overall individual champions are not named unless there have been at least two completed rounds in both the accuracy and freefall events.

#### **7-1.15: RECOGNITION OF WINNERS**

A. Appropriate trophies or medals will be presented to the first, second, and third place winners in—

1. Individual Accuracy Landing
2. Freefall Style
3. 4-Way Formation Skydiving
4. 2-Way Formation Skydiving
5. Novice Parachuting Champion
6. Intermediate Parachuting Champion

## 7. Master Parachuting Champion

### B. National Collegiate Champion

1. The name of the National Collegiate Champion will be engraved on the National Collegiate Parachuting Champion trophy on permanent display in USPA headquarters.
2. The Istel Scholarship will be awarded to the National Collegiate Champion.
  - a. Once USPA has determined the Overall National Collegiate Champion at the NCP Championships, it shall designate such person as the recipient of the Andre Istel Memorial Scholarship Award and notify the NAA.
  - b. The award will be in an amount equal to 75 percent of the income earned by the Fund in the year ending prior to the date of the championships, i.e., the 2002 Overall National Collegiate Champion will be awarded 75 percent of the income earned by the Fund for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2001, etc.
  - c. The winner will use the award for an educational purpose.
  - d. If the winner is wealthy, the award will be donated to the institution of his or her choice.

## Attachment “B”

### Skydiver’s Competition Manual Section 10 – National Site Selection

Proposed omissions	Proposed additions
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#### 10-1.3: Site Selection

- A. USPA Group Members submitting bids will be given an opportunity to make a presentation to the full USPA Board, although one is not required.
- B. Group Members making presentations to the USPA Board will first meet with the competition committee to review their bids, address questions committee members may have, and review the presentations and selection process.
- C. The order of presentations to the BOD will be decided in the competition committee meeting by draw.
- D. USPA Board bid presentation procedures:
  1. Each group member will be allowed an opportunity to present its bid to the full USPA Board.
  2. The presentation is in addition to the bid packages already received by board members.
  3. Presenters will leave the meeting room prior to the beginning of bid presentations and will be called into the room one at a time for their presentation.
  4. Each group member will be allowed up to 12 minutes to make his or her presentation.
    - a. Each bidder will be given a two- and a one-minute warning before time is up.
    - b. A 10-minute question and answer period will follow each presentation. If any time remains after Board Members have asked their questions, Board Members may recognize questions from the gallery.
  5. After the question and answer period the presenter will leave the room.
- E. Voting
  1. ~~The gallery will be cleared during the discussion and voting.~~ The gallery will remain open to all USPA members except bidders.
  2. A maximum of 30 minutes will be allowed for ~~closed~~ discussion among board members after all the bids have been presented.
  3. Voting procedures:
    - a. ~~The directors will vote on uniform, blank sheets of paper~~ Vote will be by show of hands.
    - b. ~~The ballots will be counted by the election commissioners to ensure that all Board members who are present have voted.~~
    - c. ~~If there are fewer votes than the number of Board Members present the Election commissioners ask if anyone has purposely not voted.~~
    - d. ~~If a director says yes, the count of the ballots may continue.~~
    - e. ~~If not, the ballots must be destroyed and a new vote taken.~~
  4. Tallying:
    - a. A majority vote (51%) is required to win.
    - b. If there is an tie, there must be a new ballot vote.

- c. Where there are three or more bidders and one does not receive a majority number of votes, the one with the lowest vote count is removed from the ballot, and a new vote is taken.
- d. If two bidders tie for low vote, neither may be removed; in this case ~~the election commissioners announce that there is a tie (never the count) and~~ a new vote must be taken. ~~(hoping that one of more directors will change their vote.)~~
- e. Abstentions, blank ballots, spoiled ballots, and absent director intentions ~~(there are no proxies)~~ are not counted. For example, if one director ~~turns in a blank ballot~~ **abstains** and one of the two bidders does not receive the majority number of the votes then the bidder receiving the majority of votes minus the number of **abstentions blank ballots** would be the winner. (51%)

~~5. Announcement of winner:~~

- ~~a. When one bidder receives a majority of the votes, one election commissioner advises the President.~~
- ~~b. After the gallery is re-seated the President announces the winner of the Host of the US National Skydiving Championships.~~

~~6. The election commissioners will destroy the ballots after the election.~~

- F. Bids for the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships and the U.S. National Skydiving Championships of Para-Ski will be presented to and voted on by the competition committee, and their decision will be presented to the full USPA Board of Directors for ratification.