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## About You

1. Gender			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		83.2%	188
2	Female		16.8%	38
Statistics based on 226 respondent(s).				0 skipped.

2. How long have you been in the sport?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1 year		17.7%	40
2	2 years		11.1%	25
3	3 years		13.7%	31
4	4 years		6.6%	15
5	5 years		4.4%	10
6	6-10 years		16.4%	37
7	11-15 years		10.2%	23
8	16-20 years		6.6%	15
9	20 years plus		13.3%	30
Statistics based on 226 respondent(s).				0 skipped.

3. What age group are you in?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	16-17		0.4%	1
2	18-20		7.1%	16
3	21-25		11.1%	25
4	26-30		14.6%	33
5	31-35		19.5%	44
6	36-40		15%	34
7	41-45		8.8%	20
8	46-50		8%	18
9	51-55		7.5%	17

10	56-60		5.8%	13
11	61-65		1.8%	4
12	65+		0.4%	1
Statistics based on <b>226</b> respondent(s).				<b>0</b> skipped.

## BPA

4. What does the BPA do well? :		(179 total)
<b>1</b> (2401613)	Info to members via the mag and web.	
<b>2</b> (2401962)	Successfully regulates the sport and constantly makes it safer	
<b>3</b> (2402011)	Admin!! staff are top notch!	
<b>4</b> (2402002)	Coaching, safety, getting competitors to compete	
<b>5</b> (2402029)	Regulate. Safety. Competitions.	
<b>6</b> (2402062)	ummm	
<b>7</b> (2402058)	safety	
<b>8</b> (2401995)	The speed you get stuff returned (licenses, memberships etc) is first class.	
<b>9</b> (2402099)	Sevice - Sending Documents back quick	
<b>10</b> (2402090)	increase the number of hoops to jump through	
<b>11</b> (2402064)	great office staff	
<b>12</b> (2402260)	Admin	
<b>13</b> (2402326)	Communicate & Magazine	
<b>14</b> (2402433)	ratings	
<b>15</b> (2402323)	Safety and training.	
<b>16</b> (2402772)	Good communication, free memberships and making an effort to keep costs down.	
<b>17</b> (2402808)	Good AGM	
<b>18</b> (2403953)	Inform the community of new/problems etc.	
<b>19</b> (2404066)	Manage the sport	
<b>20</b> (2404208)	Organisational efficiency and the office is run very well	
<b>21</b> (2404784)	Promote sport	

<b>22</b> (2404893)	safety, mag, efficiency
<b>23</b> (2405512)	Allows me to jump from a perfectly good aeroplane
<b>24</b> (2405843)	Training, nationals.
<b>25</b> (2404109)	Office Administration
<b>26</b> (2405859)	Office Admin, Safety Management
<b>27</b> (2405900)	Events; safety info
<b>28</b> (2406027)	Keeps me well informed, always prompt for membership
<b>29</b> (2406048)	safety awareness
<b>30</b> (2406341)	Safety record
<b>31</b> (2407197)	Communication with the membership
<b>32</b> (2407282)	Mag Comp Roadshows
<b>33</b> (2407413)	keeps the sport safe with rules and info
<b>34</b> (2407971)	encourages new members to continue after they have qualified
<b>35</b> (2408244)	provides a structured format to guide the sport
<b>36</b> (2408459)	Im not sure. They are a bit transparent
<b>37</b> (2408789)	Set achievable safety levels
<b>38</b> (2410030)	Promote Safety
<b>39</b> (2410220)	Regulate the sport and deal with the CAA
<b>40</b> (2410914)	Most things. Admin very good
<b>41</b> (2411292)	Admin for parachuting with CAA etc
<b>42</b> (2411568)	Admin
<b>43</b> (2411693)	Communication - whenever I've had a query or changed address or had to send licences off everything is dealt with quickly and efficiently. Safety - I feel safe jumping in the UK
<b>44</b> (2413176)	Safety, communications, the mag
<b>45</b> (2413439)	Office admin & memberships, keeping insurance premiums down and making sure we are not screwed over by excessive European legislation
<b>46</b> (2415141)	Safety & training, on-going reassessment of best practice, supports DZ's & instructors
<b>47</b> (2416899)	high safety standards, good website
<b>48</b> (2418039)	Maintain instructional standards

<b>49</b> (2418531)	regulate and control
<b>50</b> (2418542)	negotiate well with other airspace users / regulators
<b>51</b> (2419351)	Strict focus on safety.
<b>52</b> (2419590)	Safety.
<b>53</b> (2420164)	excellent grading and education system
<b>54</b> (2422391)	The Mag!
<b>55</b> (2422496)	Safety
<b>56</b> (2422546)	I am happy
<b>57</b> (2422589)	subsidise competitors
<b>58</b> (2422607)	skydive the mag (?)
<b>59</b> (2422616)	Staff, council, representatives etc are all very friendly and approachable.
<b>60</b> (2422667)	keeps uk jumping safe
<b>61</b> (2422708)	Turning around documents, membership, licence forms etc. very quickly.
<b>62</b> (2422710)	tries to push safety in the sport
<b>63</b> (2422788)	The office
<b>64</b> (2422770)	Keeping members informed of decisions.
<b>65</b> (2422780)	coaching roadshows
<b>66</b> (2422809)	Fast issue of membership cards
<b>67</b> (2422925)	send out new membership straight away
<b>68</b> (2423061)	membership, safety & training
<b>69</b> (2423067)	Good promotion, good mag, good safety posters, nice AGM
<b>70</b> (2423071)	Progression systems such as FS1 give new jumpers a goal to work towards.
<b>71</b> (2423094)	manage risk
<b>72</b> (2423272)	the office is very good (the people in it are!)
<b>73</b> (2423480)	Ops Manual, Great office staff
<b>74</b> (2424478)	Gives good info. Good membership package.
<b>75</b> (2424500)	Safety

<b>76</b> (2425045)	Looks after its members well, insurance is good, bringing on the sport with roadshows in freefall
<b>77</b> (2425880)	Regulating and the magazine
<b>78</b> (2426177)	document admin
<b>79</b> (2426983)	AGM
<b>80</b> (2427054)	Regulate the sport
<b>81</b> (2427069)	organise
<b>82</b> (2427211)	bureaucracy
<b>83</b> (2427345)	safety, supporting the sport
<b>84</b> (2427348)	Ensure skydiving stays a safe sport
<b>85</b> (2427497)	competitions and instructor training and maintaining safety standarrds
<b>86</b> (2428820)	Good communication with its members, bpa road shows etc.
<b>87</b> (2429026)	Promote safety and continued learning and achievement in the sport
<b>88</b> (2430368)	All aspects
<b>89</b> (2430755)	Feather its own nest
<b>90</b> (2431919)	Promotion of the sport
<b>91</b> (2432133)	Communicate
<b>92</b> (2436150)	Paperwork.
<b>93</b> (2436714)	Competitions
<b>94</b> (2437071)	be the governing body for the sport
<b>95</b> (2439087)	unsure
<b>96</b> (2440698)	The Mag
<b>97</b> (2441345)	Turn around time for insurance renewal is so quick!!
<b>98</b> (2442248)	National Competitions
<b>99</b> (2443882)	Safety & communication
<b>100</b> (2443916)	Membership team is very good at responfding to questions
<b>101</b> (2446730)	Assist managing risk and keeping the sport safe
<b>102</b> (2449447)	Communicate safety info

<b>103</b> (2449727)	informative information on the website
<b>104</b> (2450706)	provide a good front to the sport
<b>105</b> (2451280)	General running is done very well
<b>106</b> (2452799)	The office efficiency and professionalism is outstanding
<b>107</b> (2453730)	Free insurance
<b>108</b> (2454012)	management of regulations
<b>109</b> (2402094)	Most things
<b>110</b> (2454302)	Regulate the sport safely
<b>111</b> (2454651)	Unknown not been in skydiving very long
<b>112</b> (2456755)	Sort out insurance, run competitions
<b>113</b> (2456498)	Efficient and friendly office, ensuring a good price for insurance, striving to improve the image of the sport
<b>114</b> (2456828)	Keep safety and standards high
<b>115</b> (2458998)	Safety
<b>116</b> (2459350)	Write Rules
<b>117</b> (2459527)	keep us safe & informed
<b>118</b> (2461197)	regulates
<b>119</b> (2461875)	Progression
<b>120</b> (2464743)	Sponsorship for flagship teams- RW
<b>121</b> (2465070)	National Competitions
<b>122</b> (2465168)	manage
<b>123</b> (2465709)	Events
<b>124</b> (2467819)	Magazine, organised events
<b>125</b> (2468988)	provide 3party insurance
<b>126</b> (2471239)	admin memberships
<b>127</b> (2472740)	Educate
<b>128</b> (2474184)	I don't really know
<b>129</b> (2476266)	create rules and paperwork

<b>130</b> (2476494)	Keeps the sport safe
<b>131</b> (2479252)	with my limited contact with the BPA having only been jumping for a year it seems the BPA does a good job. I like the mag and read it cover to cover every issue
<b>132</b> (2480055)	keeping people informed
<b>133</b> (2480438)	Administration and expertise
<b>134</b> (2480677)	The BPA Office staff are quick and efficient
<b>135</b> (2482958)	Safety
<b>136</b> (2483084)	Maintian good safety and training
<b>137</b> (2484462)	regulate the sport
<b>138</b> (2485417)	Excellent at providing information and updates on events/developments/issues within the sport
<b>139</b> (2485551)	Very organised; handles paperwork quickly.
<b>140</b> (2490698)	Communicates well with the members.
<b>141</b> (2492181)	Organise memberships and has a good H.R
<b>142</b> (2492314)	Office is very efficient and helpful.
<b>143</b> (2493137)	most things
<b>144</b> (2495089)	Ask for feedback and change things in response to feedback
<b>145</b> (2499145)	Coordinating skydive instruction
<b>146</b> (2503455)	Perpetuate a stuffy, overly restrictive and arrogant image
<b>147</b> (2503832)	Safety in the sport
<b>148</b> (2508933)	documentation and regulations
<b>149</b> (2510822)	Makes new members feel welcome
<b>150</b> (2510839)	?
<b>151</b> (2510840)	Information and setting guidelines
<b>152</b> (2510857)	Mag, events, keeping us updated
<b>153</b> (2510869)	Coaching road show
<b>154</b> (2510884)	BPA keeps the sport safe + the office staff are VERY efficient, the safety posters issued to drop zones in last years were a fantastic well executed idea
<b>155</b> (2510949)	lowered insurance in recent years, mag is better recently.
<b>156</b> (2510963)	Skydive the mag is v interesting and supports a feeling of community within the sport. The BPA website is also very informative for both jumpers and non-jumpers

<b>157</b> (2510998)	speed ,customer service , information
<b>158</b> (2511312)	Keeps us informed
<b>159</b> (2511621)	sort out any problems
<b>160</b> (2513497)	Charge Parachutists money to Parachute!
<b>161</b> (2513521)	Administration of our Sport, Safety & Training
<b>162</b> (2513945)	Communication and competitors
<b>163</b> (2514144)	communicatento its members
<b>164</b> (2514239)	Process with admin work incredibly fast
<b>165</b> (2514248)	Rules!
<b>166</b> (2514313)	Safety/event comms.
<b>167</b> (2514573)	Facebook, Skydive the Mag
<b>168</b> (2398767)	Office support
<b>169</b> (2514673)	Admin
<b>170</b> (2514959)	Most Things
<b>171</b> (2515292)	setting the regulations we have to adhere to. Communicating with the CAA.
<b>172</b> (2515397)	Distribution of news and information (The Mag)
<b>173</b> (2463471)	Communications
<b>174</b> (2515686)	produce a good mag
<b>175</b> (2516370)	Admin
<b>176</b> (2516526)	The mag, roadshows, starter mag for beginners
<b>177</b> (2517570)	Don't know yet
<b>178</b> (2519797)	Promote safety
<b>179</b> (2520081)	provides information

**5. What could the BPA do better? :** (163 total)

<b>1</b> (2401613)	Assistance to new jumpers to keep them jumping.
<b>2</b> (2401962)	Could ensure that dropzones across the UK have more similar training methods, rules, procedures across the board.



<b>3</b> (2402011)	lower membership fees!
<b>4</b> (2402002)	Being less of a nanny state
<b>5</b> (2402029)	Promote the sport. Discourage the hedonistic image (which damages retention).
<b>6</b> (2402062)	keep costs down
<b>7</b> (2402058)	communicatoins via dzs
<b>8</b> (2401995)	I'm happy with the way the BPA is run
<b>9</b> (2402099)	?
<b>10</b> (2402090)	recognise other countries qualifications
<b>11</b> (2402064)	Video stream meetings & increase member involvement
<b>12</b> (2402433)	clarify the ba manual
<b>13</b> (2402323)	Continue making information more accessible.
<b>14</b> (2402772)	Keep making it more affordable because as times get harder I think more people are giving the sport up.
<b>15</b> (2402808)	More free stuff at the AGM
<b>16</b> (2403953)	Membership is pretty expensive
<b>17</b> (2404066)	Reduce the cost of membership
<b>18</b> (2404208)	The ops manual
<b>19</b> (2404784)	Less rules and less stickers and certificates, more fun
<b>20</b> (2404893)	promotion
<b>21</b> (2405512)	Membership could be cheaper. At £117.60, the USPA does the same job for around £46.
<b>22</b> (2405843)	Courses for people wanting to become FS coaches.
<b>23</b> (2404109)	Improve access to courses
<b>24</b> (2405859)	Ops Manual wording and clarity, recording the reason behind rules so people understand.
<b>25</b> (2405910)	more road shows / coaching
<b>26</b> (2406027)	Cheaper coaching for students
<b>27</b> (2406048)	platform for selling second hand gear
<b>28</b> (2406341)	Regulate only where absolutely necessary. Many jumpers turn to BASE for the freedom they wanted from skydiving
<b>29</b> (2407282)	Funding

<b>30</b> (2407413)	send out freebies,pens stickers etc...
<b>31</b> (2407971)	maybe invest in some mainstream advertising as it seems the sport attracts people through the "friend of a friend" route
<b>32</b> (2408221)	actual personal presence at DZs, concentrate on ordinary members a wee bit more than the 'big boys n girls' please
<b>33</b> (2408244)	be more flexible in assessing individual needs as regards to initial training
<b>34</b> (2408789)	monitor dropzones that continually break safety rules
<b>35</b> (2410030)	Communicate with it's members
<b>36</b> (2410220)	Retain A Certs
<b>37</b> (2410765)	Better Comunication
<b>38</b> (2410914)	?
<b>39</b> (2411292)	Inform members of its background work and plans
<b>40</b> (2411568)	Progressive updating of skydiving disciplines
<b>41</b> (2411693)	Online membership renewals!
<b>42</b> (2413176)	encourage better retention
<b>43</b> (2415141)	Promote competitions, continue to push communications strategy, scrap the female qualification category in 4-way
<b>44</b> (2416899)	more regular magazine like the USPA
<b>45</b> (2418039)	Make a bigger stand regarding technical/safety matters worldwide
<b>46</b> (2418531)	help rookies enhance,
<b>47</b> (2418542)	be more transparent
<b>48</b> (2419351)	Be more open to suggestions outside of the golden circle. Focus more, especially in the Mag, on the ORDINARY skydiver; not all skydivers are fearless, super-talented, competitive, medal-winning, 10,000-jump skygods.
<b>49</b> (2419590)	More focus on the ordinary skydiver.
<b>50</b> (2420164)	improve the protection the BPA insurance provides when jumping at foreign DZs
<b>51</b> (2422391)	Integration of foreign jumpers
<b>52</b> (2422496)	Make progression more affordable, ie FS1= Jump Ticket + Coaches Jump Ticket + coaches fee :o
<b>53</b> (2422546)	No opinion
<b>54</b> (2422589)	help students more
<b>55</b> (2422616)	Better communication about some issues, e.g. inspection working group - the first time I had any idea of what they were was at the AGM. I think minutes every 6-8 weeks is not enough.

<b>56</b> (2422667)	reduce membership fee!
<b>57</b> (2422710)	be less of a "old boys network"
<b>58</b> (2422788)	Tell council to get off there high house every time STC make a decision they do not like.
<b>59</b> (2422770)	VIDEO STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS!
<b>60</b> (2422780)	cheaper membership (option without magazine)
<b>61</b> (2422809)	Encourage 'fun jumpers' more
<b>62</b> (2422925)	do not have much contact with them
<b>63</b> (2423061)	Insurance, less money for teams
<b>64</b> (2423067)	Rig rental or some other way to help a,b cert prior to buying a rig
<b>65</b> (2423071)	The WS manual - see Jarno's recommendations on UKS.
<b>66</b> (2423094)	invest more in skills development
<b>67</b> (2423272)	lets see more of them at all the dz so we know who they are an what they do
<b>68</b> (2423480)	Support electronic documentation e.g. Log books/ training/ jump numbers
<b>69</b> (2424478)	Unsure
<b>70</b> (2425045)	having a scheme for canopy piloting similar to you do fs and ff roadshows (but it has to come from the right people who are up to date with latest techniques and modern canopies so i understand might be hard). Better education for instructors on canopy flight so that more up to date infomation can be passed on. Introduce a lesson on canopy entanglements and what to do at some point before someone is qualified. maybe with the hook knife breifing
<b>71</b> (2426177)	Coach AFF instructors rather than just examine - like in USA
<b>72</b> (2427054)	Encourage more people to coach
<b>73</b> (2427069)	?
<b>74</b> (2427211)	less bureaucracy
<b>75</b> (2427345)	retain new jumpers
<b>76</b> (2427348)	Look into the pratical side of training programs for all levels.
<b>77</b> (2427497)	maybe offer a better comprehensive insurance package that provide caesvac recovery for foreign boogie attendees/
<b>78</b> (2428820)	Not sure
<b>79</b> (2429026)	Connect with and support people who have just completed their A licence - perhaps there could be a network for people to chat to other people in their situation or to find people willing and able to jump with them? Dropzones have now tightened up on non-FS1 A licence jumping and while this is a good thing, it can make it difficult to find people to jump with. At small dropzones, it's quite lonely to be straight off student status and perhaps not

	ready (or financially able) to begin WARP training towards FS1.
<b>80</b> (2430368)	N/A
<b>81</b> (2430755)	Come to terms that you are not going to self insure - and think of the members - not just personal gain
<b>82</b> (2431919)	AGM
<b>83</b> (2432133)	Embrace change, listen to younger ideas
<b>84</b> (2436714)	Teach/Enforce modern canopy flying techniques
<b>85</b> (2437071)	promote the sport more
<b>86</b> (2439087)	unsure
<b>87</b> (2440698)	Consult the membership before choosing a venue for the AGM
<b>88</b> (2442248)	I think everything is done well
<b>89</b> (2443882)	Education
<b>90</b> (2443916)	Be quicker issuing minutes from meetings and keeping people informed
<b>91</b> (2446730)	Keep alive the dying disciplines
<b>92</b> (2449727)	marketing skydiving to a wider audience
<b>93</b> (2450706)	coach instructors
<b>94</b> (2451280)	Run the Council as a Council, not by it's Chairmen
<b>95</b> (2452799)	?
<b>96</b> (2453730)	Less rules
<b>97</b> (2454012)	update canopy control methods and requirements
<b>98</b> (2454302)	raise the public profile of the sport
<b>99</b> (2454651)	Unknown not been in skydiving very long
<b>100</b> (2456755)	Get current experts to write manuals (e.g. CH manual which is outdated and in places dangerous) and ensure coaching syllabus are in line with what the top coaches are recommending.
<b>101</b> (2456498)	As an organisation relook at the ops manual so it is fit for purpose rather than the current ambiguous document it is today
<b>102</b> (2458998)	Advertise the sport nationally to encourage new jumpers
<b>103</b> (2459350)	Write less rules
<b>104</b> (2461197)	make better use of its skilled members in coaching
<b>105</b> (2461875)	Allow GPS spotting following training (APSA)

<b>106</b> (2464743)	Be less inward looking and more visionary in terms of marketing and team sponsorship
<b>107</b> (2465070)	Post A-Certificate Education
<b>108</b> (2465168)	less silly rules
<b>109</b> (2465709)	cheaper memberships for non skydivers who pack
<b>110</b> (2467819)	communicating specifically, eg recent FS1 clarifications
<b>111</b> (2468988)	be less expensive
<b>112</b> (2471239)	instructor course development
<b>113</b> (2472740)	Trust its CCI's to use their discretion more
<b>114</b> (2474184)	Better info for those qualifying abroad (Spain). Online membership renewal.
<b>115</b> (2476266)	be more in touch - too many BPA grandees rarely jump!
<b>116</b> (2476494)	Improve the website
<b>117</b> (2479252)	i'm not really sure again only having had limited time in the sport
<b>118</b> (2480055)	don't know
<b>119</b> (2480438)	?
<b>120</b> (2480677)	Move into the 21st century with online renewals
<b>121</b> (2482958)	Technology (although I appreciate this has improved massively in recent years)
<b>122</b> (2483084)	refund me for the deposit i paid on a new argus ha ha, just kiddin, to be honest i'm fairly new to the sport but have no issues at present and just glad to be part of the organisation and sport. :)
<b>123</b> (2484462)	more give aways
<b>124</b> (2485417)	Get my email address right for the monthly newsletter..... :-)
<b>125</b> (2490698)	Better address the 'I want to downsize' mentality.
<b>126</b> (2492181)	Membership renewal online?
<b>127</b> (2492314)	Rules (i.e. Ops Manual) could be clearer.
<b>128</b> (2493137)	lower cost of membership
<b>129</b> (2495089)	Modernising communication.
<b>130</b> (2499145)	Coordinate packing instruction
<b>131</b> (2503455)	Less starch!! Remember they are a body for civilian sport skydivers and not just the military
<b>132</b>	The web site

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<b>133</b> (2508933)	lower the price of the membership
<b>134</b> (2510822)	Not been a member long enough to be able to comment
<b>135</b> (2510839)	more events
<b>136</b> (2510840)	Give their reasoning and stance clearly on disputed guidelines
<b>137</b> (2510857)	Nothing
<b>138</b> (2510869)	Support national team to stay at high level
<b>139</b> (2510884)	get a bulk discount on fuel for DZ. LOL :)
<b>140</b> (2510949)	grow the sport in the uk, somehow!
<b>141</b> (2510963)	?? I don't think I've been in the sport long enough to know. Nothing springs to mind
<b>142</b> (2510998)	learner pack info etc
<b>143</b> (2511312)	More roadshows at club level
<b>144</b> (2511447)	Try to get skydiving as a sport covered more in the sports media. We have some world class talent who have even sold their house to fund training, for no big pay check at the end. I don't see any footballer doing that and look at the coverage they get!
<b>145</b> (2511621)	cant think of anything!
<b>146</b> (2513497)	make it optional to join.
<b>147</b> (2513521)	Funding National Competitions, on line membership application & renewal
<b>148</b> (2514144)	Help Injured Skydivers, offer support and guidance
<b>149</b> (2514239)	Provide interpreters at the AGM - there were many deaf people there who wanted to attend seminars but were unable to do so, despite Alan receiving a prize, being deaf. Especially the safety ones.
<b>150</b> (2514248)	Fun!
<b>151</b> (2514313)	Fairer membership terms (pro rate
<b>152</b> (2398767)	all is good for me
<b>153</b> (2514659)	let me opt out of the mag
<b>154</b> (2514673)	Promoting the association
<b>155</b> (2514756)	More support for clubs that are in danger of being closed down
<b>156</b> (2514959)	Be More Progressive
<b>157</b> (2515292)	Make some of the regulations cleared to understand
<b>158</b>	Fund the BCPA. more first time jumpers, more retention of cat 8s. more students will be

(2515397)	able to afford training.
<b>159</b> (2463471)	Don't know
<b>160</b> (2515686)	could do more in the mag for the students coming into the sport, eg advice, how the progression system works
<b>161</b> (2516370)	Not much
<b>162</b> (2517570)	Look after new entrants which all have got different background and abilities.
<b>163</b> (2519797)	Be seen more at DZs (representatives)

<b>6. How could the BPA retain more members? :</b>		<b>(167 total)</b>
<b>1</b> (2401613)	Cheaper membership!	
<b>2</b> (2401962)	Do something about reducing the cost of the first payment for full membership (for example pay for the first freefall jump, or offer half price membership for the first year if you introduce a friend to the sport.)	
<b>3</b> (2402002)	Skydivers leave for only a few reasons - money, time, loss of focus. The last one is where you need to keep them interested. Maybe some achievement awards like in the US. A scheme e.g. FF1 to 5, FS 1 to 5, Not the basic safety, but achievement stuff.	
<b>4</b> (2402029)	Discourage the hedonistic image. Encourage post-cat 10 initiatives (so low number jumpers aren't lost in limbo). Introduce a code of conduct for CCIs/instructors.	
<b>5</b> (2402062)	reduce the cost	
<b>6</b> (2402058)	further work on customer service/follow up packages together with dzs	
<b>7</b> (2401995)	I don't think it's the BPA's fault retaining members, I think peoples finance's at this time are dictating where money can be spent.	
<b>8</b> (2402099)	Lower Membership costs	
<b>9</b> (2402090)	by making it easier and cheaper to continue in the sport	
<b>10</b> (2402064)	be flexible with memberships	
<b>11</b> (2402326)	Offer temporary (part year) membership for MOD or visitors to the UK	
<b>12</b> (2402433)	Reduce costs	
<b>13</b> (2402323)	The focus to retain members should be at DZ level. Staff attitudes towards members can still be traced back to a military way of thinking instead of having the approach of a retailing business and focusing on customer satisfaction. Increasing financial costs are affecting members and DZ operators alike, making this highly leisure orientated market an unaffordable luxury for an increasing number of members.	
<b>14</b> (2402808)	Reduce costs and master the weather - simple as that.	
<b>15</b> (2403953)	Reduce the membership price/dicounted price for students :D	
<b>16</b> (2404066)	Understand why members leave?	
<b>17</b> (2404208)	Good question	

<b>18</b> (2404784)	Take itself less serious
<b>19</b> (2404893)	run something like Skydivechoreography's big way beginners
<b>20</b> (2405512)	Provide better weather. Impossible, I know.
<b>21</b> (2404109)	Recognition of achievements
<b>22</b> (2405859)	A lot of people leave for reasons beyond BPA control. Tacking poor customer service at a minority of DZs would not be welcomed by operators even if it could be done in a non-critical way such as offering to arrange discounted customer service seminars etc. Perhaps more needs to be done to keep fresh A-licences who may not know many people and find the rules still restrictive. People who only jump abroad is difficult as some people have very entrenched (and out-dated) views. The BPA simply can't make some things cheaper.
<b>23</b> (2405910)	part time membership
<b>24</b> (2406027)	More advertising
<b>25</b> (2406048)	somehow keep costs down
<b>26</b> (2406341)	Help out A license holders. I run a University club and we have quite a few drop outs before FS1 is achieved as they can't jump with friends. Allow C license holders (with FS1) to jump with non-FS1.
<b>27</b> (2407197)	Follow up with those who don't renew membership - especially if they have had membership for a number of years
<b>28</b> (2407413)	by keeping memberships as low as possible.
<b>29</b> (2407971)	adopt a newb a scheme where experienced members are offered incentives to guide newbs through there first few months get them pointing into the right direction for courses and social life aswell
<b>30</b> (2408221)	try to be a little less complicated (not easy i know)
<b>31</b> (2408244)	by providing/encouraging routes for new & intermediate skydivers - a structured continuation "training" for after CAT 8
<b>32</b> (2408459)	Make it easier to progress.
<b>33</b> (2408789)	i have no answer!
<b>34</b> (2410030)	Have better members benefits & perks
<b>35</b> (2410220)	Make members feel more included
<b>36</b> (2410765)	Cheeper
<b>37</b> (2410914)	That's more an individual DZ issue than a BPA one.
<b>38</b> (2411292)	I don't think it can
<b>39</b> (2411568)	Not a lot
<b>40</b> (2411693)	I think this is more achievable at the DZ level - promoting more integration between new jumpers (either students or tandems) and the hardcore members.
<b>41</b> (2413176)	Offer structured courses for FS1 involving tunnel time and coached jumps, almost like an extension of the AFF programme



<b>42</b> (2415141)	I think this is less about the BPA, more about individual DZs. By promoting events, competitions, roadshows etc - members will have a reason to stay engaged. Ultimately though, the UK has poor weather and a lot of small, slow DZs - it makes people lose interest.
<b>43</b> (2416899)	maybe have a cheaper subscription band, like associate?
<b>44</b> (2418039)	More targetted pro-active involvement with low cat/ newby skydivers
<b>45</b> (2418531)	more advertising of events, make events newbie friendly, more newdie days.
<b>46</b> (2418542)	find out why they leave - mailshot ex members and ask them
<b>47</b> (2419351)	Reduce membership costs by having more membership options available: the recent two-temporary-memberships-in-a-year initiative is a good example. Have a sliding scale for rejoining full members: a member rejoining in e.g. November should not have to pay full membership. Give members the option of not receiving the Mag for a lower membership fee.
<b>48</b> (2419590)	Different membership options, like the temporary membership scheme. Sliding rates for full members depending on when in the year you rejoin. Cheaper option for those who don't want the Mag.
<b>49</b> (2420164)	reduced price for entry membership to ease the expensive first year
<b>50</b> (2422391)	I don't think it could
<b>51</b> (2422496)	help create more DZ's
<b>52</b> (2422546)	No opinion
<b>53</b> (2422589)	it cant
<b>54</b> (2422607)	staggered fees according to how much you jump
<b>55</b> (2422616)	I think the BPA retain members well (so 'nothing' would be my answer) - the cost of getting into the sport needs to be driven down to get more people into the sport initially.
<b>56</b> (2422667)	REDUCE MEMBERSHIP FEE!!!! :-)
<b>57</b> (2422710)	dont know
<b>58</b> (2422788)	Pay monthly
<b>59</b> (2422770)	Really? I can't answer this question in a small box...
<b>60</b> (2422780)	organise more bpa sponsored events aimed at less experienced jumpers
<b>61</b> (2422809)	Keep the cost of membership down
<b>62</b> (2422839)	Retention has been talked about for years and the membership is always the same. In a good weather years there are more members, in bad years there are less.
<b>63</b> (2422925)	give out more informations
<b>64</b> (2423061)	lower fees - see 5 above
<b>65</b> (2423067)	No idea
<b>66</b>	I don't think anything the BPA does will really affect membership numbers. Ultimately, if

(2423071)	people want to skydive they will.
<b>67</b> (2423094)	target fun jumpers, more boogies and more regular coaching roadshows
<b>68</b> (2423272)	not a lot the dz's need to have people to work with and train with to encourage them
<b>69</b> (2423480)	More support for developments after students qualify, find ways to get more newbies jumping with others,
<b>70</b> (2424478)	Unsure
<b>71</b> (2424500)	Be cheaper! Be less anal
<b>72</b> (2425045)	a lot of dz are doing a better job at that inbetween phase right now i think. couldn't really suggest anything without seeing any stats. but i think a lot of that has to come from the dz's
<b>73</b> (2425880)	Provide more perks for the cost?
<b>74</b> (2426177)	Come up with ways to reduce costs for Cat5-8 students - the DZO's need to play a better part in retention with a more cheery atmosphere
<b>75</b> (2427054)	Get behind more scrambles type events. Focussed on fun progression rather than pure competition
<b>76</b> (2427069)	try and reduce membership costs
<b>77</b> (2427211)	less bureaucracy
<b>78</b> (2427345)	while being a student the weather restrictions delay qualification. Alternatives should be considered
<b>79</b> (2427348)	Ensure BPA clubs become more user friendly
<b>80</b> (2427497)	market and advertise AFF training methods discuss with DZO 's ways of linking tandem programmes to AFF , maybe think about providing a (financial Support) training route for people who want to do AFF but cannot afford it , ie opportunity to qualify on the parking matt or tarin as DZ or safety support staff, Have a route in where you can earn your keep whilst you train and learn, /formalize this process , standrddize it across clubs. It needs to be new and reflect tandem operation support and control but at the same time help people gain knowledge and skills towards their AFF training. It can be done it need to replace the traditionl role of raps or SL training which clearly is mostly dead inthe water.
<b>81</b> (2428820)	Not sure
<b>82</b> (2429026)	Link up with other organisations such as USPA to allow discounted membership in order to jump abroad.
<b>83</b> (2430368)	membership for the summer months only
<b>84</b> (2430755)	think of all members - not just a selective few
<b>85</b> (2431919)	flexibility in membership
<b>86</b> (2432133)	DZ Owners have/need to be more friendly
<b>87</b> (2436150)	Sponsor events for newcomers.
<b>88</b> (2436714)	Relax some rules and let common sense prevail. Expensive student jumps do not end now until FS1. This puts people off.
<b>89</b> (2439087)	unsure
<b>90</b>	Have less centres but better

(2440698)	
<b>91</b> (2442248)	New logo, relaunch, try to shed the bad image that is often portrayed
<b>92</b> (2443882)	Too complex - believe finance (affordability) is a driving factor
<b>93</b> (2446730)	Cheaper membership/insurance
<b>94</b> (2449447)	Being a little bit cheaper
<b>95</b> (2449727)	allow members to spread payments for membership monthly direct debit, so once someone has paid in full then allow to make dd for the rest of the year to be able to make payment for the following year.
<b>96</b> (2450706)	cost is a factor but I think people leave the sport, not the BPA
<b>97</b> (2451280)	Wish I knew
<b>98</b> (2452799)	By continually striving for improvement and keeping the membership fee as low as practicable
<b>99</b> (2453730)	Ask the question where do members go? They can't jump in the UK without membership so they've either stopped skydiving or they find jumping overseas more enjoyable - aside from better weather the reason for jumping overseas is probably because places like Spain are less regulated.
<b>100</b> (2454012)	continue the marketing drive
<b>101</b> (2402094)	-
<b>102</b> (2454302)	work harder to convert tandems into skydivers
<b>103</b> (2454651)	More temp memberships maybe 2 per person so people can find their feet rather than put a whole year outlay
<b>104</b> (2456498)	Improve rules and clarify procedures around new jumpers and FS. Ensure a competent level of coaching so that the student gets value for money.
<b>105</b> (2456828)	Be more inclusive of newly qualified jumpers. Possibly introduce a buddy system where low jump number skydivers could be paired up with more experienced people.
<b>106</b> (2458998)	Better structured advertised sessions and briefings for A licence to progress.
<b>107</b> (2459350)	Good question
<b>108</b> (2461197)	The clubs are where the members are going to be retained, some dont really look after their students and upcoming jumpers, only the experienced jumpers, there needs to be more focus on progression with intermedeiate jumpers
<b>109</b> (2461875)	Good question!
<b>110</b> (2464743)	Convergence of rating systems-adopt USPA sytem
<b>111</b> (2465070)	More Structured Post A-Certificate Progression
<b>112</b> (2465168)	cheaper membership
<b>113</b> (2465709)	keep events coming and accessible
<b>114</b> (2468988)	?
<b>115</b>	train more

(2471239)	
<b>116</b> (2472740)	Allow members to vote on issues more, they would feel more included.
<b>117</b> (2474184)	Cheaper fee, More encouragement for A-license members
<b>118</b> (2476266)	be more in touch / joined up marketing strategy
<b>119</b> (2476494)	Visit drop zones and introduce yourselves
<b>120</b> (2479252)	i wasnt aware it was loosing members.
<b>121</b> (2480055)	don't know
<b>122</b> (2480438)	Get DZs to treat us better!
<b>123</b> (2480599)	Consider the gap between A cert and FS1. Horrible once have A cert to find you can't do much fun. Add more into A cert to help bridge gap?
<b>124</b> (2480677)	contact lapsed members
<b>125</b> (2482958)	Realistically, not sure the BPA can do more. It's an expensive sport that needs to regulate novice jumpers. BPA can't impose / restrict prices and can't relax regulation.
<b>126</b> (2483084)	This is always a tricky one as I am part of a university club and trying to keep memebbers going with costs etc is hard. I suppose it's down to the individual and how much fun they have in the sport. You already have many people who organise large trips away to other countries, great instructors and friends to meet so I'm stuck for ideas at the moment.
<b>127</b> (2484462)	not sure
<b>128</b> (2485417)	Cheaper Membership
<b>129</b> (2490698)	Look to the 'post student' stage of a jumpers career. I think this is when people leave/get disheartened.
<b>130</b> (2492181)	Make the membership cheaper?
<b>131</b> (2492314)	Look after students better and work more closely with university clubs.
<b>132</b> (2493137)	lower cost of membership
<b>133</b> (2495089)	More flexibility re membership so people don't face a huge 12 month bill/dive or have to not sky
<b>134</b> (2499145)	reduce reserve repacks to at least 9 months
<b>135</b> (2503455)	chillout would be a good start, members insurance to cover jumping in europe would be a big plus!!
<b>136</b> (2503832)	It's outside of their control & influence
<b>137</b> (2508933)	lower the price of the membership
<b>138</b> (2510822)	See above
<b>139</b> (2510839)	more events
<b>140</b> (2510840)	More efficient spending
<b>141</b>	Possibly allow monthly direct debit for membership

(2510857)	
<b>142</b> (2510869)	Not much i think it's more about promoting sport to potential new members
<b>143</b> (2510884)	'reverse' decision on FS1/non FS1 jumpers and allow the CCI to make an assessment if jumpers are safe to jump together. Post A licence there is little do do until you get FS1 etc..
<b>144</b> (2510949)	incorporate bits of fs1 into the a-licence so that once people are off student status they can immediately start jumping with others, like the USPA system. Cheaper subscriptions would aid those who jump infrequently (maybe a weekend insurance option?)
<b>145</b> (2510963)	More support/guidance for jumpers just of student status
<b>146</b> (2510998)	possible bpa rep at each drop zone iw volunteer etc
<b>147</b> (2511312)	Publicity and price.
<b>148</b> (2511621)	make promotional videos?
<b>149</b> (2513497)	we are only part of the BPA because we have to be in order to jump, therefore, this question simply will relate to how many people would like to continue skydiving.
<b>150</b> (2513521)	on line membership, email membership reminder 2 or 3 times monthly intervals
<b>151</b> (2514144)	work with DZO's more to help retain members
<b>152</b> (2514239)	Not knowledgeable about the BPA enough, sorry....
<b>153</b> (2514248)	Less restrictions & lower costs, more kit hire and free coaching!
<b>154</b> (2514313)	Separate membership for inactive jumpers?
<b>155</b> (2514573)	Have clearer guidelines for those immediately post-AFF for what they should be doing!
<b>156</b> (2398767)	Joint campaigns with DZ's to follow up on Tandems etc
<b>157</b> (2514659)	let CCIs make their own decisions
<b>158</b> (2514673)	Not a bpa issue really, more down to the dzo's
<b>159</b> (2514756)	Nothing
<b>160</b> (2515203)	Lower annual membership fee
<b>161</b> (2515292)	Reduce some of the restrictions on jumpers freedom. Its generally novice jumpers that seem to quit.
<b>162</b> (2463471)	Don't know
<b>163</b> (2515686)	don't know
<b>164</b> (2516526)	Does the BPA WANT to retain people that would rather do other things than jumping, maybe doing 20 jumps per year? The sky is probably safer without them
<b>165</b> (2517570)	Offer more freedom in skydiving :D
<b>166</b> (2519797)	Unknown
<b>167</b>	cheaper membership

(2520081)

## AGM

7. Did you attend the AGM in January?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		35.3%	79
2	No		64.7%	145
Statistics based on 224 respondent(s).				2 skipped.

8. How would you rate the AGM overall, out of 10?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1		6%	7
2	2		0%	0
3	3		1.7%	2
4	4		0.9%	1
5	5		8.6%	10
6	6		12.1%	14
7	7		19.8%	23
8	8		22.4%	26
9	9		19.8%	23
10	10		8.6%	10
Statistics based on 116 respondent(s).				110 skipped.

9. How happy were you with the Seminar sessions, out of 10?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1		0%	0
2	2		0%	0
3	3		1.5%	2
4	4		0%	0
5	5		4.5%	6
6	6		3%	4
7	7		6%	8
8	8		11.2%	15
9	9		12.7%	17

10	10		12.7%	17
11	Did not attend any		48.5%	65
Statistics based on 134 respondent(s).				92 skipped.

10. Would you prefer a change of location each year?			Response Percent	Response Total
	Yes		72.3%	120
	No		30.1%	50
Statistics based on 166 respondent(s).				60 skipped.

11. Would you prefer to have the formal evening dinner?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		23.7%	42
2	No		24.3%	43
3	Not bothered		52%	92
Statistics based on 177 respondent(s).				49 skipped.

12. What sort of entertainment would you like to see? :		(117 total)
1 (2402011)	live bands!	
2 (2402002)	The entertainment this year was good and entertaining. A proper DJ would be good also - not a kiddies DJ. There are plenty of decent ones members of the council know!	
3 (2402029)	disco	
4 (2402058)	quality fun	
5 (2401995)	I didn't attend this year but really enjoyed the formal dinner and entertainment at Blackpool.	
6 (2402099)	?	
7 (2402064)	more and cheaper beer	
8 (2402326)	I liked Hypnotist, a comedian would be great & then just free for all with i-pod and some good lights	
9 (2402323)	Guest speakers.	
10 (2402672)	cabaret	
11 (2402808)	Something interactive	
12 (2404208)	Never been so I wouldn't know	
13 (2404784)	More seminars	
14	After dinner speaker. Strippers ;-)	

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<b>15</b> (2405512)	lap dancers
<b>16</b> (2405843)	DJ
<b>17</b> (2405859)	I never stay over. The evening entertainment wouldn't change that for me.
<b>18</b> (2405910)	live music
<b>19</b> (2405900)	Live music
<b>20</b> (2406048)	skydiving and more skydiving
<b>21</b> (2407197)	Live music, for each DZ to produce a 'best of' video of their year and have them projected for background
<b>22</b> (2407282)	Music live
<b>23</b> (2407971)	bands and disco
<b>24</b> (2408244)	New Equipment profiles / New training initiatives / videos
<b>25</b> (2408459)	A normal disco and drinking session
<b>26</b> (2410220)	Disco/ band
<b>27</b> (2411292)	Anything simple
<b>28</b> (2411568)	Longer disco i.e until 0600hrs
<b>29</b> (2411693)	Band or good DJ - but not cheesy!
<b>30</b> (2415141)	Good live band & DJs - simple but effective. BPAs got talent is a nice idea but there is apathy in general among members. Drag contest = bad idea.
<b>31</b> (2418039)	If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Optional formal meal, followed by music to dance to always seemed to be the best compromise
<b>32</b> (2418542)	band, casino
<b>33</b> (2419351)	Live bands.
<b>34</b> (2419590)	Live bands.
<b>35</b> (2422391)	Basic entertainment only, people are there to catch up with each other not see performers. Band/DJ is plenty. Film Fest is good as it's made by members
<b>36</b> (2422473)	More Hypnosism
<b>37</b> (2422546)	Not bothered
<b>38</b> (2422607)	better pro videos
<b>39</b> (2422616)	Not applicable to me - I just go to the talks and go home afterward.
<b>40</b> (2422667)	no plans to attend an agm












<b>41</b> (2422708)	Band, DJ that plays until the early hours
<b>42</b> (2422710)	band/disco
<b>43</b> (2422770)	Three legged midgets jumping through hoops of fire whilst performing a pitch-perfect rendition of Queen's "Don't stop me now"
<b>44</b> (2423061)	Dance music - no standup
<b>45</b> (2423067)	Enjoyed it all
<b>46</b> (2423071)	Comedian?
<b>47</b> (2423480)	Quiet areas for drinks and chats
<b>48</b> (2425045)	i didn't go but head that it was great
<b>49</b> (2426177)	disco and comedian
<b>50</b> (2426983)	A decent band,
<b>51</b> (2427211)	Strippers
<b>52</b> (2427348)	Live music is always good
<b>53</b> (2427497)	sky diving films from around the world - a cross cultural perspective
<b>54</b> (2429026)	I liked the entertainment this year, although as it was the first time I had attended, I have nothing to compare it to. The hypnotist guy was great - maybe some more of that or something else that requires silly audience participation! Maybe a comedian?
<b>55</b> (2430368)	band, disco
<b>56</b> (2430755)	floggingt and ritual beating of bpa officials
<b>57</b> (2431919)	not fussed a beer in the bar with old friends is better
<b>58</b> (2432133)	Bands
<b>59</b> (2436150)	DJ.
<b>60</b> (2436714)	Not bothered, I usually spend the evening socialising with people regardless of what's going on.
<b>61</b> (2439087)	pole dancers
<b>62</b> (2440698)	disc and or band
<b>63</b> (2442248)	A known DJ that would pull in the crowds
<b>64</b> (2443882)	not bothered
<b>65</b> (2446730)	comedians
<b>66</b> (2449727)	Disco/Band
<b>67</b>	Led Zepp concert

(2451280)	
<b>68</b> (2452519)	live band and DJ
<b>69</b> (2452799)	variety act
<b>70</b> (2454012)	any
<b>71</b> (2454302)	anything but a tacky hypnotist! Film competition was great
<b>72</b> (2456755)	Entertainment was okay this year but needs to go on longer. Also bar prices as always need to be kept low since most people have spent all their money on skydiving!
<b>73</b> (2459350)	Live music and Disco
<b>74</b> (2459527)	bands please - not the comedien from the Blackpool AGM zzzzz
<b>75</b> (2461197)	themed fancy dress
<b>76</b> (2461875)	N/K
<b>77</b> (2464743)	More bands, potential stand up comedy
<b>78</b> (2465070)	More of the same, singers, acts etc
<b>79</b> (2465709)	Live band/Disco
<b>80</b> (2467819)	talent show, band
<b>81</b> (2468988)	?
<b>82</b> (2471239)	comic
<b>83</b> (2472282)	This years was very good. :)
<b>84</b> (2472740)	Something provided from each DZ - light humour
<b>85</b> (2476266)	None
<b>86</b> (2476494)	N/A
<b>87</b> (2479252)	live band
<b>88</b> (2480438)	comedy, disco
<b>89</b> (2480677)	Hypnotist was very good, but let the party go on longer! We don't even need a DJ or singer, an iPod on random will do just let us keep dancing!
<b>90</b> (2482958)	Not too bothered, I normally have a beer and catch up with people.
<b>91</b> (2483084)	Not sure as I was unable to attend this year.
<b>92</b> (2492314)	Same as this year.
<b>93</b> (2493137)	WELL KNOWN bands

<b>94</b> (2495089)	Live band
<b>95</b> (2503832)	Meeting others over a meal & drinks is sufficient
<b>96</b> (2508933)	I don't attend the AGM so I don't care.
<b>97</b> (2510822)	Live music
<b>98</b> (2510839)	?
<b>99</b> (2510998)	new and old tech demos
<b>100</b> (2511312)	Disco
<b>101</b> (2511447)	Live band, 80s disco!
<b>102</b> (2513497)	live music
<b>103</b> (2513521)	Free Disco after the Dinner as per previous format
<b>104</b> (2513945)	Comedy, music etc
<b>105</b> (2514239)	Don't mind
<b>106</b> (2514248)	music / comedy
<b>107</b> (2514313)	None.
<b>108</b> (2398767)	Bands, live acts, hypnotist was great this year
<b>109</b> (2514673)	Not bothered
<b>110</b> (2514756)	Similar to this years
<b>111</b> (2514959)	Little bit of everything. Hypnotist and DJ till late were good.
<b>112</b> (2515292)	i dnt stay for the evening so not bothered
<b>113</b> (2515224)	Live band then disco.
<b>114</b> (2463471)	Comedian
<b>115</b> (2516526)	This year was brilliant, really enjoyed the hypnotist. Film festival is great too
<b>116</b> (2517570)	I am interested only in airborne sports, so paragliding acrobatics
<b>117</b> (2519797)	Bands & magicians

## Competitions

13. In the last 2 years have you attended any of the following BPA Coaching Roadshows? Select all that are relevant		Response Percent	Response Total
FS		59.1%	26
FF		25%	11
CF		34.1%	15
Statistics based on 44 respondent(s)			<b>182</b> skipped.

14. What are your reasons for NOT attending a Roadshow? Select all that are relevant		Response Percent	Response Total
I wanted to attend but could not		46.5%	87
It is too low level for me		8%	15
I already have a coach		8%	15
Coaches are not good enough		0.5%	1
Not bothered		13.4%	25
Other:		38.5%	72

**Text Answers for (Other:)**

<b>1</b> (2401962)	I am not yet at the stage of those roadshows being relevant to me.
<b>2</b> (2402034)	I am an FS coach and am not really interested in CF and despite having FF1 do not have time to do any more FF
<b>3</b> (2401995)	I jump for fun and I'm at an age that I'm not overly concerned about becoming a sky-god.
<b>4</b> (2402326)	I didn't have my own kit and it was too difficult to find suitable kit to borrow for whole weekend
<b>5</b> (2403953)	I haven't really heard much about them, but as for the ones I have heard about they are too far south for me to travel with trains being so expensive
<b>6</b> (2404893)	busy not local
<b>7</b> (2405512)	Family reasons
<b>8</b> (2405843)	Some roadshows are too busy - you don't get many jumps in.
<b>9</b> (2405859)	I am lucky to have very good coaches at my DZ every few weeks so I have no need to travel. I also work in the sport so again have limited opportunity to travel to other DZs.
<b>10</b> (2405910)	not enough of the above
<b>11</b> (2406341)	Money and transport
<b>12</b> (2407197)	Couldn't prioritise the time to it
<b>13</b> (2407413)	funds and not been invited

<b>14</b> (2408789)	I am a full time coach/instructor so generally to busy to participate
<b>15</b> (2411292)	I work at a DZ so have 'attended' those at that dz but not at other centres
<b>16</b> (2411568)	No time
<b>17</b> (2411693)	Its on my To Do list, but haven't had much budget for jumping the last couple of years.
<b>18</b> (2413176)	Too early for me, maybe in coming years
<b>19</b> (2418531)	location, lack of awareness
<b>20</b> (2418542)	time and locations not convenient
<b>21</b> (2420164)	Jumping at RAPA in germany, excellent support and education here
<b>22</b> (2422391)	Haven't felt the need, can already get all the coaching I need at the dropzones I go to via their regular events
<b>23</b> (2422496)	Location and cost
<b>24</b> (2422546)	Live in Germany
<b>25</b> (2422559)	Availability
<b>26</b> (2422589)	
<b>27</b> (2422708)	Not thought about starting FF or CF yet
<b>28</b> (2422710)	
<b>29</b> (2422770)	I was not permitted to join a CF roadshow as I had two jumps fewer than the minimum criteria... to my knowledge, there hasn't been another local one since... :(
<b>30</b> (2422780)	Others were too far to travel when a coaching jump at the roadshows are only about £10 cheaper than normal.
<b>31</b> (2422809)	Not available, away on work
<b>32</b> (2422826)	I live in Cyprus
<b>33</b> (2422925)	did not know that i am target group/welcome to come untill a coach invited me personally
<b>34</b> (2423071)	I wasn't aware of any while I was doing my FS1. Was lucky enough to do it at Nethers where the standard of coaches is high anyway. Interested in a CF roadshow but PH36 are based at nethers anyway.
<b>35</b> (2423272)	they never have them at my small dz but that is my dzs problem for not asking them I guess.
<b>36</b> (2423480)	Prioritising against other demands (e.g. Instructing); weather
<b>37</b> (2424478)	
<b>38</b> (2424500)	

<b>39</b> (2425880)	Too new to the sport but will in future
<b>40</b> (2427211)	Lack of folk to travel to other DZ with.
<b>41</b> (2427345)	new to sport
<b>42</b> (2427348)	Distance of location
<b>43</b> (2429026)	Have never got round to going or when there has been one at my dropzone, I have been busy that weekend.
<b>44</b> (2430755)	
<b>45</b> (2436714)	There are now wingsuit roadshows, or canopy piloting roadshows.
<b>46</b> (2437071)	didn't know about them and only been in the sport a year
<b>47</b> (2439087)	still training for A license
<b>48</b> (2449447)	I've only jumped since September 2010
<b>49</b> (2453730)	Wasn't aware however I would prefer a coach I know from a DZ I regularly attend
<b>50</b> (2454012)	out of country
<b>51</b> (2454651)	Unknown not been in skydiving very long
<b>52</b> (2459350)	Jump in Scotland
<b>53</b> (2459527)	work commitments
<b>54</b> (2461197)	it seems that most of the coaching roadshows are poorly structured and not much is achieved.
<b>55</b> (2461875)	Non at local DZ (Nethers)
<b>56</b> (2472282)	Did not know about them / only been in the sport 6 months.
<b>57</b> (2474184)	Didn't know about it in enough time
<b>58</b> (2476494)	What's a roadshow? I do all my training at my DZ
<b>59</b> (2479252)	i am still an AFF student but hope to attend a FS roadshow at Chatteris this year
<b>60</b> (2480677)	Never at a dropzone near me
<b>61</b> (2482958)	I am a coach, but i could do with attending a CF roadshow.
<b>62</b> (2510884)	It's difficult for me to get to a DZ (I live off shore) so time spent travelling to a DZ further away from my home DZ is time spent not jumping.
<b>63</b> (2510963)	I like the idea but was still on consols when the last one came around

<b>64</b> (2511312)	None held at local club (Headcorn)
<b>65</b> (2511621)	im still doing console jumps...ask me next year!
<b>66</b> (2513521)	run own DZ and so to some extent limited to those at my own
<b>67</b> (2514239)	Too new in the sport.
<b>68</b> (2514313)	Only just qualified.
<b>69</b> (2515203)	Inconvenient place/ time
<b>70</b> (2515224)	Location
<b>71</b> (2463471)	Was not aware of them
<b>72</b> (2520081)	Im still doing my AFF

Statistics based on **187** respondent(s) **39** skipped.

<b>15. If a discipline has few attendants at a national competition do you think the BPA should:</b>		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Total</b>
1	Only host the event when a DZ is willing to cover the costs (judges, judging equipment and medals)	20.4%	43
2	Support the event by offering to cover part of the costs	51.2%	108
3	Fully fund event costs	8.5%	18
4	Other:	19.9%	42

**Text Answers for (Other):**

<b>1</b> (2402002)	Must still be supported, otherwise some disciplines will die out as DZO's will not want to host. In example of skysurfing, 3 years of bad attendance (i.e. 1 team!), then it gets dropped.
<b>2</b> (2402034)	no opinion
<b>3</b> (2402058)	look to combine with other nations / areas to reduce cost of hosting to keep at no cost
<b>4</b> (2402433)	i dont under stand the question.
<b>5</b> (2402808)	Fully fund it but working on a 2 year plan... If in those 2 years, the discipline has few attendants on both occasions then bin it.
<b>6</b> (2404109)	Support the event for a limited period (partial costs) but if the uptake is so small it is not in the interest of the membership to have an expensive national championship for it.
<b>7</b> (2405859)	If you are referring to the classics, which don't sit well running alongside other disciplines, I do not understand how they can be so expensive and perhaps the BPA needs to look at the judging level required. I do not think funding should be fully covered because if something is dying then you reach a point that you have to let it go




	Depends how much judging etc costs. Perhaps if the BPA was paying for judging there would be an incentive not to send so many!
<b>8</b> (2408789)	host the low attendance disciplines alongside the higher attended disciplines to help the dz to spread the costs
<b>9</b> (2410914)	If events are under attended it is due to a lack of general interest within the sport. By funding additionally you are spending money of te masses on something that due to it's unpopularity does not interest them. I would propose removing them altogether.
<b>10</b> (2418531)	make sure its well advertised and market by sales team if necessary, and have a central booking system to ensure quantities
<b>11</b> (2420164)	try to put it into one event together with other competition to reduce costs overall
<b>12</b> (2422391)	The bill should ultimately be passed on to competitors whether the discipline is popular or unpopular. If this doesn't work via a small registration fee as per 4way Nationals because the numbers are too small, then the event is not viable and should be allowed to die out, unless competitors will accept a high fee.
<b>13</b> (2422457)	Cancel the competition. Then spend the money saved on promoting the discipline and getting more people into it, so that the next time, there will be more people for the competition.
<b>14</b> (2422496)	Funding to allow those at lower skill level to compete (even if at regional style events) if not the gap between grass roots and elite is so great people do not attempt to compete. I feel that we would be better having a thriving local/national competition series rather than a few people at world class level.
<b>15</b> (2422546)	To much of the BPA's money (my money) goes to events with poor attendance
<b>16</b> (2422770)	Let the competitors pay. Its their competition... if they care about it, they will...
<b>17</b> (2422839)	Why waste money on events no one attends
<b>18</b> (2423061)	Competitors should fund
<b>19</b> (2423071)	Tricky question but we can't let disciplines such as accuracy die.
<b>20</b> (2423480)	Partially support the event on a less frequent basis (e.g. Every three years).
<b>21</b> (2424478)	
<b>22</b> (2425045)	its nice to see them keep going. so maybe on a percentage basis, help a little
<b>23</b> (2436714)	Try to encourage more people into the discipline (maybe get help from the few attendants that do it).
<b>24</b> (2442248)	Depends on the discipline, if it is a discipline that is fading away, such as style and accuracy then only if the DZ is willing to cover costs, but if it is a newer growing discipline like CP or VFS/VRW then support from the BPA would be a good idea
<b>25</b> (2443882)	Evolution must be allowed - if a discipline is not supported, then it should be allowed to wither away
<b>26</b> (2443916)	BPA should also encourage the discipline. If numbers remain low then they should not carry on have the comp.
<b>27</b> (2454651)	Unknown not been in skydiving very long
<b>28</b> (2461197)	if its an up and coming discipline like VFS where the entry level is high or six way FS then i would agree it should be funded where as if its a histicocally poorly attended dying dicipline it should be dropped, skysurf for example i agree should have been dropped.







<b>29</b> (2476266)	Let competitors cover costs through entry fees
<b>30</b> (2476494)	Drop the discipline
<b>31</b> (2482958)	Difficult to say, but if there are not many attendees, then the funding should be proportionate. If it's a waning discipline, then funding should go to more popular events.
<b>32</b> (2490698)	Depends on attendants as a proportion of the jumping population. Needs to be fair.
<b>33</b> (2499145)	Scrap it.
<b>34</b> (2503832)	Participants should contribute something towards the costs, unless they already do. The BPA should fund the rest
<b>35</b> (2506238)	if it's a world discipline (acc) then cover the costs
<b>36</b> (2508933)	The event is obviously in decline, so the support for it should be withdrawn.
<b>37</b> (2510884)	Entry fee to cover medals & a proportion of the judging expenses but judging equipment funded by BPA
<b>38</b> (2513521)	BPA should cover judges, equipment & medals but not jumps
<b>39</b> (2514239)	Don't know
<b>40</b> (2514673)	Depends on the discipline. If it's dying out ie skysurfing then bin it, if it's up and coming ie VFS then fully support it
<b>41</b> (2516370)	Revise viability.
<b>42</b> (2516526)	If it is an "emerging" sport then support it, if it is "dying" (such as freestyle/speed/skysurfing/accuracy - those sort of genres) then only do it if a DZ will sponsor
Statistics based on <b>211</b> respondent(s). <b>15</b> skipped.	

16. For well attended competitions do you think the BPA should:		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Continue to expect DZ's to cover all costs (judges, judging equipment and medals)	33%	71
2	Cover part of the event costs	43.7%	94
3	Cover all of the event costs	13%	28
4	Other:	10.2%	22
<b><u>Text Answers for (Other):</u></b>			
<b>1</b> (2402034)	no opinion		
<b>2</b> (2402058)	as above		
<b>3</b> (2402090)	either through sponsorship or entry fee's		

<b>4</b> (2405859)	As with Q15 I can't really answer this without an idea of how much money is involved.
<b>5</b> (2408789)	The dz should not make money from the competitor's directly through entrance fee, only up sell catering etc to keep the money coming in, The BPA and the DZ should work hard to get PR for the national championships, not just from local papers but for the whole country to see our impressive sport
<b>6</b> (2410914)	If they are well attended then the DZ is likely to make money on it anyway.
<b>7</b> (2418531)	a fair process needs to be sought but why should a non disciplined member fund a discipline that they are unable to participate in
<b>8</b> (2422770)	Let the competitors pay. Its their competition... if they care about it, they will...
<b>9</b> (2423061)	Competitors should fund
<b>10</b> (2424478)	
<b>11</b> (2425045)	The DZ is going to be making money out of the event also. But for the nationals as an example for sure the BPA in my opinion should cover some of the costs.
<b>12</b> (2430755)	
<b>13</b> (2443882)	I assume they recover the overheads through ticket costs/food sales etc
<b>14</b> (2476266)	Let competitors cover costs through entry fees
<b>15</b> (2476494)	Should be paid for by those taking part
<b>16</b> (2490698)	Depends on attendants as a proportion of the jumping population. Needs to be fair.
<b>17</b> (2503832)	See above
<b>18</b> (2510884)	entry fee to cover everything.
<b>19</b> (2513521)	BPA should cover judges, equipment & medals but not jumps
<b>20</b> (2514239)	Don't know
<b>21</b> (2514673)	A dz will make enough money on an event to cover the costs
<b>22</b> (2516526)	Obviously I personally don't want to pay more for membership but do DZs really make enough money for these events to cover them?
Statistics based on <b>215</b> respondent(s). <b>11</b> skipped.	

17. Do you think that DZ's should cover some of the costs of the UKSL / Grand Prix (judges, judging equipment and medals)?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		50.2%	108
2	No		24.2%	52
3	Not bothered		25.6%	55
Statistics based on <b>215</b> respondent(s). <b>11</b> skipped.				

18. Were you aware that the BPA has previously given some funding and invitations to the World Cup to non-senior national winners?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		33.5%	72
2	No		66.5%	143
Statistics based on <b>215</b> respondent(s).				<b>11</b> skipped.

19. If so would you be encouraged to compete?			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		52.5%	104
2	No		47.5%	94
Statistics based on <b>198</b> respondent(s).				<b>28</b> skipped.

20.	
Please specify anything else you would like to see the BPA competitions committee undertake <span style="float: right;">(43 total)</span>	
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<b>1</b> (2402002)	In answer to Q19. Sponsorship costs for training are v high. BPA could never afford, so anything they do give is a drop in the ocean. As for Q20, I would like to see them make a bid for World Cup.
<b>2</b> (2402058)	keep communicating and do it quicker..
<b>3</b> (2402064)	Listen to and involve the membership in your decisions. Have small "focus groups" of experienced competitors to consult. Remember you do not always know best!
<b>4</b> (2405512)	Cut costs wherever possible. Membership costs too much.
<b>5</b> (2405859)	Issue the minutes more promptly. They always seem to appear on the BPA website a long time after all the other committees/Council/STC.  Is the BPA able to support National teams in finding sponsorship? Either individual teams, or say an airline 'supports' the whole British Squad fly to a World Meet etc?
<b>6</b> (2405910)	spend some money on the not so well supported events
<b>7</b> (2408459)	Try to make competitions rotate through more than just the same few DZs. Which would give more people a chance to check things out. I.e. Hibaldstow is quite isolated in comparison to other places and DZs would have an incentive to maybe improve facilities like cities do when the world cup or olympics were coming. Obviously you cant force DZs to comply but maybe there are some incentives that could be offered.
<b>8</b> (2408789)	PR for the CP and CF nationals as it is a very visual part of the sport, get us on the TV and in papers for the positive side of our sport! not just tandem days...
<b>9</b> (2411292)	Encourage as many rookie teams with more coaching from the supported AAA teams
<b>10</b> (2411568)	Not taking so much of the money, when 80% of the membership do not compete.
<b>11</b> (2415141)	Broader qualification for the 4-way world cup event. Scrapping of the female qualification. Less self congratulation for top teams and a stronger devlopment plan for emerging talent and teams - look at the AA categories, lower AAA teams and support those teams as well as inflating those teams with limitless financial resource.

<b>12</b> (2418531)	more marketing and differing discipline scrambles to aid newbies into the sport.
<b>13</b> (2418542)	make the lower leagues more competative - too many "rookie" or "A" teams are investing far too much time and money just to win. They should be forced into "AA" to stop them stopping genuine new teams from competing as "there's no point, we'll never get near the podium"
<b>14</b> (2422546)	Nothing
<b>15</b> (2422770)	N/A
<b>16</b> (2422780)	Events aimed specifically at helping people understand rules of competitions. Like the coaching roadshows but focusing on helping teams prepare particularly in FF
<b>17</b> (2423061)	Prune all expenditure
<b>18</b> (2423094)	invest in the newer teams
<b>19</b> (2423272)	list the rules better on the bpa web site I am intrested in swooping but there is no information on what level I need to be i.e cp1 cp2 inorder to compete in the event at rapa this year
<b>20</b> (2423480)	Less focus on competitions and more focus on skills development
<b>21</b> (2424999)	I don't jump much,
<b>22</b> (2427211)	CP Roadshows
<b>23</b> (2427345)	consider tunnel time as counting towards some qualifications
<b>24</b> (2427348)	Do not feel experienced enough so do not go or enter, so can not comment
<b>25</b> (2427497)	long term planning which establishes investment income for the future fully dedicated to help fund competitors training costs. We have 5000 plus full members who will all make a will , can we promote legacies , which corporate bodies private or governmental might help kick start such a fund in a wider partnership
<b>26</b> (2430755)	Stop throwing money at the select few - consider the masses - hell its an association - not a sponser drive for a few teams
<b>27</b> (2436714)	Nicer medals!
<b>28</b> (2440698)	Have a better line of com's to allow all potential competitors to know when and how and what if any funding is available. If there could be block bookings on flights, accom, etc to gain a better discount.
<b>29</b> (2451280)	All disciplines should be treated the same regardless of numbers attending.
<b>30</b> (2456828)	Competitions where newly qualified FS jumpers get put with an experienced FS jumper kind of like scrambles but more inclusive.
<b>31</b> (2464743)	More promotion for accuracy events
<b>32</b> (2476266)	Spend less of my money
<b>33</b> (2476494)	Members should not be subsidising those wishing to take part in competitions. Find sponsors.
<b>34</b> (2479252)	has anyone ever thought of producing a TV programme to showcase events and competitions. The Redbull Air race gets airtime would our sport not hold a similar audience??
<b>35</b>	Online renewal

(2482958)	
<b>36</b> (2492314)	Rookie category should be more controlled to allow low experienced people to have more chance of winning.
<b>37</b> (2510840)	Make the membership the bare minimum needed to jump in the uk. Then raise funds for subsidised and funded events by other means
<b>38</b> (2510869)	Support better the top team so they can stay longer at top level without being bankrupt
<b>39</b> (2511447)	Promote the competitions in national media.
<b>40</b> (2513521)	actively encourage DZs to host competitions and have BPA Council presence at them
<b>41</b> (2514659)	Remove the deadwood and get some young blood into the BPA that will allow the sport to progress.
<b>42</b> (2514673)	More commercial interest/funding for events
<b>43</b> (2516526)	I really like the current structure of several classes (aaa,aa,a,rookie) + several events (UKSL) - it is good that there is room to compete for people that are not very good, and there is always something going out at a dz close by.

## Your say

<b>21. This is now your opportunity to comment or make suggestions</b>		<b>(74 total)</b>
<b>(within reason please) :</b>		
<b>1</b> (2402034)	I am sorry if this all seems a bit negative but despite being a BPA member since 1975 I see the BPA only as a regulating body and source of 3rd party insurance. I have never been to an AGM, never competed and no plans to compete but have been on world records, Brit 100, POPs and SOS records, the BPA seems irrelevant other than as a source of regulations	
<b>2</b> (2402090)	try to remember not all parachutists jump to compete some jump for pleasure	
<b>3</b> (2402064)	The BPA must involve the membership more. Stream meeting on the internet and invite members to attend them so they understand what goes on is essential. All disciplines should be encouraged and supported and if a discipline is struggling the BPA should be doing something about it. BPA Discipline Reps should be pro-active and speaking to their membership. In my discipline the Rep has not to my knowledge spoken to anyone in my team, the teams we coach or anyone else involved for a very long time. Emails (via the office) do not get answered, availability of funding is not circulated, suggestions for minor rule changes to increase participation are ridiculed and nothing seems to be done to encourage new participants or support current national teams. This is not good enough!	
<b>4</b> (2402433)	Please find a way to reduce costs. Also, re-write the ops manual to make it crystal clear on all points. also, re-do the web site, its terrible, and make it possible to renew online.	
<b>5</b> (2404066)	I have few dealings with BPA office but those I've had have always been dealt with well. Only the cost of membership remains a problem (but I accept the reasons).	
<b>6</b> (2405859)	This is a much better written survey than last year.  How about a (small) section in the Mag which points people at recent Ops Manual changes, with a stock sentence about if you want to change something, suggest something through your CCI, etc.  Like the idea of the BPA safety posters very much but I think they are hideous. Terrible colours and don't find the layout always very clear. They'll probably be around a while, but at next issue can we have a style change?	

	BPA should continue to monitor the Tandem-to-AFF conversion system to see if that seems to improve recruitment. Might also be worth seeing if the major agencies can put it in their sales literature?
<b>7</b> (2405910)	sent an e-mail to steve saunders on this subject with no reply.. Money saved on not having to ballot members should be re-invested.. ie less well supported events..
<b>8</b> (2406048)	blue skies
<b>9</b> (2407413)	keep up the good work,im experienced enough to look after myself in the sport but a nothing compared to many sport skydivers ,i have 360+ jumps but wouldn't treat myself as competition ready.
<b>10</b> (2408221)	carry on troops!!
<b>11</b> (2408244)	Safety days & development of skydivers knowledge as they progress I think is vital to developing the sport and continuing to improve our image,skills and safety
<b>12</b> (2408459)	I think most problems within the sport are related to the DZs themselves and not necessarily the BPA. I think the category system of FS1, WS1, etc keeps away more people than what people would have you believe. But we all know its been ingrained in the culture and even speaking against it blasphemy. Nothing sadder than seeing a person with 30 jumps having to jump alone because there is no coach to jump with as they are all doing tandems and videos. And having to pay for three peoples slots for the three point three way and then pay for the four point four way is robbery. Tweak the system or get rid of it. And try not to use safety as crutch.
<b>13</b> (2410914)	Encourage mandatory seperation areas for swoopers at UK DZs. Swooping is not a crime but it is if you are cutting others off on landing and endangering those that have decided not to swoop
<b>14</b> (2411292)	I think many members underestimate the work the BPA does. More use of Mag to show what the BPA has done for them may help
<b>15</b> (2415562)	I attended the AGM, but really wanted to attend the sessions, however I am deaf and cannot access all the information, especially the safety session which looked really interesting. There were 5 deaf people at the AGM, wouldn't it be a good idea to provide an interpreter for the sessions if there's enough interest? If not, is there any other way to allow access, such as subtitles/text based sheets?
<b>16</b> (2418531)	just make it a less daunting experience for newbiee, market comps and scambles more, and enhance the fun jumpers experience as mostly tandems are preferred at dz's
<b>17</b> (2418542)	We need to keep costs to a mimimum to retain membership - if that means cutting back on BPA support for events then so be it - the BPA should focus on being a governing body rather than trying to be all things to all men
<b>18</b> (2419351)	Although there is a sticker for Individual Style, there isn't one for Accuracy - this should be implemented. The BPA has missed a trick by disallowing round canopy training for students. There are a number of UK citizens who would like to jump rounds, but who have no interest in becoming qualified square canopy skydivers - ask Ian Marshall! Being able to jump rounds would enable DZs to harness another potential revenue stream as well as cater for round canopy enthusiasts. Also, as BPA members, they would broaden the membership pool and add to the coffers with membership fees.
<b>19</b> (2419590)	Institute an Accuracy sticker - one already exists for Individual Style. Allow DZs to train on rounds - this will enable round canopy parachutists to jump in the UK without having to become square canopy skydivers. Permitting this would broaden BPA membership and allow DZs to harness this additional revenue stream. British round enthusiasts should not have to travel to Holland and elsewhere in order to jump. As Ian Marshall can tell you, there are many Brits who would like to jump rounds in the UK.
<b>20</b> (2422391)	Unless a BPA number page is about to follow, how do you know that this survey has been completed by BPA members?
<b>21</b> (2422546)	No comments
<b>22</b> (2422589)	more support for static line drop zones and students before they dissappear altogether
<b>23</b>	I think the BPA staff do a fantastic job - it is only in the last 12 months I have really done

(2422616)	anything more than turn up at a dropzone and jump, and so never used to appreciate how much the BPA staff, council members etc. do. Thanks!
<b>24</b> (2422770)	<p>Ok, I think this survey is a little too open ended. I actually think the BPA do a pretty good job with most things, its just a few minor tweaks are needed to make everything spot on, although you can never please everyone.</p> <p>However, this survey is just too damn loose. It has no real direction. Sure, you get some AGM feedback, an answer as to what people think about Peterlee hosting the classics, and what people think about the "more popular" national competitions, but this is just silly. I could write anything (as I did under entertainment) and you'll never get two, let alone 100 results that say the same thing.</p> <p>That said, I'm sure this is a response to last year's survey being too long, so I guess its (sort of) a step in the right direction ;)</p>
<b>25</b> (2422809)	The BPA is a well respected, trusted and professional organization. We are lucky to have such a body safeguarding our interests. Thanks.
<b>26</b> (2422925)	don t have much contact except paying membership and getting a mail/reading uks messages from time to time
<b>27</b> (2423061)	Broadcast all meetings live - as you did with comms committee last year
<b>28</b> (2423272)	the office staff seam great and helpful but the council members need to get out more so people get to know them and therefore know who they are voting for and what they intend to do for us members maybe this could lead to more members voting in the elections in future because some members just dont know who or why to vote for so just dont vote
<b>29</b> (2423480)	<p>Whilst competitions are a great way to benchmark skills progress and some people find them fun most people that want to compete will. I'm happy to support a portion of international competitions but the competitors are not doing it for me or you - they are doing it for themselves and as such should do more themselves - if they get support a fairly comprehensive payback in time for coaching and supporting the development of non-competition jumpers to help them grow and be safe would be great.</p> <p>Too much focus on competition.</p> <p>More support for safety and skills workshops/events et al - I.e. Things useful for everyone, not the few.</p>
<b>30</b> (2424999)	all very happy
<b>31</b> (2426177)	Can i say its great to have BPA questions but also I think we should have the opportunity to feed back about Drop Zones - what about a Gold Star Award for customer friendly DZ ? This would avoid negative feedback and promote positive behaviours that we know are absent at many venues
<b>32</b> (2427054)	<p>Push fun progression. People will gravitate naturally to competition from fun.</p> <p>Encourage more coaches to ensure that there is a quick bridge between solo jumper and FS1.</p>
<b>33</b> (2430755)	Please note the majority of members do not compete at world level. And why should 1% of the members (the elite few) get the majority of the funding / sponsorship. As for the bank balance in excess of £1 million. Please accept the fact that you will not self insure, so refund the members - or make stuff available to the masses - no wonder so many members refuse to renew each year - due to escalating costs to feather certain nests. From a member debating whether to renew membership - or quit the sport on a principal - just like soooooo many others do.
<b>34</b> (2436150)	Keep up the good work.
<b>35</b> (2436714)	Whilst I do understand and appreciate why many BPA rules are in place, I firmly believe that the 'clarification' made to the non-FS1 requirements last year were counter productive. I have my FS1 (which as I understand shows I have demonstrated the skills to be safe in the air with another licensed jumper) and have several extra hours of FS coaching at rookie and single A level, yet I am now deemed 'unsafe' to jump with a non-

	<p>FS1 skydiver.</p> <p>I (used to) enjoy jumping with newly qualified skydivers, and having been a newly qualified skydiver myself once I appreciated when somebody else would jump with me. Being in the air with somebody else regardless of whether they were a coach or not helped me practice, learn and progress. That opportunity has now been removed from newly qualified skydivers.</p> <p>For a newly qualified skydiver a jump ticket is not £20 anymore. It is quite often £50 for a coached jump since that is all they are allowed to do (apart from solos obviously which you learn very little from). This I believe puts people off/prices new skydivers out of the sport.</p> <p>This is excessive counter productive over regulation which does not even address safety in the area where most accidents occur, under canopy (which I also believe to be the most poorly regulated/enforced safety issue addressed by the BPA).</p> <p>I do not have a problem with the FS1 system. I do find issue with the fact that a non-FS1 jumper is now only allowed to jump with a coach, and practising with other skydivers is now banned. It seems almost like a catch 22 situation to me.</p>
<b>36</b> (2439087)	I'll tell you when I know more!
<b>37</b> (2440698)	We keep moving the AGM, while i know this is the ease traveling, how many jumpers are there up north as a percentage? Having the AGM around the midlands seems fair to me IT"S NOT CALLED THE MIDLANDS for nothing. Fined somewhere good not Coventry Hilton which was poor by the normal standards. Then get a contact with them for X amount of years so you know the cost in advance. That way people could plan ahead. BOLTON who wants to go there! what else in there.
<b>38</b> (2443916)	I think that the BPA should use their email lists for members to email out communications regarding safety updates etc.
<b>39</b> (2446730)	Good job on the insurance, look forward to martins years ahead
<b>40</b> (2449727)	Im not sure whether this is a BPA matter or individual DZ matter but I would love to be asked my views on individual DZ's. maybe the BPA needs to do a survey to find out what is important to people e.g. club facilities, aircraft used, height to altitude, experience level of current members. If we had this info the DZ would benefit as they would know what really matters to the club jumpers so may be better able to keep them in the sport and if the BPA had this info they would be better prepared to support and help the individual DZ's and I would feel like someone actually wants my opinion and is not just geared around tandems.
<b>41</b> (2451280)	Council and it's committees should be run as a committee , NOT for the glory of it's Chairmens
<b>42</b> (2452799)	Overall I am pleased with the BPA, there will always be difference of ideas but not different enough for me to commit to running for council.
<b>43</b> (2453730)	I'm probably not aware of the full extent of the BPA's activities - proably because I've not sort out the info. For me BPA membership is a tax that enables me to skydive.
<b>44</b> (2454012)	Good Job!
<b>45</b> (2456755)	Ask one of the top UK canopy pilots to update/rewrite the CH manual. A few of them run brilliant courses and if a small part of this course could be distilled in to the manual then the sport would be a lot safer.
<b>46</b> (2459527)	Ive completed the survey as best as I can, as I'm not a competitive jumper I found it difficult to express an opinion. I'm all for the fun side of the sport & I'm happy with the BPA from that point of view as they keep me informed regarding safety issues.
<b>47</b> (2461197)	on the whole the BPA does a great job, with the huge increase in use of wind tunnels i would advocate that the BPA should have a big presence in the tunnels for first time flyers to make an easy transistion to the skies. like wise the BPA should consider holding an annual tunnel comp for all disciplins during the winter months, FF, FS VFS it would be a great opportunity to come in from the cold for a weekend in winter and would be great for the BPA to be involved.



<b>48</b> (2461875)	Hold more Rigger courses not just 1 per year.  Approach other DZ's about holding instructor courses, Strath is just too far from down South UK.
<b>49</b> (2464743)	All going well!
<b>50</b> (2468988)	I think the mag takes up to much of my membership and should be a choice and reduced cost if not taken. Also I am not happy that so much of my membership is spent on jumps for team training. These thing should be elective and far more transparent to all members.
<b>51</b> (2470913)	Have better management for the drop zone in Cyprus. The weather is excellent and it should be taken advantage of.
<b>52</b> (2472740)	The BPA sometimes comes across as a closed commitee that you have to obey but can't comment on. DZ's with I know best instructors who don't allow discussion don't help this. If everyone made it feel more open then I'm sure more people would participate. When you are shot down in flames for asking about something, or just get told about a new rule you didn't even know was under discussion it makes you feel like your not welcome.
<b>53</b> (2474184)	-Online membership renewal. -More encouragement for Novices i.e. A-license holders - such as FS roadshow, packing evenings
<b>54</b> (2476266)	Please make the mag optional! I do not need an article showing me how to pack my main!!!!
<b>55</b> (2476494)	Why oh why do you not have an insurance captive (your own insurance company) !? After the first few years you would save thousands!
<b>56</b> (2479252)	hopefully my coming year as a qualified skydiver will give me more contact with the BPA (positively) and I will be better placed to make comments next year. All I'll say for now is keep up the good work you clearly do in keeping us all in the air and jumping.
<b>57</b> (2480677)	Scrap the requirement of full BPA membership as a student. We have lots of people at our university club undertake AFF lv1 or do some static line jumps but are discouraged from continuing due to the sudden cost of full BPA very early during their progression. For those on AFF, having only done 1 jump, many are unsure if they want to take it to completion and not sure if they want to purchase full BPA. For RAPS it is a horrible surprise before freefall: "congratulations you did your 3rd dummy pull...please pay us £120 for your troubles before we let you continue..."  Putting the requirement for full BPA at the end of the student stage will mean a lot more continue their training and are less likely to quit having gone to the effort of completing their training.
<b>58</b> (2482958)	Keep up the good work. Many people slag the BPA off without ever having met any of the individuals involved. This can be demoralising, so I thought I'd say thanks.
<b>59</b> (2485417)	Being relatively new to the sport I have found the BPA to be helpful and informative as well as providing a good level of cover. However, I have also had some involmnet with the USPA whilst living abroad and it is much cheaper to join the USPA at only \$40 for the year.
<b>60</b> (2492314)	Could spend a bit more money on the membership cards, bit cheap compared to other countries.
<b>61</b> (2499145)	The single biggest contribution to the safety of the sport would be to overhaul the way packing is taught. Currently the BPA seem to have no opinion on the matter.
<b>62</b> (2506238)	I'd like to thank the BPA and the individuals in it who fight to keep skydiving alive and well, in the media and against groups or companies hostile to our sport.
<b>63</b> (2508933)	I think the BPA paper edition of the magazine should be ended and only an online version should be supported, that way if people want it, it's there. Doing it this way would also provide statistics to the BPA on how many people actually read the thing and want it. The cost saving could be used to lower the annual membership and thus attract more people into the sport.
<b>64</b> (2510840)	Technically, I am not a valid subject for this survey, as I am a member who was not retained in 2011, after being a member for 3 years. This is due to starting University and the high cost of membership compared to how much I can jump in the year. If the BPA's membership gave its members the bare minimum needed to jump, it may have been more

	affordable for me to jump. However, I understand that this is not really an option, as to sacrifice all other things the BPA do.
<b>65</b> (2510884)	Issue beer fine rules to DZ's to ensure consistency.
<b>66</b> (2511312)	More publicity for the sport is needed. Overall not a bad job done. Little if any involvement at local club level (at least not at Headcorn).
<b>67</b> (2511621)	a nice quality poster in the skydive mag... or even as an item to buy!
<b>68</b> (2513521)	would like to see on line membership and Association funding of judges/eqpt/medal costs for National competitions. Would like to see candidate funding of reasonable examiner expenses on instructor courses
<b>69</b> (2514313)	As a new-comer to the sport, I am not entirely clear what the BPA does apart from regulation. An entry in the 'Beginner's' magazine or a clear description of where the membership funds go would help. Also, I rejoined the sport in December '10 and had to pay a full year membership (up to April '11). I understand this was for the insurance but this is not expected for other types of insurance. I recommend the possibility to join for 12 months regardless of the time of year (this may result in more people joining when they need to rather than putting off joining/rejoining til April.
<b>70</b> (2398767)	Increase media awareness of the sport
<b>71</b> (2515397)	If resources are available (without dramatically increasing membership fees), i really think aiding the BCPA could hugely increase the number of new skydivers, as well as help retain those recently qualified that find it difficult to fund continued participation in the sport.
<b>72</b> (2516526)	I think the BPA is well-run, thanks!
<b>73</b> (2517570)	Hi there, I am paragliding acrobatic pilot and I am frustrated with level of progression offered by my local DZ. I don't feel that I'm in the rush, it's just how it goes in my case. Kids at school are all different and learn with different speed. Teachers rather pick up those more capable and allow them to do more demanding tasks. Is it not how things work in skydiving? Or is better not to stick out?
<b>74</b> (2519557)	I think the BPA does a good job.