

Minutes of Meeting

Date(s): 22 Feb 2015	Start Time: 1030	End Time: 1530	Distribution date: 21 Mar 2015
Title of Meeting: Fifth Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2014/15			
Location: Lasham	Chair: Mark Holden		
Present: Mark Holden (MH) Russell Cheetham(RC) Paul Candler (PCa) Liz Sparrow (ES) Alan Langlands (AL) Brian Spreckley (BS) by Skype Pete Masson (PM) Graham Garnett (GG) Matt Cook (MC)	Distribution: Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)		
Apols: Paul Crabb (PCr) Andy Cockerell (AC) Rich Hood (RH)			

Legend		
Type	EVE	Event
	OBS	Observation
	DEC	Decision
	AI	Action Item

No	Type	Due By Date	DESCRIPTION	Resp.
Meeting and Comps Committee Admin				
1	OBS		MH opened meeting and thanked Lasham for hosting.	
2	OBS		Date of Next Meeting - Planning Awayday 28 Feb. Further meetings may be convened by teleconference/skype as required.	
3	AI		Approval of Minutes - Minutes of meeting 31 Jan were agreed; Mark to send to Exec to publish.	MH
4			Publishing minutes - Mark confirmed that Exec are now sending minutes to clubs, and that from now on once seen by the Exec he will pass the minutes to Keith to post on the Comps page. Hurrah!!!!	
5	OBS		Action Log Was reviewed and updated as attached.	
IGC Update				
6	OBS		FLARM Developments – IGC stealth mode will be implemented in firmware update on 15 March – full SA of all gliders within 2k & 800' with no ID and climb rate info with noise. Aim to implement this year and flag in foreword as agreed in last meeting. Tracking position currently not yet clear. Need to see it and check it's all ok before we confirm we are mandating it.	
7	AI	27 Feb	Russell to write a para for the Rulebook foreword	RC
Competition Rulebook				
8	AI	27 Feb	Rulebook Wording Waiting foreword from Mark as previous action – 27 Feb and then AL to issue to CC for quickest possible turnaround.	MH/AL
9	AI	22 Feb	Mark to send current draft to Exec now for approval at next Exec (at BGA conference); Exec already have the cloud flying document. Aim to publish mid-March following BGA conference.	MH

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10	OBS		Club Class – feedback this week from some Club Class pilots unhappy that we're not implementing new handicaps this year – CC confirmed that a rational process was being followed as agreed at last meeting viz consultation during summer for expected 2016 adoption.	
Competition Safety / Directors' Seminars				
11	OBS		Competition Safety Field landing accidents are around 1/3 of accidents and twice as many occur outside competitions. Alan & Hugh met and Alan has also spoken to Mike Fox; CC supports a joint initiative with safety & instructor committees on (not just comp) field landings. Noted that this has been tried before but it's an attitude/culture not a mechanistic issue which makes it more difficult than eg safe winch launch. Alan has asked Andy Davis to develop a 'think piece' on how he does it; other members of the Brit team to do same? Can we have something for the Directors' Seminar so they can use it at their comp briefings – a handout perhaps? Brian noted that the biggest contribution Directors can make is to set realistic tasks to minimise need for landout. CC noted that now we have no National Coach, there is no obvious figurehead for this initiative. Alan emphasised that we also need to consider how to use rule changes to enhance safety.	
12	AI	27 Feb	G would also be good – Liz will put him and Alan in touch.	ES
13	AI	??	Paul Ca to have a go at safety rules changes	PCa
14	AI	??	Mark to ask Pete S to organise a tripartite call, we will suggest the agenda and are happy to drive this – but it's an education issue.	MH
15	AI	5 Apr	Directors' seminars – Alan has circulated an updated programme. Airspace needs to be included – Mark mentioned the need to reinforce the BGA Ladder notification tool; particular emphasis on sensitive areas eg ILS and how best to deal with ATZ. Ask - what can we do to help clubs to run comps, promote their site etc.	AL
16	AI	5 Apr	Alan & Brian to talk separately on safety	AL/BS
17	AI	1 Mar	Revise survey presentation	ES
18	AI	asap	Invite Andy Davis to seminar	AL
British Team and budget				
19	OBS		Teams for 2015 - Entry deadline is end March; Graham will enter pilots next weekend. Rieti: Club class: G Dale; Ian MacArthur is still thinking; Standard class is Jay Rebbeck & Dave Bromley - Dave hasn't flown there before and his LS8 is Annex 2 being checked out at present; 15m Leigh Wells; Ed Johnson is thinking about it but hasn't flown there - Graham was asked to allow another pilot to fly but CC agreed the selection process could not be modified. Oczeni: Max is TC; 20m Steve plus 1 – funded from Wills Memorial Fund; Pete Harvey & Iain Evans Open; 18m Andy Davis & Russell Cheetham. Narromine CC Tom Arscott & Sam Roddie; Std Matt Davis & Mike Gatfield – first choice team. TC & coach is Andy Davis. Graham noted how much work Matt has done for this. Andy Perkins has arranged sponsorship with BA. Will Chappell is providing container and fitting out at no charge. Mark asked how do we recognise this? Graham is content that the sponsorship team are on it – may be corporate days. CC will support anything required.	

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20	DEC		Training for Rieti – comp starts on Mon 2 Aug official practice 29 th Jul. CC recommend that pilots attend team training prior to the official practice period – Brian noted that it should be immediately beforehand to experience same weather conditions. Brian suggested a local coach would be optimum and will try to arrange, expected to be within the funding available. If team can turn up before currently funded period, then we will fund extra days pro-rata. CC agreed to fund 2-seater and coach hire throughout.	
21	DEC		Budget – all the kit is now organised but we need (eventually) two new radios. Approaching £2K for a new radio – cf £500/year allowed for kit in the budget. GG recommends we buy 1 radio – CC agreed in principle to buy proprietary unit. Spot trackers – 1 of 6 needs a reboot – Graham asked do we continue to fund them? CC agreed yes and asked can we turn off subscriptions as required? FLARM may resolve this longer run.	
22	DEC		Team funding pilot allowance – currently £1200/pilot for worlds or £800/Euros and TC gets £1600. For now, CC support a change to move to a travel allowance – rather than pilot allowance – to be based on a central point eg BIC and reflecting different venue travel cost.	
23	AI	30 Mar	Graham to estimate actual travel costs for international venues	GG/RH
24	OBS		20m funding PWMF is sponsoring the 20m team and in return for this the PWMF weekend 9/10 May Event for Juniors has been created. Matt noted that for as long as we don't have enough funding for all, we need to do all that we can to help others eg 20m; this should be seen as a blueprint for wider sponsorship and for leveraging team members' efforts in return for their funding.	
25	AI	30 May	Matt will write it up for S&G	MC
26	AI	28 Feb	Revive 'team contract' for CC consideration how to implement	GG
UK Competitions				
27	AI	28 Feb	2016 Comp Calendar – Russell has circulated a draft. CC agreed to open up a window for comps rather than specify but ask for flexibility. We do want a comp on May bank holiday week and CC needs to be early; Std/20m & 18 can be either early or late. Bid form needs to go out before Easter – so need to come to a conclusion by end March	RC
28	DEC		Lasham pre-Euros: slot is fixed at the same time of year as the Euros. 15m & Open Nats will reserve 20 places for overseas pilots ie first 30 Brit places only are guaranteed. CC suggest that Lasham will run an 18m international invitation competition – regionals rated – alongside; if oversubscribed, 18m entry to be by IGC ranking. Price needs to be competitive with overseas comps to ensure a full entry – we think E200/£150 is probably good - aim should be to have at least 100 entry. Prime aim is to stress test the size of comp but also so far as possible the same organisation should be in place.	
29	AI	23 Feb	Advise Lasham comps meeting 22 Feb and then feedback to CC	GG
Lasham Europeans 2017				
30	OBS		Europeans - Pete H & Andy Davis are drafting the documents about the agreement for the Europeans to go to the IGC.	
5 Year Plan				
31	OBS		Meeting 28 th Feb at Lasham.	
Website				
32	OBS		There is now one Brit Team FB page and it will be linked to the website	

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Cambridge Airspace				
33	OBS		Mark updated us on the outcome of the teleconf. Increased amount of traffic in particular on ILS approach as well as ATZ infringement. Joint initiative across gliding committees on education – and joined up with other GA. Needs to be on the Directors' seminar agenda. Highly sensitive issue and it's vital that we don't give any ammunition to those who might use it as an excuse to ask for more airspace. A good approach with Cambridge would set a precedent for similar elsewhere.	
34	AI	??	Mark asked what we can do with the rules to minimise ATZ infringement. Matt asked whether perhaps a general LoA. CC reaffirm that people need to make a radio call if they are entering an ATZ.	all
Any Other Business				
35			It being the last formal CC meeting of the season, Mark thanked all for their work through the year, making particular note of the restructuring of the Rulebook by Alan.	

Attachments:

Draft comp timetable
 Draft Directors' Seminar agenda