

Minutes of Meeting

Date(s): 7 Jan 2017		Start Time: 1030		End Time: 1530		Distribution date: 12 Jan 2017	
Title of Meeting:		Fourth Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2016/17					
Location: Bicester				Chair: Liz Sparrow			
Present: Liz Sparrow (ES) Alan Langlands (AL) Andy Cockerell (AC) Paul Crabb (PC) Iain Baker (IB) Andrew Mugleston (AM) Justin Craig (JC) Brian Spreckley (BS) – IGC update only Graham Garnett (GG) – Team Update only				Distribution: Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)			
Apols: Russell Cheetham Rich Hood Jon Gatfield (JG)							

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	N/A	ES opened meeting and thanked Bicester for hosting. The minutes of previous meeting were approved noting an amendment requested by AL.	
2	OBS / DEC/ AI	4 Feb	<p>Rulebook Change Requests – AL circulated updated rulebook</p> <p><u>Wording relating to ATZs penetration in Airspace section</u> – Aim is to avoid making ATZs permanent penalty zones at all times whilst emphasising the need to establish contact with the controller. ES doesn't like proposed wording, but following debate others do</p> <p>Decision: Maintain proposed wording.</p> <p><u>Danger Areas</u> – Areas with * (no bylaw) currently not illegal to fly through, but CAA don't like this interpretation. ES in contact with airspace committee about it.</p> <p>Action: ES to monitor this with airspace committee.</p> <p><u>WWGC qualification criteria</u> – ES raised issue of whether “in class” is needed in the last bullet point of the selection criteria. Debated, and concluded that a separate bullet point should be added to the end of the list without an “in class” requirement.</p> <p>Action: AL to update rulebook wording.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>AL</p>

3	OBS/ AI	4 Feb	<p>Comps 2017 Minutes of Meeting</p> <p><u>Interclub League</u> – AM presented ICL update. Trying to get more interest in clubs not currently active (e.g. Southern league with Lasham/Booker). AM circulated rules to be used for 2017 final. Arranged a 1 hour slot in morning of conference for ICL. JC stated the need to get a champion/captain at each club. IB suggested to use the BGA website more and get John Bridge to put up ICL specific stuff on National ladder. AL noted progress has been slow, ES asked if the ICL needed more resource from within CC.</p> <p>Action: AM to contact John Bridge about ladder incorporation; arrange session with ES to plan workshop for Conference.</p> <p><u>European Gliding Championships 2017</u> – ES said next meeting soon, hiatus due to Christmas/WGC. Expecting sponsorship packs and publicity subcommittee soon, but nothing seen. IB asked that if the BGA are underwriting some of Lasham’s loss, what are the BGA doing to mitigate this. As BGA rep on Lasham organising committee has RS seen anything?</p> <p>Action: ES to speak to Pete Stratten about what oversight he would like with regards finances.</p> <p>IB reported FLARM is mandated and potentially a requirement to carry standalone FLARM trackers. Website has been updated and improved but as yet has nothing relating to external viewers or potential sponsors.</p> <p><u>Juniors 2016/2017</u> – Prior to the meeting AC circulated a summary of the financial fallout from 2016 Junior Nationals. AC consulted with Junior Competition Group (JCG), who unanimously voted to pay Norfolk Gliding Club (NGC) the previously agreed sum for entry fees, whilst NGC have invoiced the BGA for a larger sum to cover their losses. AC also proposed a third option where NGC receive additional funds which, whilst not covering their costs, would be the maximum NGC would have received from the BGA were more flying to have occurred during the competition. This “third option” was rejected by the JCG, but voted for unanimously by the CC (with AC abstaining from both votes).</p> <p>In the meeting, JC stated the need to help NGC in order to encourage future hosting. AL stated that the CC are acting inter-partes to an agreement that was poorly drafted and the parties have failed to come a conclusion and that a compromised deal should be drafted. AL also noted that NGC have yet to be consulted, so they may reject any compromised deal. A proposal should be sent to both parties, with a mandate that they go to formal arbitration if no agreement is made.</p> <p>Action: ES to draft a proposal to Pete Stratten and Pete Harvey and circulate to CC</p> <p>AC reported that progress with securing a 2017 venue was on hold until 2016 budget had been closed out, but that Nympsfield were still interested, but concerned about also running the comp at a loss. CC asked the JCG to propose a different model of funding which would reduce the financial risk to clubs and make it more attractive to host the Juniors, ES stated that Juniors steering group must consider the date of the competition outside the week leading up to August bank holiday. AC also reported that Lasham are planning to bid for 2018 competition.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>ES</p> <p>ES</p>
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4	OBS/ AI	N/A	<p>IGC Update – BS reported that there was no agenda for the Plenum meeting yet, noting that the people hosting it in Hungary wanted to pull out just before Christmas but this has now been resolved. Agenda now expected next week with proposals.</p> <p>Action: BS to provide summary of proposals once received for discussion at 4th Feb meeting.</p>	BS
5	OBS/ AI	4 Feb	<p>Award Update – JC reported that the award winners had been calculated and circulated to CC and the BGA. JC also thanked John Bridge for his work on the ladder and making it so easy to compile the list of award winners (attached).</p> <p>JC also raised the question of turbo use on the ladder, noting that 1st/2nd place on the ladder and weekend ladder tends to go to turbo/self-launching gliders (75-100% of awards). AL stated that people operate differently when flying a turbo. IB noted that there's a lot of debate on this and there is never a consensus. ES stated that there should be a consultation on turbos and trophies</p> <p>Action: JC to consult John Bridges on thoughts around awards.</p> <p>Action: JC to email a focus group of the top 3 turbo and non-turbo pilots on ladder from last few years.</p>	JC JC
6	OBS/ AI	N/A	<p>British Team – GG WGC2017 is under way. Facebook presence is disappointing. GG has emailed Max. GG has added Facebook presence/Facebook live added to agenda for meeting with all 2017 teams. GG is arranging a training weekend at Lasham for all 2017 team pilots. Also looking to invite other people (e.g. recent team members) to provide competition.</p> <p>GG also noted that the budget will only be closed out once container back from Australia.</p> <p>Action: GG to complete budget and present at 4th Feb. meeting.</p> <p>ES reported that JG has started talking to people/pulling ideas for development plan.</p> <p>Action: JG to provide full update at 4th Feb. meeting</p>	GG JG

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7	OBS/ AI	21 Jan	<p>Comp improvement – IB reported that an Excel document focusing on improvement circulated to all invitees for Directors’ seminar. It was also discussed within the sub group about using the format of Excel document as a template for directors’ report. IB needs to talk to Mel about competition platform/website format, IB will provide an update at the planning day at end of Feb.</p> <p><u>2016 Marketing Update</u> JC reported that it seems there is zero (or very little) external marketing to the non-gliding public whilst internal to gliding is very sporadic. JC also reported that Keith A doesn’t have any standard templates etc. for comp directors. There is a need to raise public awareness of gliding and promote competition gliding within gliding community. AL stated that people didn’t want to take a week off work for 2 days of average flying and that people fly Shenington because it isn’t just about the flying, it is a holiday involving flying. JC proposed providing comp organisers with details of who to contact within press/how to publish content. IB stated there is also need to add to the pack about what to post.</p> <p>Action: JC to post ideas with ES/IB/AL and discuss prior to directors’ seminar.</p>	JC
8	OBS/ AI	ASAP	<p>BGA Sporting Conference – Lizzie to send draft agenda to ES/AM for conference. Lizzie can send out stuff prior to the conference (e.g. bulk mailshot to chair people/CFIs etc.) but needs to know ASAP.</p> <p>Action: AM and ES to discuss requirements with Lizzie</p>	AM/ES
9	AI/ DEC	4 Feb	<p>AOB – Next meeting 4th Feb Away day on 18th Feb</p> <p>AL stated that the 2017 rules are nearly complete, the aim being to publish them just after directors’ forum. AL raised the need to start looking at the organisers’ guide as it will reflect rule changes, but should it include work on “ideal comp model”.</p> <p>Decision: Aim to sign rules off at 4th Feb meeting.</p> <p>IB raised a request to add some turn points in the Western Isles to the BGA turn point list</p> <p>Decision: Allow this</p> <p>IB also reported that someone has created safety videos and posted to youtube containing scenarios in condor for various safety points which may prove useful for competitions.</p> <p>Action: ES to add this as a topic at competitors’ forum and to director briefing notes.</p>	ES
10	OBS		ES closed meeting.	