

Minutes of Meeting

Date(s): 7 Oct 2016	Start Time: 1030	End Time: 1530	Distribution date: 2016
Title of Meeting: 1 st Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2016/17			
Location: Hu Bos	Chair: Liz Sparrow		
Present: Russell Cheetham(RC) Liz Sparrow (ES) Rich Hood (RH) Graham Garnett (GG) Andrew Mugleston (AM) Jon Gatfield (JG) Justin Craig (JC) Iain Baker (IB)	Distribution: Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)		
Apols: Alan Langlands (AL) Andy Cockerell (AC) Paul Crabb (PC) Mark Holden (MH) Brian Spreckley (BS)			

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	Admin – ES opened meeting and thanked The Gliding Centre for hosting.	
	AI		Ways of Working – a sub-committee is to be established to propose and wordsmith rule changes – these will be ratified at the Comps Committee. Proposed membership as per this year's local rules subgroup ie RC/AC/PC; sub-committee to be led by Alan Langlands..	AL
	AI		ES will circulate her updated list of potential rule changes to subcom (they may also know of others)	ES done
	AI		Rules Subcommittee to propose for each potential change: implement/debate/ignore; CC will debate the middle category at or prior to next CC meeting	AL/RC/A C/PC

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2	OBS AI AI	<p>2016 Competitions Review Iain Baker presented a summary of 2016 Director's reports</p> <p>25% of Nationals and 56% of regionals reports had not yet been received. The themes from the reports that had been received were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules related issues • Software (scoring) related issues • General issues <p>The template used for Director's reports will be reviewed by ES and updated, and a "good standard" example identified for use at the Director's seminar 29th October.</p> <p>There was discussion on the need for feedback from participants, not just organisers, using the principle of "the customer comes first" and treating Comps pilots as customers. AM will draft a survey, potentially using Survey Monkey in readiness for the Directors seminar.</p>	ES AM
3	OBS/ AI	<p>Competitions Improvements The BGA club conference on 12th November has two slots for the CC – 15 minutes to present to club chairmen, and an hour for a workshop of comps improvement.</p> <p>IB presented a series of slides that made observations on, and recommended areas for improvement to Competitions. IB will share these with the CC</p> <p>There was discussion on the variable quality of websites and social media coverage of competitions. It was agreed that there is a need to standardise formats and the Sailplane Grand Prix media format was recognised as setting a good standard with attractive websites, glider tracking and links to photos, videos, twitter, facebook etc. IB to discuss with Paul Crabb and look to establish a small team to develop a standard format</p> <p>Presentation material for the Director's workshop to be developed and worked out by email by ES/IB</p> <p>ES to update Pete Harvey and George Metcalfe (Exec member developing strategy) of our intended approach</p>	IB done IB ES/IB done ES

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4	OBS / AI	ASAP	<p>2017 Competition Calendar Bicester have withdrawn from hosting the 18M Nationals. Options for an alternative host were discussed and narrowed to either Hus Bos (combined with the Club class) or Booker. RC to approach Hus Bos, JG to approach Booker.</p> <p>The venue for the 2017 Junior Nationals was not yet confirmed. AC to chase down a decision.</p> <p>Inter Club League: date for the finals to be published as soon as it is available.</p> <p>2018 Calendar RC to formulate a solution that combines 6 classes into 3 or 4 events, one of which may be combining a nationals with a regionals. A potential shape was discussed as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15's and Opens combined • 20M and Standards combined • Club solo • 18M and regionals <p>There was discussion on whether to constrain the number of entries into the Club class, with concerns about safety when inexperienced pilots are entered versus a desire to attract as many pilots as possible.</p> <p>EGC 2017 There was a concern that the EGC is not visible online, and that the profile is not high enough for the event. IB/ES to discuss with the Lasham chairman/comps committee how to close the gap between the event and the developing 'ideal comp' template.</p>	<p>RC/JG</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AM</p> <p>RC</p> <p>ES/IB</p>
5	OBS AI		<p>British Team A note of thanks to Tony, Max Kirschner & the team for preparing the container for Australia and many thanks to Gavin and Colin at Lasham for agreeing to store the container at Lasham.</p> <p>The wash-up from the 2016 competitions was discussed and the poor gaggle flying and very poor organisation in Lithuania highlighted. The feedback was passed to Brian S for transmission to IGC.</p>	<p>ES</p>
6	AI		<p>Awards Nominations GG suggested a nomination for the John Hands trophy.</p> <p>JC would take over the awards checking routine from RC</p>	<p>JC</p>
7	OBS		<p>Meeting Hosts Many Thanks to Hus Bos for hosting the meeting</p>	<p>RC / AL</p>
8			<p>Next Meeting LS closed the meeting and reminded next meetings are:- Directors' Seminar 28 Telecon w/c 12th November Lasham December 10th</p>	