

Minutes of Meeting

Date(s): 4 Feb 2017	Start Time: 1030	End Time: 1530	Distribution date: 6 Feb 2017
Title of Meeting: Fifth Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2016/17			
Location: Bicester	Chair: Liz Sparrow		
Present: Liz Sparrow (ES) Alan Langlands (AL) Russell Cheetham (RC) Paul Crabb (PC) Iain Baker (IB) Jon Gatfield (JG) Justin Craig (JC) Brian Spreckley (BS) – IGC update only Graham Garnett (GG) – Team Update only	Distribution: Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)		
Apols: Andy Cockerell (AC) Rich Hood (RH) Andrew Mugleston (AM)			

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	<p>ES opened meeting and thanked Bicester for hosting. The minutes of previous meeting were approved.</p> <p>The meeting heartily congratulated new Open World Champion, Russell Cheetham, on his achievement of a gold medal in the Open Class at the recent World Championships at Benalla.</p>	
2	OBS		<p>2017 Rules</p> <p>AL stated that there were four issues waiting to be resolved before the 2017 Rules could be finalised.:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHT Min task length • Club Class Adjustment to Handicap • Fin Ballast in Club Class • FAI has dropped requirement to have Competition Number displayed under the wing. Should we comply? 	
	DEC		The meeting approved AL's suggested drafts for the first three points and voted in favour of point four.	
	AI	ASAP	AL agreed to implement a final draft incorporating these changes and circulate to the CC for approval early in the coming week.	AL
	AI	ASAP	It was agreed that the final draft should also be circulated to the BGA Exec at the same time to allow publication by March 1st.	ES

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3	OBS AI OBS	18 Feb	<p>Airspace</p> <p>ES referred to her consolidation of this season's airspace infringement reports (circulated earlier and attached) and announced her intention to send this to the Airspace Committee and to seek their confirmation that a report in this format meets their requirements.</p> <p>ES also reported that she had reminded the Airspace Committee that there were no plans to change the current rules on Danger Areas so as to seek confirmation that this was in-line with BGA policy.</p>	ES
4	OBS DEC AI AI	18 Feb 18 Feb	<p>FLARM Mandation</p> <p>Discussion took place around ES's report on the consultation process on FLARM Mandation carried out through competition forums during 2017 (attached). The consensus in the meeting can be characterised as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CC remains convinced that 100% Flarm usage in competitions would be a positive contribution to competition safety and retains mandation as an ultimate goal. • The CC acknowledges there are arguments against mandation which go wider than the competition environment. • The CC feels that there would have to be widespread support before mandation in competition is likely to be accepted and Forum feedback shows that support is not yet strong enough. • The CC reluctantly agrees not to press for mandation at this time, but will continue to strongly recommend its use and will explore ways of increasing Flarm use in competitions through other means, including education and the provision of loan equipment, where possible. <p>ES to copy the report to the BGA Exec and explain the CC's position.</p> <p>JC Contact Flarm suppliers to explore routes by which loan units might be made available.</p>	ES JC
5	OBS AI OBS	1 week	<p>Organisers' Guide and Spring Briefing Notes</p> <p>AL pointed out that there were a number of topics for inclusion in the annual review of the Organisers' Guide and the Spring Briefing Notes and agreed to circulate the lists for comment and addition before beginning the reviews.</p> <p>It was noted that original content would be required for the planned sections on Marketing and Sponsorship and the Ideal Competition Model.</p>	AL
6	OBS		<p>Nationals Calendar</p> <p>RC reported the Nationals entry numbers, which show a marked reduction year on year. Of particular concern is the low entry for the combined Standard and 20m Multi-Seat Nationals competitions at Tibenham in August, only 6 and 11 entries respectively having been received by the closing date. It is anticipated that Norfolk GC may wish to cancel, in which case work would have to begin very soon to find an alternative.</p>	

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	AI	18 Feb	<p>Three issues were identified:-</p> <p>1 How to deal with the problem of low entry for Tibenham this year 2 What action to take for 2018 bidding process, now in train. 3 How to address the issue of reducing Nationals participation in future years</p> <p>Actions to address point 1 were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC to contact Norfolk GC to establish, by 18th Feb, whether they intend to continue as planned and to offer what help the CC can provide to support their efforts to increase the level of entries. 	RC
	AI	1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL to contact Shenington GC to establish whether it may be possible to move the competitions to Shenington on the same dates, since this would be the least disruptive outcome, should NGC decide to pull out. 	AL
	AI	18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event that the Shenington option is not available, RC to contact Keevil, Pocklington and Aston Down to explore what other options may exist to relocate the competitions on different dates. 	RC
	AI	18 Feb	<p>Action on points 2 and 3:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgently review 2018 Nationals Bids and consider future competition planning process at upcoming CC meeting on 18th Feb. 	ALL
7	OBS		<p>IGC Update</p> <p>BS referred to his report on current IGS proposals circulated earlier, and attached. The meeting agreed with his analysis and suggested actions as set out in the report.</p>	
8	OBS		<p>Interclub</p> <p>AM's report by email to ES is summarised below:-</p> <p>AM has set up a one hour workshop session at the Sporting Conference on 25th Feb and has been working on contacting the various leagues. Club contacts had been harder to find than expected. Good links to the South West League and East Midlands who have both been invited to the workshop. AM's idea of a new Southern League comprising Lasham, Parham, Booker and Rivar Hill has not been well-received so far. Action to contact the rest of the leagues continues.</p>	AM
	AI	25 Feb		
	AI	18 Feb	<p>AM has set up a Facebook event for the seminar at the Conference, 38 people invited so far. Other CC members are asked to suggest additional invitees.</p>	All
9	OBS		<p>Junior Nationals 2017</p> <p>Nympsfield is reported to be considering making a bid for the 2017 Junior Nationals but has concerns over availability of tugs and</p>	

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	AI	18 Feb	clarification on financing. IB has provided some help with tug information and the financial situation has been clarified.	
	OBS		ES contact AC and attempt to establish a timescale in which a decision will be reached.	ES
	DEC		AC has announced his decision to resign from the CC at the end of the season.	
	AI	End 2017	The setting up of the Junior Steering Group is felt to have been successful initiative and it should be continued.	
			It was agreed that the CC should solicit applications for a new head of the group to replace AC. On appointment to the CC, the new Juniors Rep should participate in a review of the structure and terms of reference of the group.	ES
10	OBS		<p>British Team Review</p> <p>JG presented a wide-ranging analysis of issues around the management, promotion and funding of the British Team. Including options for change. (Powerpoint Presentation attached)</p> <p>Wide discussion ensued and JG was congratulated on his report, which was generally accepted pending detailed discussion at the Planning Day.</p> <p>Some immediate aspirations were identified:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop funding the European Championships • Appoint a British Team Media Manager • BS would like to have some time to address the BGA exec on this issue. <p>Some immediate actions were identified:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the team budget prior to the meeting on the 18th Feb • Team biographies to be posted to team website and site updated to reflect forthcoming comps <p>GG reported that Max Kirschner had been appointed as team Captain for the 2017 EGC at Lasham and that team captains for all other upcoming international events had also been appointed.</p>	JG/GG GG
11			<p>AOB</p> <p>IB pointed out that the recently created Organiser's Facebook Page had too few members to be viable. ES to arrange for the next BGA newsletter to contain an invitation and to send JC all invitees to the Directors' seminar to add to the group</p>	ES
12			Meeting Closed at 16:15	
13			<p>Attachments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ES's Airspace Infringement Report 2. ES's Flarm Mandation Consultation Report 3. BS's IGC Update Report 4. JG's British team Presentation 	