

## Minutes of Meetings of BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

15 February and 22 February 2018 by telephone conference

15 Feb present: Liz Sparrow, Paul Crabb, Matt Page, Iain Baker, Rich Hood, Russell Cheetham, Jon Gatfield, Brian Spreckley, Justin Craig

### 1 IGC Voting issues – see end for voting decisions.

- Liz will attend with Brian instead of Russell as she is presenting the WWGC bid.

### 2 InterClub League

- We sadly noted Andrew's intention to stand down from the Comps Committee due to pressure of work; we will solicit volunteers at the BGA conference to take over organisation; Andrew to write a 'job description' for the role.

15 Feb	Write role description and seek volunteers to manage the ICL programme	AM / all	28 Feb
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22 Feb present: Liz Sparrow, Iain Baker, Matt Page, Matt Davis, Alan Langlands, Rich Hood, Justin Craig, Ben Smith

### 3 Directors' Seminar and Organisers' Guide

- We agreed actions to prepare for the conference as follows.
- Directors to be asked to come along prepared to talk about one thing they do well and one thing they would like ideas for improvement.

15 Feb	Competition Systems - BSm and MP to develop themes agreed at BGA conference tech workshop and ask Directors for their 'stories'	BSm/MP	24 Mar
15 Feb	Media & Sponsorship	BSm /ES	24 Mar
15 Feb	Directors Reports & General discussion	ES / IB	24 Mar
15 Feb	Competition Rules and Organisers' Guide update	AL	24 Mar
15 Feb	Send out reminder and agenda to all comp organisers	ES	25 Feb

### 4 Juniors' update

- Matt reported that the Lasham comp organisation was progressing well, 39 entries to date, he's expecting a well run competition which will require lower funding than normal.
- Budgeting / comp management guidance as written by Poz has been given to Gavin.
- Matt is looking for new members for the JCG from the pool of those current/more recently Juniors – Comps committee advised open advertisement for positions and to broaden demographic and geographic representation as far as possible.
- 'Summer Series' of training weekends has been arranged by Matt Page and Pete Hibbard to pick up Juniors in the 'post solo gap'.
- There was a good and well attended Junior Gliding meeting at the BGA Conference which looked at improvement opportunities.
- Navboys sponsorship – it has proved difficult to engage both juniors and the sponsorship organisation sufficiently to meet the target return on investment; lesson learned that it is vital to document the agreement properly and ensure structured follow up. Matt is currently putting a detailed plan together with Shaun and Poz and this will reflect Navboys' sponsorship of Junior Gliding as a whole rather than just the Junior Nationals. The intention is that people will be able to work for sponsorship – and will only get support on this basis. CC supported this approach.

- Liz asked that this agreement goes to the Sponsorship Working Group as soon as drafted; in discussion we agreed that it's vital to have a written document outlining expectations of both sides and that the lack of this had been an issue.
- Matt noted that one issue had been the fact that Junior Gliding does not exist as an entity. Liz advised that any agreement should be with the BGA via our chain of governance through Comps Committee, Junior Comp Group, Sponsorship Working Group – she pointed out that BGA office happily maintain 'separate' accounting of money for eg Womenglide and Juniors

15 Feb	Check Juniors' budgeting/comp guidance is being fully implemented	ES/RH	
15 Feb	Highlight guidance around Juniors at Directors' Seminar	All there	
15 Feb	Send draft Navboys Juniors agreement to SWG	MD	

## 5 Interclub League update

- Liz updated the meeting with outcome of the BGA conference workshop which had not been well advertised and unfortunately didn't appear in the conference programme – we posted hand-written posters around the conference.
- ICL is becoming more popular – more leagues this year: Southwestern, Rockpolishers, Midland, East Midland, Scotland, Northern, Eastern, Yorkshire (1 date only)
- Russ Morriss from Peterborough and Spalding attended; they were invited to join the Eastern league.
- The workshop agreed the need for both local rules to suit the level of experience of local club pilots and national rules for the final
- Query remains over location of final – if Scottish league will come south, to be held at Sutton Bank, otherwise to move to a more central location.
- All leagues encouraged to operate a non-scoring 2-seater class to give inexperienced pilots XC opportunity; recognised this is not easy for some clubs.
- Re volunteers to take over from Andrew – Chris Luton and Henry Ford have been active in ICL, contact them to see if they will take over

15 Feb	Settle location and date for ICL final by end Feb; and contact Chris and Henry re organising ICL.	AM	28 Feb
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## 6 TP Review

- Iain reported that the TP review was nearly complete; some final work needed to resolve points around Cheltenham/Staverton approach plus a request from Cairngorm GC.
- Cairngorm had requested renaming some TPs in a way that is not in accordance with the published naming convention which is to name TPs after placed on the half-mill and then quarter-mill maps. Cairngorm's recommendation was to name the places after their actual village names which do not appear on airmaps, noting that this is what the places are known as to locals and visitors alike. Ian Strachan and Tim Newport-Peace who maintain the list are strongly against the proposal, seeing it as a 'thin end of the wedge' on naming and leading to confusion to pilots from elsewhere. Comps committee could see both perspectives, and concluded that perhaps the issue was that the naming convention – which has been in place since before Google maps etc etc – needed review. Meanwhile CC support the change in line with Cairngorms request – we have consulted and shouldn't ignore feedback.

15 Feb	Iain / Liz to speak to Ian/Tim and see if there is a compromise solution	ES/IB	
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## 7 AOB

- Alan and Liz are meeting Bidford CFI and Comp director on 1 March to talk about airspace penalties arising from their comp in 2017

- Liz reported that she'd not had a chance to issue Rulebook v1.1
- Alan reported that the Scoring article will be in April S&G – any further changes to the background article needed by end this week, particularly Ben to review
- Liz will liaise with Russell as to when we can convene a session on the 2019 comp bids, and will post a Doodle to see when we can reschedule the Planning Awayday – probably a couple of evening phone calls rather than an all-day number – noting that she really wants everyone's input.

15 Feb	Alan to reissue rulebook	AL	
15 Feb	Review scoring article	All/BSm	25 Feb
15 Feb	Schedule session for Comp bids and planning awayday	ES	asap

## Appendix - IGC Voting issues 2018 Plenum.

7.6 Presentation of Bids for Future Championships **don't tie up for Worlds/Euros unless later proposal is accepted**

7.6.1 37th FAI World Gliding Championships 2021 (18m, 20m, Open)

- Montluçon (LFBK), **France**

7.6.2 11th FAI Women's World Gliding Championship 2021

- **Husbands Bosworth, UK**

7.6.3 12th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships 2021

- **Tabor (LKTA), Czech Republic**

Then - Leszno (EPLS), Poland

7.6.4 21st FAI European Gliding Championships 2021 (Club, Std., 15m)

- Pociunai (EYPR), Lithuania **don't support this bid as valid see 8.3.3&4; do support Euros**

7.6.5 4th FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships 2021

- Luís Eduardo Magalhães (SWNB), Brazil **neutral**

## 8. Proposals requiring voting

### 8.1 Year-2 Proposals

8.1.1 Change of the 1000 Point Distance Requirement (Annex A Committee) **agree**

Proposal to change minimum distances to:-

13.5 Metre and Club class 250 km

Standard, 15 Metre, and 20 Metre Multiseat classes 300 km

18 Metre and Open classes 350 km

8.1.2 Definition of Silver distance (Sweden)

It is proposed to change the wording from "a straight distance flight of at least 50 km from the release point" to "a straight distance flight to a way point that has a distance of at least 50 km to both the release point and the launch point".

**This could be OK if we can define a start point rather than the launch point. Amend to go back to 2014 wording allowing any 50k leg**

8.1.3 Move of FR technical requirements from SC3 (SC3 Committee)

To replace the current 2 year process for changes of technical requirements for flight recorders in SC3 with the following process:

1. Bureau or GFAC makes a request for a change in the rule. In the event that GFAC is requesting such a change, the Bureau must approve the request

**Agree as long as they keep to technical changes only.**

8.1.4 Control and use of multiple FRs (SC3 Committee) **agree if stated igc approved**

A procedure when the glider has an FR that is not being used for the record.

8.1.5 Correct table of badge and record requirement errors (SC3 Committee) **neutral**

8.1.6 Triangle distance geometry planning (SC3 Committee) **neutral**

•3.1.8 Change ... “official distance“ to “course distance”.

8.1.7 Elimination of waypoint codes (SC3 Committee)

To remove the option of using a waypoint code published by an NAC in an electronic or paper declaration, requiring instead that all waypoints declared list the lat-lon coordinates of the position.

**Don't support - not necessary**

8.1.8 World Soaring Cup (IGC Bureau) **ok**

Rules to award a title to the best Champion of the year!

8.1.9 Combine Junior and Women WGC from 2021 (IGC Bureau)

Proposal to allow an NAC to bid for a combined Juniors and Womens WGC. **Neutral / support if we must**

## 8.2 Year-1 Proposals, principle only detail follows in year two if passed.

8.2.1 Calculation of speed points and distance points (USA) **support based on successful trial in comp**

8.2.2 Remove cylinder OZ deduction (SC3 Committee) **No**

8.2.3 Eliminate landing certificate (SC3 Committee) **support**

8.2.4 Simplify declared 3TP performance task (SC3 Committee) **Neutral**

8.2.5 Eliminate straight distance performance (SC3 Committee) **agree**

8.2.6 Change of definition of FAI 13,5 meter class (Lithuania) **pause for now**

8.2.7 Delete communication of start times (Spain) **agree if tracking**

8.2.8 Scoring programs (Spain) **agree**

8.2.9 Annex A starting procedure (France) **support mandating but not their proposed detail**

8.2.10 IGC rules (incl. penalties) for proper visibility of all gliders of the Championship (Germany) **support**

8.2.11 Re-establish the basic purpose of FLARM and define different and/or additional trackers for OGN tracking (Germany) **support**

8.2.12 External aid to competitors as part of the rules (Germany)

Proposal to discuss regularising some rules on use of external aid. **Neutral – what sort of rule might it be?**

8.2.13 Allow instruments for cloud flying in the cockpit (Germany) **don't support**

8.2.14 Participation of reigning Champions at FAI WGC 2018 (Germany) – *late proposal* **don't support**

## 8.3 Other Proposals

8.3.1 E-Concept gliding competition (IGC Bureau)

To remove the 13.5m WGC from the calendar and hold an E concept contest for electric powered gliders in 2019. **support**

8.3.1a E-Concept draft rules (IGC Bureau) **support**

Rules based on SGP but allowing some use of electric energy and with a Total elapsed time scoring system

8.3.2 Integration of 13.5 meter class WGC from 2022 (IGC Bureau) **support**

If 8.3.1 is not approved, the fall back is to add the 13.5m class to the unflapped classes WGC and have a max of six per Nac over the 4 classes. This replaces the proposal last year to reduce the club class to 1 per NAC.

8.3.3 WGC calendar (IGC Bureau) **don't support**

8.3.4 Future WGC schedule (UK) To change the cycle of WGC from 2 to three years. **agree**

8.3.5 Task GFAC to improve the requirements to properly identify any part load power as well as for part load electric driven machines (Germany) **agree if it's an issue**

8.3.6 Women WGC classes (France) – *late proposal* **don't support**