

BGA Competitions & Awards Committee meeting at Shenington 24 November 2018

Present: AL, RC, PC, BSm, ES, MP, IB, RH, BSp, JC

#	Notes	Action
	Thank you to Shenington for hosting the meeting.	
1.	<p>Nationals bids - developing a cooperative approach</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current bid process is no longer competitive as there are the same number of clubs as there are national competitions. <p>A number of issues to overcome with a collaborative model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting everyone together in the same room. - Keeping prices down / losing the competitive element. - Some clubs are under pressure to not have comps. - Risk of creating a cartel between the big clubs that run the nationals every year. <p>Looking ahead several years would allow awarding a future competition to a club that might lose out on a bid for the next year. However there are other constraints such as international competitions that prevent looking too far ahead.</p> <p>CC communication with applying clubs and any negotiation between them should be transparent to avoid the appearance of a cartel operating between the 'big' competition clubs.</p> <p>Setting a fixed entry fee for Nationals will go some way to make it fairer and focus on delivering the best solution for pilots and clubs. Aerotow fees are difficult to predict two years in a row, so this should also be excluded as a scored element of the bid. However, there is a need to protect pilots from being subjected to unjustified increases in launch fees if clubs aren't asked to commit to an agreed fee. One proposal is to ask clubs to commit to a 'not more than £X above the club rates' which allows for general increase in fuel costs whilst also protecting the pilots.</p> <p>Feedback should be issued back to all clubs that were invited to bid, describing how the decision to award the Nationals was made, to ensure that the process is fair and transparent.</p>	<p>RC/ES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set fixed price for Nationals host applications (except Juniors). - Exclude predicted launch fees from competitive part of the bid process. Instead ask for the price difference against the club rates. - Publish statement on decision process and outcome when competitions have been allocated.
2.	<p>Changes to Competition Rules and Organisers' Guide</p> <p>Organisers' Guide and Briefing Notes – Outlawing use of data communications and communicating with crews for non-safety purposes. Guidance to be issued to competition organisers on how to monitor and penalise.</p>	<p>AL: Include these points in the Organisers' Guide and Organisers' Briefing Notes 2019.</p>

	<p>Enhance guidance on liaising with airfields on tasking near sensitive areas (ILS approach feathers). Emphasise that pilots should be asked to maintain a listening watch or call the airfield if appropriate. Organisers' Guide should include what the CC expect competition organisations to do when tasking near airspace, e.g. contact the ATSU and encourage pilots to listen out / call / don't loiter.</p> <p>Organisers' Guide – pilots should be strongly encouraged by competition organisations to report airspace incidents through the EASA confidential occurrence reporting portal, although the CC does not recommend introducing a specific rule to mandate this. Directors to be made aware that they have the means within the rules to ensure that pilots submit a report where they feel this is required, under risk of an administrative penalty if the pilot fails to comply with the request.</p> <p>Directors Report template – rename the "airspace infringements" section to "prohibited airspace penalties" and also ask for a detailed log on infringements. This could be in the form of a table which includes the date and airspace type, i.e. CAS, prohibited/restricted/star-danger, and "other" competition prohibited.</p> <p>Competition Rules – include section on minimum requirements for airspace briefing presentation.</p>	<p>IB/AL: Ask for statement from ATSU to include in next Organisers' Briefing Notes 2019.</p> <p>MP: Put together a presentation on ILS feathers and parachute zones that can be shown at competitions.</p> <p>AL: Include this recommendation in the Organisers' Guide and mention in Organisers' Briefing Notes 2019.</p> <p>AL: Update template in the Organisers' Guide.</p> <p>AL: Update Competition Rules.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Developing the UK glider racing spec 'stories' Update from IB</p> <p>Generating a full set of requirements for the UK Glider Racing platform. Starting by developing user stories to inform the requirements from the various stakeholders.</p> <p>Committee discussion on stories/requirements for various actors within the platform.</p>	<p>Obtain user stories: Task Setter – RH Director – MP Comp Cttee – ES</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>ES – currently we have one vacancy. ES intends to step down as committee chair due to other commitments.</p> <p>BS – Received a request for the Ventus 3 15m handicap (currently 104.5) to be the same as the Ventus 2 15m (currently 104.0). This was discussed briefly and the committee agreed that the current handicaps will remain <u>pending planned review</u>.</p> <p>JC – Annual awards to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>All to consider skills match for recruitment. ES to ask Exec for any comments re CC liaison</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Actions update from previous meetings</p> <p>Confirmed that CC would like BSp to progress Earlybird</p>	<p>BSp – existing action</p>

proposal – presumed this will be in line with hang-glider approach already recognised by FAI

No further updates pending circulation of minutes.