

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 14th December 2020

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langlands - AL, Brian Spreckley - BS, Chris Luton - CL, Graham Garnett - GG, Jim White - JW, Max Lazenby - ML, Paul Crabb - PC, Paul Fritche - PF, Russell Cheetham – RC

Meeting Admin

Matt Davis apologised for his absence.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 30th November 2020 were agreed as correct by the committee.

Actions Review

Contact the Directors of the 2021 Regional Competitions about the Self Relight Trial	AL	Complete
Contact the Directors of the 2021 National Competitions about the Self Relight Trial	RC	2021
Write the citation for the John Hands trophy winner	GG	Complete

ICL Proposal

CL presented a paper exploring opportunities and the potential benefits that could arise from directly funded initiatives involving the Inter Club League (ICL) together with a map showing the



Interclub League
Funding.docx



ICL Map.jpg

current and possible future ICL regions.

It was agreed that the ICL is a vital part of the competition structure in the UK and that, as an entry-level activity, worthy of funding. It was also noted that, at present, it receives none.

It was agreed that the ideas presented in the paper should be taken forward and that concrete proposals should be developed for specific funding initiatives within the ICL addressing the two key goals of increasing competition participation and developing future talent.

In order to develop these ideas and to identify areas where targeted funding could genuinely be justified, it was felt necessary to involve ICL participants. It was agreed that representatives from participating clubs should be invited to an on-line discussion on the topic in the New Year.

It was agreed that we should attempt to have a nominated ICL representative at each club, similar to the BGA ladder stewards, even if this is only for the purpose of receiving news etc

Identify ICL Club reps	CL	Q1 2021
Organise a Zoom session with ICL Reps and CC	CL	Q1 2021

TOR review

JW expressed the opinion that the current Terms of Reference (TORs) for the Committee are not a good match with the CC's strategic goals as communicated by the Exec and adopted during 2019/20.

JW presented a document outlining how he would write the TORs and proposed that we should put these forward to the Exec. The document was discussed and largely supported, though it was missing some specific requirements.

The committee agreed to provide feedback to JW after the meeting as to the content of the TORs and JW agreed to include the feedback into a finalised TOR review proposal.

Compare the current TORs with the proposal from JW and provide feedback	All	2021
Integrate feedback into a finalised TOR Review Proposal	JW	2021

It was noted that the TORs make administration of Badges and Record claim the responsibility of the CC, but that the CC does not get involved, as all the work is delegated to Basil Fairston. It was unclear what the CC's role actually was. AL agreed to look into this and report.

Clarify CC's role in Badge and Record Admin	AL	Next Meeting
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Funding Review Continued

The discussion changed to how we currently fund teams. AL stated that the current model for funding of teams is based on rules of thumb last documented in 2012 and asked the committee if these need to change.

A wide-ranging discussion on team funding followed with the following points being agreed:

Future income is not guaranteed and costs are increasing, so there is a need for close control of spending.

BGA funding covers only a small part of the full cost of competing in international competitions,

Team members vary widely in their need for funding. Some would be unable to participate without financial support and some face difficulty even with current funding.

Under the current system pilots are funded automatically according to a formula, regardless of need.

Entry fees and container transport to competitions outside Europe should continue to be paid automatically to all pilots, but other funding should ideally be sensitive to need.

There should be no means-testing, but pilots should be invited to apply for other funding rather than having it provided automatically to help match funding to need.

JW agreed to draft a funding application document .

Draft an application form for team funding	JW	2021
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AOB

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.