

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

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Venue: The Gliding Centre

Present: Alan Langlands – AL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Jim White – JW, Max Lazenby – ML, Chris Luton – CL, Matt Page – MP, Iain Baker – IB, Brian Spreckley – BSp, Graham Garnett – GG

### Meeting Admin

AL thanked the Gliding Centre for hosting the meeting

### Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 were agreed as correct by the committee.

### Actions Review

All actions due for this meeting have been completed.

### IGC Proposals

BSp provided the committee with proposed changes to the IGC rules in regard to the WWGC2019 competition. It was agreed that the committee members will individually provide changes to BSp if required.

#### IGC Bids

BSp provided the committee with voting issues for the 2020 Plenum. The committee agreed with the following:

#### **Presentation of bids for future Championships included in IGC calendar**

7.1.1 37th FAI World Gliding Championships 2023 (18m, 20m, Open)  
*Vote for Uvalde, USA*

7.1.2 13th FAI Junior World Gliding Championship 2023 (Club, Std.)  
*BSp to get input from other interested parties*

#### **Events not included in IGC calendar**

7.2.1 4th FAI 13.5 Meter World Gliding Championship 2021 together with 21st FAI European Gliding Championships 2021 (Club, Std., 15m)  
*Vote Against Pociunai, Lithuania*

7.2.2 21st FAI European Gliding Championships 2022 (18m, 20m, Open)  
*Vote for Leszno, Poland*

7.2.3 5th FAI Junior European Gliding Championship 2022 (Club, Std.)  
*Vote Against Pociunai, Lithuania*

7.2.4 5th FAI Pan-American Gliding Championship 2023 (Club, Handicapped)  
*Vote For Hutchinson, USA*

7.3 Presentation of bid for hosting 2021 IGC Plenary meeting  
*Vote For Copenhagen, Denmark*

#### **Year-2 Proposals**

6.1.1 Maximum Period and Minimum Separation of Events (Netherlands)  
Proposal to ensure the Cat 1 events run from Saturday to a Saturday prize giving allowing time to travel home on the Saturday and Sunday.  
*Vote For*

#### 6.1.2 Digital Safety Registration System (Netherlands)

Requirement to use an anonymous digital reporting system for incidents etc.

*Vote For*

#### 6.1.4 Pilot Event Marker start procedure (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Poland)

Procedure proposed:-

When ready to take a start, the competitor will press the event marker on his **Primary** and **Alternate** flight recorders (FR). Time between primary and alternate event markers must be less than 1 minute and primary should always be depressed first.

The Event Marker may be pushed before the opening of the start gate, but the actual start recorded must be after the start gate is opened otherwise there is not a valid start.

##### **WAITING TIME.**

The pilot must wait a set time (**Waiting Time**) after pushing the PEV before the Start Window commences. The Waiting Time is announced on the task sheet, and must be between 7 to 10 minutes.

##### **START WINDOW**

The duration of the **Start Window** is also announced on the Task sheet and will be between 5 to 10 minutes. The pilot may start at any time during the Start Window and the start time will be the actual time of the start.

The sum of Waiting Time + Start Window must not be less than 15 minutes to avoid congestion in the start area.

##### **RE-START**

To make another start, the pilot must once again push the PEV on all FR. The WAITING TIME re commences from the push of the PEV, and the Start Window opens at the end of the Waiting Time, as usual.

Write an amendment to 6.1.4	RC	ASAP
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#### 6.1.5 Distance Handicap Task (Australia)

**6.2.3 Distance Handicap Task (DHT).** Applicable to Club Class and other handicapped classes. Sets a variable turnpoint circles based on glider handicap for Racing Task.

*Vote For*

#### 6.1.6 Early Bird Bonus (UK, Australia)

##### **8.2.2.1 Early Bird Bonus Points:**

The "early bird start procedure" may be used on any competition day, as detailed on the task sheet and advised at briefing.

A competitor will have "start procedure points" deducted from his score if starting after the free start time.

The free start time is announced at briefing and must be not less than 20 mins or more than one hour after the start gate opening time.

Pilots starting after the end of the free start time will have 3 points deducted for each minute up to a maximum of 90 points. On days with less than maximum speed points the points per minute will be reduced in direct proportion to the maximum number of speed points on that competition day

*Agreed by the committee*

#### 6.1.7 Place Scoring System (Australia)

Optional alternative scoring system.

##### **8.4.3 Place based scoring**

Following determination of relative placing, points are then awarded based on the placing as per the following:

- 1 point for each competitor that completes the task
- 1 point for each competitor that you beat
- ½ point for each competitor that you draw with (equal performance).
- 1 bonus point for placing first. If two or more competitors are equal first, each shall score 1 bonus point.

*Vote For if amended to 1 point for each finisher you beat*

#### 6.1.8 Finisher Marking Time Calculation (Poland)

No proposal submitted yet

#### 6.1.9 Distance Assigned Area Task (IGC)

To include in Annex A an Open class AAT task with enhanced distance scoring to be called,

Distance Assigned Area Task (**DAAT**)

To change the maximum speed points for DAAT tasks to 500

*Vote For if the rule is optional*

#### 6.1.10 Scoring with 95% of the total distance (Argentina)

Scoring with 95% of the total distance.

Pilots who exceed 95% of the Maximum possible task distance from their selected Start point his credited time will be his real time, not the Minimum Task Time.

*Vote For*

### **Year-1 Proposals**

6.2.1 Elimination of glider type in declaration (IGC)

*Vote For*

6.2.4 Decouple National & World Records (IGC)

To remove the requirement that a world record must first be approved as a national record.

*Vote For*

6.2.5 Clarification of inadmissible FRs (IGC)

To avoid invalidating a claim if there is a lower level FR on the glider.

*Vote For*

6.2.6 Eliminating unnecessary scaling of handicaps (IGC)

To remove the variable datum for handicap and always use one for HO

*Vote For*

6.2.7 Requirement for 1 second recording interval possibility for all GNSS FR used at Continental and World Gliding Championships (IGC)

*Vote For*

6.2.8 Earlier application of PEV starting procedure (Germany) *Note: see also item 6.1.4*

*To allow use of event marker for 2020 WGC if approved at this meeting.*

*Vote For*

6.2.9 Usage of competitor pilot taken videos for complaints and penalties (Germany)

To prevent use of video evidence in any protest or complaint.

*Vote Against*

6.2.10 Number of entries in 20m Two-Seat class at World Gliding Championships (Germany)

*Vote Against*

6.2.11 Number of entries in 20m Two-Seat class at Continental Gliding Championships (Germany)

*Vote For*

6.2.13 Finish ring radius minimum 10km (Belgium)

*Vote Against*

6.2.14 Extension of turn point radius to 2km (Belgium)

*Vote Against*

6.2.16 Delete designated start option (France)

*Vote For*

6.2.17 Adding free gridding option (France)

*Vote Against*

6.2.18 Fixed 30 min delay between last launch and start gate opening (France)

*As it says.*

6.2.19 Mandating maximum altitude and maximum ground speed limit for all starts (France)

*Vote For*

6.2.21 Maximum Takeoff Mass increase in 18m Class for self-launching motorgliders (USA)

*Vote Against*

WWGC 2021

IB informed the committee that the BGA is working series of objectives and outcomes the BGA would like to see. As a part of these objectives, the BGA would like to use WWGC2021 to improve competition gliding within the UK. Three propositions for improvement are as follows:

One to talk about – Delivering something to improve the uk gliding comp team

- Tugs
- Task setters
- Weather

#### Tugs

It was suggested that there is an official tug database produced

#### Tasks setting

It was suggested that a task setting guide should be produced

Committee agreed focus is needed on AAT's more than distance tasks.

#### Weather

Weather briefings were discussed and the committee was in agreement that most pilots can self-brief so a professional meteorologist is not necessarily important, and a better way forward could be for someone to do the briefing in a self-briefed style and provide this as a weather briefing for the pilots.

IB requested input from the rest of the committee about other possible activities that would better benefit gliding as a whole with the following suggestion:

Media- As the WWGC2021 will be utilising consultants for social media, it was suggested that a media guide should be created for use by clubs and competitions. This would aid in advertising gliding as an accessible sport to a wider audience.

#### Proposal from Liz Sparrow

Liz Sparrow provided a proposal to the committee for a selection system for pilots for the WWGC21 similar to that of Junior World Gliding Competitions. This was discussed at length by the committee with the outcome being the committee agreeing to remove the requirement of 550 rating points and having a similar approach to the selection of the juniors British team for WWGC21.

Draft a response to the proposal from Liz Sparrow	IB	ASAP
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#### OBN's & Org Guide Updates

AL stated that at the end of February, the rules for 2020 will be published and that the OBN's and Organisers Guide will begin its draft process. AL requires help from committee for changes to the OBN's and Organisers Guide.

Produce a list of improvements to the OGNs and Organisation Guide for committee members to commence work on	AL	14 Mar 2020
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### Seminar Planning

It was agreed that a seminar will not take place in spring and that the committee will re-focus efforts for a seminar to take place towards the end of the year.

### Rules Feedback

AL presented the committee with responses of feedback for the 2020 rules. These were discussed and the following was agreed:

Turbo Test – Concern of gliders descending at release height in amongst releasing gliders and tugs. Agreed to revert the rule to its original wording but with a time limit of 60 seconds of engine running.

Farnborough TMZ – Agreed that this needs to be penalty

6.2.2 – change to just say annex a of IGC plus any additional requirements from the BGA

Frequencies – Agreed to the re-wording from MP

Stewards – change so that the stewards may contact the committee

### BGA Strategy Review

AL provided an update of the strategy document and requires input from the rest of the committee for any additions before the end of February.

### AOB

The Club Class Nationals 2020 was briefly discussed. No action was taken.

MP stated that Asselect required the committees approval to introduce a tick box to apply settings for competition airspace file downloads. This was agreed by the committee.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.