

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

Date: 18th January 2021

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

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

Previous Minutes

The minutes for the 14th of December require a minor change to the ICL proposal section. With this change, the minutes for the 14th of December were agreed as correct by the committee.

The minutes for the 4th of January require a minor change to the Junior Europeans section. With this change, the minutes from the 4th of January were agreed as correct by the committee.

Actions Review

Identify ICL Club reps	CL	Q1 2021
Organise a Zoom session with ICL Reps and CC	CL	Q1 2021
Integrate feedback into a finalised TOR document	JW	See Section Below
Send the completed draft rules to the Exec	AL	See Section Below
Produce a draft 2021 budget with 4 year outlook	RC GG	See Section Below

2021 Budget

AL shared his screen with a budget spreadsheet which highlights spending in the next 5 years. The spreadsheet detailed 2 possible scenarios for the budget.

Scenario 1 – Continuation of the budget based on the current spending model. With scenario 1, there will be a negative balance by 2023, meaning the current spending model is not sustainable.

Scenario 2 – GG and RC were in discussions about what level of funding would be adequate while still allowing the budget to be sustainable. They discussed multiple possibilities outside of meetings and presented the following proposal to the committee for scenario 2:

- The European Gliding Championships will only be funded for the entry fee (£750 or £500 for JEGC)
- World Gliding Championships and Women’s World Gliding Championships will be funded with the entry fee, shipping costs and £400 per pilot
- World Gliding Championships will be funded £1600 for a team captain
- Junior World Gliding Championships will be funded with the entry fee and £800 per pilot

The following assumptions were made with this structure

- Shipping will be calculated at £250 for ferry, plus mileage at 35mpg and £1.20 per litre
- Assuming there is no change in income.

With scenario 2, and the international competitions that are planned for the next 5 years, there is a decreasing balance, but no negative balance after 5 years.

When comparing to other European gliding teams, with the exception of France and Germany, all other European teams are self-funded. Additionally, when the British team first started competing in European Gliding Championships, only the entry was funded.

It was highlighted that this is only a proposal and needs discussion by the committee. The only commitment for funding that the committee currently have is for 2021 competitions, which leaves the committee more time for discussions about a funding structure, with a decision needing to be made by the end of the year

Although the proposal appears as sustainable for the next 5 years, it may not be fully sustainable. There is a risk that with transportation costs for overseas competitions, if there were to be a series of competitions that require shipping gliders in containers, it would reduce the balance rapidly. There is still scope for ways to find additional funding or for pilots to apply for funding as per discussions in previous meetings.

This budget proposal needs to be highlighted to the BGA so that they can understand any decisions that will be made in the future.

The discussion changed to the 2021 JEGC. The question was raised as to if we should send 6 pilots with the current funding. The previously agreed budget for the competition is entry fee and £800 per pilot with a total of £5100. It was discussed if we should send 6 pilots with this current total funding being split between the 6 pilots. It was agreed to currently only send 4 pilots and discuss at a later date if we are to send 6 pilots.

TOR Review

JW distributed the latest revision of the TORs after comments outside of meetings. They are more concise and take in considerations of previous discussions on focusing on pilots of the future. The rationale for revising them are as follows:

1) The revised TORs better matches our view that we should focus on some wider issues such as:

- a) Developing future competition pilots, and
- b) Developing wider participation in competition.

2) The current TORs contain very little about 'how' the committee should go about delivering its objectives. In particular:

- a) Decisions should be open and seen as fair, and
- b) Spending should offer value for money and a discernible return for gliding

CL and PF provided feedback in the meeting. With this feedback implemented, the TORs written by JW were agreed by the committee.

Consultative Draft Feedback from the Exec TDA's & RMZs

The Exec provided the committee feedback on the rules. The rules in particular refer to Temporary Danger Area(TDA) and Radio Mandatory Zones(RMZ). AL circulated the changes suggested and the CAA policy document on both and opened up for comments from the rest of the committee. These were discussed with the following outcomes:

Rule 5.2.2 – No Change

Rule 5.2.3 – The radio frequencies for TDAs and ATZs should be included in the briefing sheet

Rule 5.10.3 & Rule 5.10.6 – RMZs will be added to 5.10.6

Produce wording to any changed rules and distribute to the rules sub committee	AL	ASAP
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AOB

A pilot had emailed the Committee to ask if it would be possible to enter the Club Class Nationals despite not yet having flown a rated competition (or equivalent) as required by the rule. The pilot had made it clear that her intention was to have done so before the Club Class takes place. It was agreed that pilots should not be prevented from entering, but must still meet the requirement before actually participating. It was noted that the wording of the entry website does not reflect this.

Reply to the pilot concerned detailing that she can enter but, but can only participate if she meets the requirement before the competition starts and change entry wording on BGA website	AL	Next Meeting
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2020 Awards

The committee thanked Max Lazenby and Russell Cheetham for completing the 2020 list of BGA Trophies and Awards, which has now been submitted. The list is appended here:



List of BGA Awards
for 2020.docx

Handicap Sub-Committee Report

The committee thanked the Handicaps Subcommittee (RC, CL, PC) for its work this year and for its report, which is appended here:



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With no other business, the meeting was concluded.