

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

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

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

### Previous Minutes

14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Meeting Minutes - There was a correction to previous minutes AOB section. These minutes were agreed as correct by the committee.

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - The minutes from the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were agreed as correct by the committee.

### Actions Review

The following actions from the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 meeting are to be carried forward:-

Produce a Google Form to replace Directors Reports	ML	TBA
Write to directors to advise them of the proposal for engine relight trials in 2020 and how to implement a trial if desired.	RC	TBA
Liaise with Chris Fox and CC members to develop an agreed set of rules for the 2-seater Ladder	AL	Jan 21

The following actions from the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 meeting were reviewed:-

Create a draft calendar for the 2022 comp season	RC	Complete
Update the ratings list	PC	Ongoing
Check with Matt Page about being the scrutineer for the team selection voting	RC	Ongoing

Contact BS to clarify the IGC rules for junior competition age limit	MD	Next Meeting
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### Regionals Rules Simplification Project

It was agreed by the committee that PF, JW and GG were appointed as the Regionals Rule Simplification Working Group.

The project was discussed by the committee, as to the format of the rule changes and if they were to be a change to only the rules for regional competitions or if they were to provide the ability for different formats of competition. GG stated that after events from this year, it was demonstrated that certain aspects of a traditional competition format, such as in-person briefings and other competition related admin tasks could become redundant with the use of online tools such as zoom and robocontrol and that the rules could be modified to assist competition organisations to do more with fewer people.

The following initial terms of reference were agreed by the committee, with the proviso that these may be reviewed and refined as the project proceeds.:

To simplify the rules for rated regional competitions to make the competitions

- a) Easier and cheaper to run
- b) Easier to understand for competitors
- c) Potentially more fun to fly
- d) Give organisers more flexibility to define local rules and differences

Whilst retaining appropriate rigour and safety for the level of competition envisaged and be recognised by pilots as resulting in a fair competition, the resulting scores being capable of inclusion in the existing ratings system.

- e) Target implementation date is the 2022 season

### 2021 Rules

It was noted that the format and rules for national competitions would remain in line with international competitions and that any rule changes from the rules simplification project would be for regional competitions only from 2022. AL stated that, accordingly, at some stage over the winter, the existing rules sub-committee would be invoked to consider proposed changes to rules regarding regionals in 2021 and national competitions.

### 2022 Nationals

RC explained the current bid process, being the follow:

- Send out the bid documents to clubs
- Give the clubs 8 to 10 weeks to make decisions and reply
- The committee then decides in a meeting, the allocations of the competitions, based on the bids received

### Nationals Bid Process

It was agreed by the committee that the bid process for the selection of nationals venues should be transparent and fair and that the criteria for selection of the winning bids should be clearly stated in advance.

RC agreed to circulate the current bid document in advance of the next meeting, when possible changes to the wording to reflect these objectives will be considered.

Distribute the current bid document	<b>RC</b>	1 week
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### 2022 Nationals Calendar

RC distributed the proposed calendar for the 2022 competitions to the committee showing proposed bid windows. The calendar was approved by the committee.

### Nationals Fees

The fees for competitions are part of the bid document. The committee agreed there will be no change to the fees for the 2022 bid documents

The committee thanked RC for undertaking the bid process.

## AOB

GG informed the committee that the team Captain for the Junior Europeans is in discussion with BS regarding aircraft tracking and communication with pilots. There is some concern that the IGC rules regarding the transmission of competitive data, though banned by electronic means, might still be communicated to pilots using voice radio in contravention of the spirit of the rules. GG to keep close contact and inform the committee of developments.

AL updated the committee on the status of the UK and German joint appeal against the IGC Jury decision at the WWGC19. A tribunal has been appointed and an initial Compilation of Facts document has been circulated to interested parties. Jeremy Pack, the UK team captain at the event has been nominated to represent the UK and is working on a critique of the compilation of facts in readiness for the forthcoming Oral hearing.

GG asked whether a particular pilot who had flown for Australia in the WWGC19 but who, holding a British passport, wished to be considered for selection to the British team for the WWGC22 could be given a UK rating. It was confirmed that, provided the pilot in question held a 2020 BGA FAI Licence, they could be included in the latest rating list.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.