

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

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langands - 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

The minutes from the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed as correct by the committee.

### Actions Review

The following actions were reviewed:

Write to directors to advise them of the proposal for engine relight trials in 2020 and how to implement a trial if desired.	RC & AL	See Engine Relight Section
Fact-check document and confirm to RC	AL	Complete
Write an amendment to the Height and Speed limit proposal and distribute to the committee	BS	Complete
Liaise with Pete Stratten and the Exec/BGA about media for the Women's British team and WWGC22	AL	Complete (See Below)
Confirm to Chris Fox that the rules are approved	AL	Complete
Circulate a list of recent John Hands winners	AL	This week
Consider possible John Hands candidates	ALL	Next meeting
Produce a citation for the winner of the Phil Lever trophy	MD	Ongoing

AL spoke to Pete Stratten about WWGC media and was informed that Ian Baker is involved with the media for WWGC22. Discussions are under way and IB will come back to the Comps Committee with some sort of proposal.

### Finalise Self Relight Trial Rules

RC circulated the proposed rule guidance for self relight trials. RC advised this is guidance to give directors to implement into their local rules, and not into the overall competition rules. The proposed guidance was agreed by the committee for both nationals and regionals. It was agreed that the CC will contact individual competitions to request they trial the self relight, and also email all competition organisations to offer a trial.

Contact the Directors of the 2021 Regional Competitions about the Self Relight Trial	AL	2021
Contact the Directors of the 2021 National Competitions about the Self Relight Trial	RC	2021

### Response to French Start Energy Rule Proposal

A decision on the approach to the proposal is needed as to if the committee would like to offer an amendment to the rule or vote against the rule. The main concern the committee has is that the rule potentially causes a safety issue with an increased workload at the start, while there are multiple gliders in the same vicinity. This concern is also shared with the IGC safety committee. Several options for amendment were discussed, and are summarised as follows:

- Reduce the penalty, or potentially offer points for starting within the speed and height requirements.
- Divert the penalty away from the start – If you start above the maximum start height, you must then finish that height above the minimum finish height to avoid penalties.
- Total energy start system – It was noted that this was quite far off from the proposal, but we could have a total energy start system as a year 1 proposal.

After a discussion of the above, it was agreed that BS will write up a proposal, with the committee fine tuning it before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> of December. This also still provides the committee the opportunity to vote against the start energy rule at the plenum.

#### John Hands 2020 Nomination

The committee nominated several persons for the John Hands trophy (names withheld from minutes). The committee voted in favour of one of the named candidates. GG will write the citation for the trophy.

Write the citation for the John Hands trophy winner	GG	Jan 21
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It was agreed that a record of the nominations (for the John Hands trophy) would be kept for future years.

Generate a list of John Hands Nominations	ML	Ongoing
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AL suggested that, in future, the committee should invite nominations for the John Hands award from the gliding movement in general, rather than from within the committee itself, well in advance of the decision having to be made. There is not enough time now to organise this for this year, however, next year the committee agreed to consult with the wider movement for their recommendations.

Ensure JH Nominations are solicited well in advance in future	AL/ML	Ongoing
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#### Funding Review

Prior to the meeting, AL had reminded members that the CC has an annual obligation to prepare a four-year budget and that the last one had been completed a year ago. A document outlining the British Team spending policy that had driven the budget for the last several years was also



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circulated. AL also pointed out that only spending on British Team was mentioned in the CC's TORs yet we clearly have other areas of spend, such as junior Nationals and Coaching, all of which are included in the current budget. Discussions with members of the Exec and the strategic review undertaken last year had made it clear that a review both of how the Budget is structured and of the spending policies themselves would be appropriate.

There followed a wide-ranging discussion on this topic which was not concluded. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting. Some of the ideas put forward, but not agreed upon were as follows:

- Funded initiatives to encourage participation of “Competition Rookies” in Regionals and Inter-club League
- British Team Member funding to be optional and/or applied for and given return for coaching/development services.
- Revive competition kitty – British team members would go to clubs and host a task and race against the club members. This often Included a BBQ and discussion after
- Fund a 2 seater at national competitions and encourage pilots around the UK to come along and experience competition flying
- Potential to have novice pilots fly with competitors in empty seats in 2 seat competitions

This is an ongoing project with a lot of good ideas discussed during the meeting. This momentum needs to be carried forwards and will be discussed at the next meeting.

A spending plan for the next 4 years still needs to be produced. It was agreed that the budget for 2021 should remain in the same format with changes being made after 2021.

Generate the budget for 2021	GG RC AL	2021
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RC stated that it is likely that the handicap changes for the ASW 20 B and C will allow these gliders to fly in Club Class International Competitions. RC asked if this should be introduced for the UK Club Class Nationals? It was agreed to await the change in the handicap of the ASW20 B and C as this will be prior to the rules for 2021 being published.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.