

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

Date: 4th 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 Crabb - PC, Paul Fritche - PF, Russell Cheetham – RC

Actions Review

Compare the current TORs with the proposal from JW and provide feedback	All	Complete
Integrate feedback into a finalised TOR document	JW	In Progress
Draft an application form for team funding	JW	Complete
Clarify CC's role in Badge and Record Admin	AL	Complete (see below)

AL reported that he had had conversations with Basil Fairston and Pete Stratten regarding the role of the CC in Badge and Record claims. All processing of claims is carried out by Basil, who decides upon the merits of the flight performance from the information provided to him by the claimant and advised the CC by email. The role of the CC is to ratify the ruling. In practice, ratification is assumed in the absence of an objection from the CC. Such an objection would only be due to some irregularity or non-compliance with conditions for the claim outside of the actual flight.

Approval of 2021 Rules Consultative Draft

The draft rules for 2021 were distributed to the committee by the Rules subcommittee. It was noticed that there is a minor adjustment needed to one of the sections within the draft rules. It was agreed that once the change has been made, the draft rules are ready to be sent to the Exec for approval.

Send the completed draft rules to the Exec	AL	Jan 2021
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Budget & Funding Review

AL reported that he had had a conversation with Peter Bishop, the BGA accountant, who confirmed, contrary to previous advice received, that the committee has ring-fenced income as set out in the budget spreadsheet prepared by Peter, being a set amount from each BGA member, a set amount from competition licence fees and a set amount from the competition Levy.

The accounts for the year ending 30 Sep 2020 are due to be published soon and show that the rolling surplus in the CC budget increased significantly during the year due to zero spending on international competitions while income remained normal since it is based on home competitions held in 2019, but invoiced early in the 2020 financial year. This situation is expected to reverse somewhat in 2021 since the lack of home competitions in 2020 will impact the 2021 income. It is to be expected that the surplus will reduce in the coming years due to increased costs including upcoming southern hemisphere competitions.

A budget for 2021 onwards needs to be created. Discussions from previous meetings about funding should be included in this budget and will be discussed in a future meeting.

Produce a draft 2021 budget with 4 year outlook	RC GG	Jan 2021
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Junior Europeans

In April 2020 the committee agreed to support the new Junior European championships due to be held in 2021 in Lithuania, but had deferred a decision on what funding, if any, to make to this competition until after a review of general funding policy had been carried out. The selection for the team has already been made.

BS pointed out that a discussion arose around if funding being provided to the pilots for this competition may leave other junior pilots missing out, and if in the future, we should be sending junior pilots who may not yet be ready for international competitions but would benefit from European competitions.

BS explained to the committee that this competition is being held because there was an unexpected bid from Lithuania and, despite the UK voting against yet another competition being added to the calendar, it received enough support to go ahead. There is no guarantee that this will become a regular event. If it does, it was suggested that it could be used as an event to expose talented but inexperienced Juniors to international competitions.

GG informed the committee that the entry fee for the competition is €475, with €550 required up front for aerotows. Historically, each pilot of a Junior Worlds international competition would get the entry fee funded and an additional £1600, with senior European competitions being the entry fee funded with an additional £800. In addition to this, a team captain is normally funded for international and European competitions.

Given that the development of junior talent is a priority for the CC, it was agreed that there should be some limited funding provided to support this competition. Four pilots should be funded with the entry fee and £800 per pilot. It was agreed that a team captain will not be funded, but it may be more beneficial to fund a coach at the competition instead using already budgeted coaching funding for this purpose. The funding for this competition needs to be included in the budget.

AOB

AL reported that regionals director had responded to the invitation to participate in the Self-Relight trial with a proposed amendment to the published rules which sought to exclude self-relighting gliders from the area of the circuit. This proposed rule change was discussed by the committee and it was agreed that the proposal will not be allowed due to safety concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.