

Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 26th October 2019 Venue: Sherington GC

Present:- Alan Langlands - AL, Russell Cheetham - RC, Graham Garnett - GG, Jim White - JW, Max Lazenby - ML, Chris Luton - CL

Apologies:- Matt Page-MP, Brian Spreckley-BSp, , Paul Crabb-PC, Rich Hood-RH, Matt Davis-MD, Iain Baker-IB, Justin Craig-JC, Benedict Smith - BSm

1. Meeting Admin

AL thanked Sherington GC for hosting the meeting.

2. New Member Introductions

This was the first meeting attended by new members Jim White, Max Lazenby and Chris Luton. AL welcomed them to the committee and brief introductions were given by all.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

All present gave a brief rundown of their main roles and responsibilities within the CC.

AL Committee Chair, Rules Sub-Committee Chair, Publication of Rules, Org-Guide and OBNS

RC Rules Sub-Committee, Local Rules Approval, National Bids, Team Voting System Pre-Administration, Nationals Entry System, Handicapping, IGC alternate delegate.

GG British Team Manager

PC Rules Sub-Committee, Local Rules Approval

IB Comps Calendar, Common Platform Development, Sponsorship

BSp IGC Delegate

BSm Scoring. Publication of Scoring Guide

JC Awards

MD Juniors Group Chair

RH Coaching, International and Team Matters

It was noted that the Scoring Guide published by BSm was not widely known about. Action required to publicise.

BSm	Publicise Scoring Guide	Ongoing
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4. Handicaps Subgroup

It had been agreed during the previous series of meetings that the present process for determining glider handicaps and handling handicap changes was not adequate. The solution agreed upon was to create a subgroup of the committee which would develop, document and publish the handicapping methodology and the procedures to be used, making them transparent and subject to scrutiny.

RC kindly agreed to chair the new Handicaps Subgroup and called for volunteers. CL volunteered and RC reported that PC would also like to serve on the group. RC agreed to poll members not present at this meeting to see if any others wished to join the group.

First document and glider list to be presented at meeting on 21st Dec

RC	Poll members not present and complete subgroup	ASAP
RC	Prepare outline methodology and procedure and present to CC	21 st Dec

5. Activities Timetable for 2019/202

The following key activities for the 2019/20 programme were identified:-

- Get new Nationals Entry portal working:- 30th Nov
- Complete Trophy list:-6th Jan *
- Publish 2020 Rules:- Draft 31st Jan, Final 31st March**
- Publish Bid Documents for 2021 Nationals:-31st Jan
- Publish Budget:- 31st Jan
- Publish 2020 Org Guide& OBNs:- 31st April
- Review Nationals Bids:- 31st March

* Post meeting Note:- Meeting had asked for 2nd Jan for closure of Ladder claims. Chris Fox was unwilling to agree, but offered 5th Jan instead. I accepted.

** JW strongly argued in favour of a two-stage publication process, with a draft version for consultation, followed by a final version. This was agreed.

6. Update on New Ladder Trophies

AL reported that two new Ladder trophies were in preparation. The Open Ladder and Weekend ladder would each have one additional trophy for the highest score by pilots flying gliders without any means of propulsion. The Weekend Ladder non-MOP trophy will be provided by Shaun Lapworth of Navboys. The Open Ladder Non-MOP trophy will be provided by Andrew Neofytou of Flighteck Wingman. It is expected that both trophies will be ready for presentation at the 2020 annual dinner.

7. Update on Discussion with Exec on Funding

AL reported that he had been asked by Andy Perkins (Exec Chair) to have the CC participate in a strategic review of CC funding. During a phone conversation with Andy, it had been agreed that the paper submitted in the spring by Liz Sparrow (to be circulated for info), plus a paper currently being written by RH outlining the business case for funding the British team, would initially form the basis of that participation. It was expected that this document would be ready for circulation during the weekend.

Post-Meeting Note,. RH has since advised that publication will happen by the end of the week (1st Nov).

It was noted that the CC budget contains no breakdown of how income is derived, making it difficult to consider how future income might be impacted by changes we might wish to consider or by factors outside of our direct control. JW undertook to review the budget and approach the BGA Exec to explore how this additional information could be included.

AL	Circulate Paper on Future British Team Funding	asap
RH	Circulate Team Funding Business Case.	1 Nov
JW	Approach BGA Exec re Budget front-end	9 Nov

8. WWGC Entry Numbers (a proposal from Liz Sparrow)

The committee had received a proposal from Liz Sparrow that the current BGA rule for team-selection for the Women's Worlds be relaxed for the WWGC at Husband's Bosworth in 2021 to allow for 9 pilots in total (3 per class) instead of 4 and that any who do not meet the current BGA qualification criteria should be allowed to compete under lower, but IGC-compliant, criteria as a development squad. Funding from the existing British team budget as far as possible was also requested.

The committee discussed this at length and concluded that up to 3 entries per class should be allowed on this occasion, but that only pilots meeting the required performance qualification criteria could be selected and that funding should not exceed that already planned in the 2021 budget.

Post meeting Note:- It has emerged that a case can be made to lower the current performance qualification criteria. If this is decided upon, it should be communicated to Liz together with the CC's decision on her proposal. This issue will be discussed again and concluded in the meeting on 9th Nov.

AL	Schedule this topic for discussion on 9 th Nov.	9 Nov
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9. Lasham Competitions (A query from Colin Watt, Lasham CFI)

The committee had received a query from Colin Watt, CFI at Lasham, outlining operational changes that Lasham expect to be necessary when the new airspace regime resulting from the Farnborough decision, come into effect:-

- Mandatory Flarm, Moving maps and Radio for all gliders operating out of Lasham
- Multiple DZ's due to the need to separate traffic.
- Potential delays during grid launching when there is local traffic congestion

Colin was concerned that these changes might conflict with BGA and IGC competition rules, making it difficult for Lasham to host competitions in future.

These issues were discussed and it was agreed that they do not, in fact, represent any barrier to competitions at Lasham and that, indeed, Lasham is a very important competition venue, the loss of which would be detrimental to UK gliding.

AL	Write to Colin Watt with the committee's response	Complete
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sent to Colin Watt 28

10. Competition Feedback Survey

AL reported that the results of the Pilots Satisfaction Survey were now available, but that they would require some analysis. ML kindly agreed to undertake the analysis and report.

ML	Analyse Survey Responses and Report	30 Nov
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11. Document Library

The committee needs an on-line sharing system for documentation. The old Samepage system worked quite well for a while, but became disorganised and fell out of use. JW offered to research current potential solutions and make a recommendation.

JW	Research document sharing solutions and propose	9 Nov
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12. Clean-Up of Competitions Section of BGA Website

Pete Stratten had requested that someone from the CC do a clean-up of old and out of date documentation on to Competitions section of the BGA website. ML to contact PS to determine what his view of the problem is and to determine whether direct access can be obtained.

ML	Contact Pete S and evaluate the problem. Propose a solution	9 Nov
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13 AOB

RC asked that the recently circulated 18m forum Notes be added to Directors' reports Data.

AL	Add 18m forum notes to Dir reports Data	Done
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JW asked to join the Rules Sub-Committee.

AL	Inform other Rules S-C members and confirm	Done
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CL asked that he be given a half-hour slot at a forthcoming meeting to present ICL issues..

AL	Schedule ICL slot at future meeting	9Nov
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There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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