

Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 22nd March 2023

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langlands - AL, Brian Spreckley - BS, Chris Luton - CL, Jim White - JW, Max Lazenby - ML, Paul Crabb - PC, Russell Cheetham - RC

Meeting Admin & Apologies

WS apologised for his absence.

Previous Minutes & Action Review

The Minutes from the meeting on the 24th of January 2023 were approved by the committee.

Rules 2023 Feedback review and Final Draft

There were a number of topics to discuss about the final draft version of the 2023 rules. The following was discussed and agreed:

ATZ prohibition was discussed with significant feedback from the forum at the BGA conference, and it was agreed not to prohibit ATZs for the 2023 season. There was a discussion around the inclusion of a list of sensitive ATZs and airspace for recommendation of prohibition to competition organisers. AL agreed to write up the result of this discussion and distribute it to the committee. It was also agreed by the committee to prohibit tasking through ATZs and other prohibited airspace.

The proposed rule for jet engine test time was discussed. RC informed the committee that there is a possibility of competitive advantage by letting pilots climb above inversion and get into shear wave. The rule discussed and agreed.

Extra place at EGC 20m Multi-Seat Class

At the IGC plenum, it emerged that there would be an extra place available at the EGC 2023. The question was asked if we want to send an extra entry to the EGC 2023. WS confirmed there is money in the budget for it. This was discussed and it was agreed to send an extra entry.

WS Proposal

WS informed the committee that under current IGC rules, a 20M crew will receive equal rating points in IGC competitions. This seems a sensible approach as it is a two-crew operation (a driver and a tactician) & they BOTH received medals. Additionally, it is becoming a more popular category as can be seen by the recent decision at the IGC Plenum to allow two NAC entries. Therefore, the International scene has changed.

Our current BGA rules differ in that they refer to a 'lead pilot' only and WS proposed that the CC consider UK pilots in a two seat competition be given equal recognition for what they achieve together.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that with the potential for abuse of the system, the CC would not implement this proposal.

IGC Plenum Report

BS updated the committee on the results of the IGC Plenum.



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AL received an email that the ratings spreadsheet had some issues in it. This was passed on to PC to investigate.

With no other business the meeting was concluded