

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

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langlands - AL, Ben Hughes - BH, Chris Luton - CL, Fran Roberts – FR, Graham Garnett – GG, Jim White - JW, Max Lazenby - ML, Russell Cheetham – RC, Werner Stroud – WS

### Meeting Admin & Apologies

Brian Spreckley and Matt Davies apologised for their absence.

### Previous Minutes & Action Review

The Minutes from the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 were approved by the committee.

### Planning of Organiser's Forum at Sporting Conference

As part of the rules consultation process this year, the committee will be holding a forum at the BGA conference. The format of this and forum topics were discussed. FR updated the committee that we will have a 1 hour time slot in one of the meeting rooms. Although the forum is a competition rules forum, it will be open to anyone interested in participating. It was proposed that a chair person separate from the committee should be present to facilitate the forum.

It was agreed that all of the committee members that will be present will discuss the content of the forum in a separate zoom meeting between now and the conference.

### Awards

After the last meeting, the nominees for the John Hands trophy were distributed to the committee. The committee unanimously voted for Jeremy Pack to be selected as the 2022 recipient for the John Hands Trophy.

There was a minor mistake in the awards list that were sent to the BGA office for the University Ladder award. The original winners notified the BGA office that two pilots who contributed flights to the award were alumni. The BGA office have contacted the correct winners of the award.

There were no other action needed for awards for the 2022 season.

### Proposal to Increase Rating of Simplified Rules to match Regionals

It was proposed that the rating of the simplified rules is changed in line with that of regional competitions. Both the pros and cons of this were discussed. The committee voted to increase the rating to 700.

### BGA Website Documents Review

AL received an email from Pete Stratten that the BGA would like to clear up the documents section of the members area on the BGA website, and has asked the committee to provide a list of documents that can be removed from the website by the end of February. ML agreed to pick up this task. It was agreed that relevant documents that are removed from the website will be stored on the Groups IO site and that a list of removed documents will be uploaded to the website for people to request if they would like a copy.

### Consultation on Airspace Penalties

A decision needs to be made on if the committee should make changes to airspace penalties in UK competitions. Possible options and their impact were discussed, including adoption of the IGC rules

(land out at point of entry) and it was agreed that a consultation would take place in the summer with competition pilots. It was also agreed that a proposal was needed before a consultation.

ACTION – JW to write a proposal for changes to airspace penalties for consultation in the summer.

#### Organisers Guide Update. Progress?

AL reminded the committee to have a look at the organisers guide and provide input for its update.

#### Content of Annual Report

AL thanked the committee for providing input into the annual report. AL will produce a final draft for the committee ready for publication.

#### AOB

WS updated the committee on international competition teams. All teams are settled for this year and the teams are hoping to go down to Lasham during easter to do a practice of packing the container. See You have agreed to sponsor the team this year and WS is in discussions with Sydney Charles to talk about sponsorship.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.