

Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 28th November 2022

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langlands - AL, Ben Hughes - BH, Chris Luton - CL, Jim White - JW, Max Lazenby - ML, Paul Crabb – PC, Werner Stroud – WS

Meeting Admin & Apologies

AL welcomed Werner Stroud to the committee

Previous Minutes & Action Review

Actions Review:

- Review contacting Juniors for most promising Junior Pilot. AL contacted Max Lazenby for progress. – Completed. Refer to the Awards section of the minutes.
- AL to continue using both groups.io and standard email to ensure no emails are missed. – Ongoing
- AL to publish these two sets of minutes ASAP – Complete
- AL to recirculate minutes from Feb 23rd and March 14th. EVERYONE to review. – Complete
- AL to recommend Werner to the BGA Executive Committee to be approved in the role. – Complete
- FR to put together a team for the WWGC. – Ongoing
- BS to circulate Referee guidance
- FR to contact Pete Stratten to explore options for rules consultation process
- AL load Word Version of 2109 Org Guide to Groups.io – Complete
- FR to contact the BGA office to request a slot and a venue at the Sporting Conference – Complete
- RC/FR to obtain historic data about the number of Female FAI Licenses – Complete
- FR to develop proposal for Women's Gliding Regionals – Ongoing

There is a minor adjustment needed for the minutes from the previous meeting. All other minutes were agreed by the committee.

Appointment of Badges Officer

AL explained to the committee that Basil Fairstone is retiring from the position of the Badges Officer at the BGA. Luke Walker has agreed to take over from Basil in due course.

Review of Draft Rules 2023

AL distributed a version of the draft rules for 2023 to the committee. The draft rules were a result of the meetings conducted by the rules subcommittee.

The draft rules were discussed by the committee, in particular the need for signed registration forms. There were no changes to the draft rules as a result of the discussion.

Review of Document on ATZs as Excluded airspace

AL distributed a document that outlined the decision to prohibit flight in ATZs for competitions.

The content of this document was discussed. In particular, the Pros and Cons of inactive or unmanned ATZs being non prohibited airspace was discussed, with no outcome during the meeting.

Awards

So far, the committee has received 1 nomination for the John Hands trophy by going out to the wider gliding community through an email to all gliding clubs in the UK. At a previous meeting, there was a nomination for the trophy by Graham Garnett. This was discussed with the following action:

ACTION: ML to contact Graham Garnett and Fran Roberts for a citation for Jeremy Pack for the John Hands trophy, and circulate all nominees to the committee for a decision to be made for the recipient.

ML contacted the Juniors committee for suggestion for the Phil Lever trophy, and it was agreed that the recipient will be Oli Summerell.

Directors' Reports

AL distributed the Directors Reports for the 2022 season. The content of the reports was discussed. During the discussion, it was noted that Chalgrove is difficult to contact by competition organisers to see what their activity is for the day. The following action was an outcome of this discussion:

ACTION: JW to contact the airspace committee to ask them to contact Chalgrove and establish a better communication between them and competition organisers.

Feedback from pilots through the use of questionnaires was discussed.

AOB

Matt Page would like to step down as airspace liaison for the competitions committee. ML agreed to contact MP and take over the role.

JW stated that at the last meeting we decided to carry on with the simplified rules. It was proposed to increase the rating points to same as regionals and give the option for 1000 point scoring.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.