

**Approved Minutes of a Comps Committee Meeting 5/11/22 10.30am-3pm**  
**Venue. BGA Conference Room, Merus Court**

**In Attendance.**

Alan Langlands	AL
Russell Cheetham	RC
Paul Crabb	PC
Brian Spreckley	BS
Fran Roberts	FR
Chris Luton	CL
Jim White	JW

**Apologies** from Ben Hughes, Graham Garnett, Matt Davis & Max Lazenby.

*Minutes taken by Fran Roberts*

**Previous Minutes and Action Review 18/10/22**

Two applications have been received for the Team Manager position. Selection of a candidate to be recommended to the BGA is an agenda item for today.

Review contacting Juniors for most promising Junior Pilot. **AL contact Max Lazenby for progress.**

AL reported having attempted to use the [BGACC@groups.io](mailto:BGACC@groups.io) email system as requested in the last meeting, but was concerned that it may not be reliable. Test email sent by JW which was received by all attendees. **AL to continue using both groups.io and standard email to ensure no emails are missed.**

The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18/10/22

**Previous Minutes and Action Review WWGC 24/9/22**

The committee approved the minute of the Zoom meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**AL to publish these two sets of minutes ASAP**

**Previous Minutes and Action Review MARCH 22**

Alan informed the meeting that the draft minutes of the February 23rd and March 14th 2022, which had been missing, have now been received. Given the elapsed time since those meetings CC members are asked to review the drafts for approval at the next meeting – **ACTION AL to recirculate. EVERYONE to review.**

## **British Team Manager Recommendation for Appointment**

Two people had applied for the role. The Committee reviewed both applications and concluded unanimously that Werner Stroud should be recommended for the position. Previous involvement as team captain and media manager at previous international events, proven communication and interpersonal skills made him the stronger candidate. We recommend him to the BGA Exec to be approved. **ACTION –AL to recommend Werner to the BGA Executive Committee to be approved in the role.**

## **Women's Team Selection**

In accordance with the decision taken at the Sep22nd Meeting (minutes approved above) Once the decision has been published, issue the priority list and assemble the team.

**Action: FR to put together a team.**

## **Review of Referee Scheme**

The Competition Referee scheme introduced in 2022 is deemed to have been a success, having been particularly useful to those directing for the first time. It should continue with the same group of referees. IE members of the Rules Subcommittee AL, RC, JW, PC.

Referees should ensure they contact the competition director in advance of the competition to establish communications. **Action Referees**

BS offered to circulate the Referee Guidance issued to SGP referees. **Action BS**

## **Rules Consultation Process**

It was agreed that the revolt over ATZs as Excluded Airspace, which emerged just before the Aston Down Nationals, had revealed that the Rules consultation process, in which the rules are published as a consultative draft in January, with final publication at the end of March, was not effective in relation to the distribution of the rules to the wider gliding community. It was agreed that a more proactive process is needed.

We should explore whether direct email, or an improved BGA Newsletter could be used to ensure that Rules changes are communicated to all competition pilots and organisers

**Action FR to contact Pete Stratten to explore options**

## **Rules Changes Proposals Update.**

AL took the meeting through a number of proposals that had been considered by the Rules Subcommittee at their meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov..

- A proposal to include in the Nationals Bid Document, a declaration, to be signed by the club Chair, that the competition would be run under the latest published version of the BGA

Rules For Rated Competitions, was approved. **Action AL & RC to agree wording and insert in Bid Document.**

- **2.1.4 Team Entries Different Gliders.**

There had been confusion at one competition where the scorer had scored two gliders with different handicaps at the higher handicap of the two. This is not the intention of the rule. It was noted that this requires a particular process to be followed by the scorer. Add "each glider to be scored using its own handicap" to the rule and: **Action AL Insert a note for scorers in the 2023 Organisers' Briefing Notes.**

- **5.10.3 Airspace Types Excluded**

We don't specify the definitive source of airspace for penalties.

Add "For the purposes of applying penalties during the competition, such areas are as defined in the current UKAIP, unless the organisation has issued an official Competition Airspace File, in which case the Airspace File shall be regarded as definitive".

It was also agreed that the airspace file version (if any) should be added to the task sheet minimum contents.

- **7.1 Penalties**

Generally the Rules sub-committee does not expect to recommend any change to the airspace penalty structure.

- **5.1.4 Election of PSC**

Some confusion had been reported regarding the process for selection of the PSC. It is suggested that this rule should be changed to "Prior to the commencement of the competition, the Director will solicit nominations from the pilots entered in the competition either for themselves or others to serve on the PSC and, with the agreement of the pilots concerned, select three pilots and a reserve. The director is free to choose the method for gaining nominations, but must ensure that the selected pilots are aware of their role before registration is completed." Agreed.

- **5.22.2 Engine Test**

CL had suggested that the wording of this rule could be improved. **ACTION CL & RC to propose new wording.**

- **1.1.3 Stewards**

It is unclear what "Stewards must hold no executive position in the organisation of the competition..." actually means. It is proposed to change to "Stewards must not be Key Officers as defined in 1.1.2 above.."

- **6.1.3 Rating of team Entries**

This paragraph has been causing some difficulty of interpretation. It is proposed to change to "Only the team member gaining the greatest proportion of the day winner's points, over the days they flew as registered pilot, receives a Rating Score based on the team's overall competition position and points"

- **6.2.3.4 Sole Basis of Team Selection**

This rule absolutely prevents use of the JWGC or WWGC wildcards. The JWGC wildcards have been used more than once recently. Clearly this rule is being ignored and should be scrapped.

- **5.5.6 Flight recorder Time Intervals**

It was discussed that it was taking a long time to process AAT flights at Lasham, we have questioned what computer they are using – waiting to hear? **ACTION AI to contact the scorer.**

- **7.4 Height Verification Procedure**

Pilots flying with Altimeter subscale set to 1013 can still be penalised for infringing a flight level due to pressure changes since take-off – **ACTION JW to investigate**

- **5.9.4 Direct Landing Option**

The requirement that a direct landing option be available should not apply to Finish Rings. Proposal to move sentence to Finish Lines section and delete reference to both lines and rings.

- **5.6 Starting**

The CC has been asked to consider including PEV starts as an option in the BGA Rules. The meeting concluded that this may not yet be ready yet as a technique and that it may be too early to adopt. More research needed.

**ACTION – BRIAN to circulate latest PEV developments from the IGC.**

- **5.10.3 Excluded Airspace**

ATZs as excluded airspace. Decision needed on whether to enforce existing rule or seek to refine/modify. Principle agreed that rule should stay, but some adjustment required to clarify status of different types of ATZ and unmanned or closed ATZs. Also agreed that a document explaining the reasons for the final decision should be developed and published.

**ACTION – Rules subcommittee to develop the document.**

**ACTION- The Rules Subcommittee will submit a fully reviewed draft of the proposed rules for 2023 taking the above into account for approval in due course. Ideally during December.**

#### **Simplified Rules. Ditch or Improve and Promote?**

The committee felt that this initiative should be given time to gain acceptance. We should plan for a newsletter item to promote it and make clubs aware that they are there to use.

### **Inter Club League Update**

CL reported that this year was a bit slow compared to the pre-Covid years, with a previous final at Tibenham with 5 teams. This year 3 teams turned up for the final with one day's flying out of two at Dunstable. The one day was very good. Nympsfield won.

A particular difficulty is finding individuals at clubs who are prepared to act as ICL Champions and a lot of clubs have pulled out as a result of this. It was suggested that each club in a local league having to host its own ICL event may also be a factor, since finding space in the calendar is not always easy. It was suggested that, although a few leagues are working successfully, a rethink of the format might be required to encourage more ICL participation across the country.

CL has an article in the works for S&G for publication in the spring.

### **Organisers Guide 2023**

AL pointed out that the last time the Organisers' Guide was updated was 2019 and that a review is required. This is a big task, so it was agreed that all CC members should read the document and identify changes they think are needed. It was also agreed that the directors of competitions in 2022 should be invited to participate in the review.

Action AL load Word Version of 2109 Org Guide to Groups.io

JW to contact 2022 directors for input.

### **Competition Organisers Seminars 2023**

It was agreed that we should run another Competition Organisers' Seminar since the last one was 4 years ago. Agreed to investigate whether it could be held at the BGA Sporting Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, during the Rules Consultation period. ACTION – FR to contact the BGA office to request a slot and a venue at the Sporting Conference.

### **Stats for Women Pilots in UK**

The Women Glide group is keen to get statistics on female participation in competitions in the UK. It was agreed to start by obtaining the number of Female FAI licence holders and whether that has changed over the last 5 years. When we have that information then the stats on female participation in UK competition can be. ACTION – RC/FR

### **NEW Comps – Grand prix UK 2024 for UK pilots.**

BS stated that the Sailplane Grand Prix would like to hold an event in the UK in 2024.

ACTION – BS contact Pete Stratten.

### **Women Gliding Regionals**

FR suggested that the Women's group would like to hold a "Women Gliding" regionals in 2024. Women Gliding already run a task week, which could be made into a regionals. It was pointed out that male entries would be welcome. The meeting agreed that this idea is worthy of consideration.

FR to develop the proposal further.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.