

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

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Chris Luton – CL, Jim White – JW, Max Lazenby – ML, Russell Cheetham – RC, Paul Crabb – PC

### Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The Minutes from the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 were approved by the committee.

### Awards - Consider nominations / progress.

Nominations were considered for the John Hands trophy. It was agreed by the committee to award the John Hands trophy to Alan Langlands.

ML has contacted Lucy Wotton to discuss the recipient for the Phil Lever trophy with the junior committee and is awaiting a response.

### Rules - consider proposals put by rules subcommittee.

A summary of the inputs from the wider gliding committee, responses from the committee, and rule change proposals was distributed to the committee by the rules subcommittee.

The following was discussed:

- The requirement to mandate FLARM. JW agreed to consult with Exec committee on their reception to the rules mandating FLARM.
- Routing tasks through ATZs. This was clarified amongst the committee that there is no requirement to not route AATs through ATZs. No change from above document.
- Turbo testing time. No change from above document.
- 2 seat rating. The discussion remains ongoing with RC agreeing to provide wording to the committee via email.

JW agreed to contact WS, BS, and FR to ensure they are content with the proposed changes. JW will then change the current rule book in line with the change proposals and forward the rules to the Exec for approval prior to publishing.

It was agreed to that the rule change document explaining the decisions will be published alongside the rules.

### IGC proposal from GFAC group

A draft proposal from GFAC to change the Earth Model used in Scoring IGC Sanctioned Competitions from the FAI Sphere to the WGS84 Ellipsoid was distributed to the committee. The question was asked if we would support the proposal.

This was discussed and it was noted that the UK competitions use WGS84. It was agreed that the committee would support this proposal.

### AOB

The proposed dates for the 2025 competitions were discussed. RC agreed to circulate the suggested windows to the committee. It was agreed that the entry fees for 2025 competitions shall remain the same.

Timescales of the budget and the need to submit to the Exec in January were discussed. It was agreed to discuss the budget at the next meeting in early January.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.