

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

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Chris Luton – CL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Paul Crabb – PC, Brian Spreckley - BS, Fran Roberts - FR

Apologies: Werner Stroud, Matt Davis, Max Lazenby

### **Declaration of Interest**

Fran Roberts declared an interest in the outcome of item 5

### **Previous Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 were approved by the committee.

### **IGC Plenary**

BS reported on the decisions of the IGC Plenary in Toulouse on 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

- \* Requirement for Strobes approved and to be considered for adoption in the UK
- \* PEV / circle starts were adopted but there is no scoring software available to score them. SC3A has been amended but there are still ongoing discussions on implementation. This is already to be considered in the UK
- \* Club class handicaps changed. We will review
- \* 14th FAI JWGC 2026 to be in Aalen, Germany
- \* 24th FAI EGC 2026 (Club, Standard, 15M) to be in Ostrow, Poland
- \* 41st FAI WGC 2027 (Club, Standard, 15m) to be in Italy
- \* 14th FAI WWGC 2027 to be in Celje, Slovenia
- \* 15th FAI JWGC 2028 to be in Australia. CC will consider whether / how to support this competition.

### **WGC Uvalde**

As WS was unable to attend this item will be discussed at the next meeting

### **2025 Competition Calendar**

JW presented a detailed report on the difficulties in selecting clubs for 2025 Nationals competitions. There were few bids and one club made bids that did not meet our requirements. This had left us little choice. JW and RS considered this during our off season and following significant arm twisting awarded the following venues and dates:

15s / Standards / Opens	Lasham	May 24 to June 1
18s / 20s	The Gliding Centre	August 16 to August 24
Clubs	Dunstable	July 26 to Aug 3
Juniors	Aston Down	August 16 to August 24

### **Team Voting**

JW and ML conducted the team vote counting and report that it was very complicated but the outcome clear. JW thanked RC for his help in setting up the software and reported that the new email system worked very well: With 69 voters, only one did not receive the notifications and it was

determined that the problem was with his provider. The results were published on 2<sup>nd</sup> September:

	<b>Standards</b>	<b>15M Class</b>	<b>Club Class</b>
1	Jeremy Hood	Leigh Wells	Tom Arscott
2	Howard Jones	Tom Arscott	John Roberts
3	Henry Inigo-Jones	Phillip Jones	Tim Fletcher
4	Paul Fritche	Derren Francis	Tim Milner
5	Tim Fletcher	Timothy Scott	George White
6	Francesca Roberts	Gary Stingemore	James Ewence

JW expressed a view that the process was unnecessarily complicated and prone to error. He will bring forward a proposal to review the whole selection process for 2027.

#### **ICL Report**

CL presented a report on ICL 2024 and in particular the lack of attendance at the Final. He felt the cup should be awarded to Hus Bos by default as they were the only team willing to appear at the Final. The matter had been contested by Essex, who did not send a team. There was agreement that if only one team turn up, they win by default. CL proposed rule changes for 2025 to emphasise this point and to clarify the rules where a club has no regional competitors. These proposed changes were approved.

#### **Proposal to increase the number of pilots for the WWGC**

FR presented a proposal to permanently increase the entries to WWGC to 6 (2 in each class). Following discussion about funding this was agreed in principle and will be included in the rules for 2025. There will be further discussion about budgets at a later meeting.

#### **CC Tasks 2025**

JW presented a tasks spreadsheet with timeframes for the work that the CC needs to deliver in the 2024/25 round of meetings. JW asked all to review and identify any items that may be missing or incorrect. FR offered to collate and summarise the Director's reports for consideration by the rules sub-committee. FR will join RC,PC, and JW on this group.

#### **Any other business**

- \* PC said that he would try to publish the 2024 ratings by 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- \* BS suggested that we have at least one face to face meeting this round
- \* RS / BS suggested we shuffle meeting times to include a weekend afternoon
- \* JW thanked the whole committee for their support for the 2024/25 round of decision making

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.