

Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 30th November 2024

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Chris Luton – CL, Fran Roberts – FR, Max Lazenby – ML, Werner Stroud - WS

Apologies: Russell Cheetham, Matt Davis

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2024 were approved by the committee.

Rule Change Proposals

JW presented the rule change proposals that have been developed by the rules sub-group during the last 2 months. There had been 39 suggestions put forward by pilots and committee members, all of which had been considered. These have been documented in the change proposals paper that had been circulated before the meeting.

All the proposals were accepted by the meeting with two points discussed further:

- CL was concerned that the additional role for the PSC would be a burden on the PSC members. It was agreed that the change should go ahead for 2025 and further feedback examined.
- JW asked whether the change to AAT minima for Regionals should be extended to include Junior Nationals. All agreed that it should.

Senior Team Selection Process Review

JW thanks WS for undertaking this review.

John Hands Trophy

Several possible recipients were proposed during the meeting. ML agreed to solicit further proposals from CC members by email and publish a poll so that the CC can vote.

Budget for 2025 -28

WS presented his budgets based upon decisions made in January 2021 updated with changes agreed since. These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting

There is presently uncertainty about the value of reserves. It was agreed that the target for reserves should be 12 to 18 months spend. Given continued falling income there is a need to be circumspect about how the money is spent but it may be possible to be a little more generous in the short term.

Following a suggestion from a member prior to the meeting, JW advised the CC that there had been a proposal some years back to ask team members to apply for funding. Some need support more

than others and our present system cannot do this. If wealthier pilots forgo or reduce their funding requirements, other able but less wealthy pilots could be selected and better supported.

It was agreed to revisit the budget towards the end of December when WS has received more information from the BGA. ML will provide WS with contact details for the new treasurer.

Any other business

- ML advised that he had not yet had a response from the Juniors coach for the Phil Lever trophy. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- WS advised that George White had declined his selection for JEGC 2025 and that George Downing had been offered, and had accepted, the place on the Juniors team for the event.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.