

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

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Chris Luton – CL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Brian Spreckley - BS, Max Lazenby – ML, Werner Stroud - WS

Apologies: Matt Davis, Paul Kaye, Fran Roberts, Paul Crabb

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

### **Business conducted during the season**

- The minutes from the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 were approved by the committee on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and were published.
- The venues and dates for 2026 competitions was agreed and published
- Investigations into the junior overspend had been investigated. Coaching costs had been attributed to the CC budget and not the instructing budget. JW, also, will ask the BGA to correct this error.
- Paul Kaye has agreed to join the CC and bring his directing and business experience.

### **IGC Plenary**

BS reported on the decisions of the 2025 plenary that affect the CC and rules. There are two rules: PEV starts and start / finish height difference which still cannot yet be scored automatically. BS reports that Naviter are not interested in further developing their competition scoring software unless paid. Ditto Weglide.

### **2025 WGC, EGC, WWGC, and JWGC**

WS reported that the year had been generally successful. British pilots brought home 3 silver and two bronze medals. The WWGC and Junior results were, however, disappointing. It was decided to consult the Junior coaches on clearer selection processes and consider changes to WWGC selection and classes.

### **Team Manager**

We have had two responses to the advert posted on the BGA website. Before a decision is made, JW and WS will engage with team members to try to widen the choices. In the meantime WS is preparing the 2026 budget and is trying to get a team together for the 2026 Europeans. As pilots are waiting for the outcome of the WGC team vote a deadline of end September will be set.

### **Team Voting**

The team vote is now open and will close on 21<sup>st</sup> September. JW and ML will conduct the team vote count immediately after and will report the outcome by email before publication.

### **Future support for the 20M class**

The 2025 20M Nationals only had one entry with all the early entrants choosing to withdraw. The competing 20M Masters held at Lasham also failed to attract many entrants with only 5 competitors flying on the last day. The CC discussed whether there is sufficient interest in the class to continue holding Nationals and supporting International competitions. With this reducing participation and

the increasing costs of sending pilots to international competitions the CC is keen to get the BGA Exec's opinion on continued support for the class. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Exec.

### **CC Tasks 2025**

JW presented a tasks spreadsheet with timeframes for the work that the CC needs to deliver in the 2025/26 round of meetings. JW asked all to review and identify any items that may be missing or incorrect.

### **Any other business**

- JW proposed that rules discussions should start in September. A call for input had been issued and there are already 14 points to discuss.
- The handicap subcommittee has received further measured data for some types and will propose changes within the rule making timeframe.
- The ICL was poorly supported in 2025. JW and CL will discuss where we go next.
- JW has been invited to attend the October Exec meeting to present a report on the activities of the CC and discuss issues arising.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.