Date(s):	5 Mar 2016	Start Time:	1030	End Time:	1600 C	Distribution date:	1 Apr 2016
Title of Meeting:		Sixth Compe	etition Co	mmittee (CC)	Meeting 201	15/16	
Location:	Lasham				Chair:	Liz Sparro	DW .
Present:	Russell Che	eetham(RC)			Distributio	n: Meeting A	ttendees + BGA
	Liz Sparrow	/ (ES)				Exec (on	ce approved)
	Alan Langla	ands (AL)					
	Andy Cocke	erell (AC)					
	Paul Crabb	(PC)					
	Rich Hood (RH)						
	Graham Garnett (GG)						
	Andrew Mu	gleston (AM)					
	Justin Craig (JC)						
	lain Baker (IB)						
Apols:	Mark Holde	n (MH)					
	Brian Spreckley (BS)						
	Jon Gatfield	d (JG)					

Legend						
Type	EVE	Event				
	OBS	Observation				
	DEC	Decision				
	Al	Action Item				

No	Type	Due By Date	DESCRIPTION	Resp.		
Meeting and Comps Committee Admin						
1	OBS	N/A	Admin – ES opened meeting and thanked Lasham Gliding Society for hosting.			
			Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.			
			New Members – ES welcomed the new members of the committee.			
			Airspace – An airspace letter was sent out to all pilots from the BGA, endorsed by the CC.			
			Project Eva – CC felt that project eva was not suitable for CC implementation and was better suited to a central and wider BGA incorporation.			
			Rulebook Sign Off – The 2016 competition rulebook was signed off and a version uploaded onto the BGA website			

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2	OBS / AI	ASAP	IGC Plenum outcomes including FLARM update – ES presented feedback of the decisions from the IGC Plenum: Chief steward for Lasham agreed New 20m MS MTOW agreed and implemented in March Comp number rule adopted Team cup formula adopted Mass landout scoring formula to be reviewed SGP ranking accepted with amended proposal Ranking list to be made more dynamic was rejected Start options – amendment to between 10-30min (at comp directors' discretion) accepted. ES noted Andy Davis keen to trial at Lasham Glide Action – RC to "encourage" 10mins with sensible number (eg on the 0 or 5) Competing without a CofA adopted Airframe parachutes instead of parachutes adopted 13.5m class definition changed to require a means of propulsion Video evidence ban lost 20m ranking list definition – remove all 20m results lost. Status of 20m class in ranking list must be clarified in future. Wildcards – adopted for WGC champs, JWGC and WWGC	RC
			champions wildcard still allowed. GPS datum – WGS84 Silver distance definition change was rejected – ES noted there was no appetite for change. Loss of height in Silver duration no longer relevant	
			FLARM Update ES noted there would be no change at present following a meeting before the formal Plenum meeting. People will be strongly encouraged to fly in stealth mode in its current form, but don't want to mandate the mode. The concern is over policing rather than mandating itself. RC asked about other information which is allowed in international comps, for example weather data – same argument regarding difficulty to police, and so no intention to regulate. ES reported that at international competitions FLARM will continue to be mandated wherever it is legal to use FLARM. IGC will to continue to put more pressure on FLARM to develop a better version of stealth mode. There will be a review of use of information in cockpit in autumn. ES has sent a note to the Exec outlining our position and asked safety committee to review/produce evidence on use of FLARM and requested and that FLARM status/evidence is always reviewed/taken into account.	
			Action – Encourage near miss reporting where FLARM was of assistance.	ES
			Action – Request directors to report FLARM status in directors' report through 1st briefing.	AL

3	DEC/ Al	ASAP	Directors Notes Review – Competition Forum Seed Topics FLARM – The wording of FLARM mandate in directors notes was reviewed. It was decided to ask Directors to report list of issues and a vote yes/no in relation to future FLARM mandate.	
			Action – Update wording of directors guide.	AL
			Field landing safety – AL to amend wording to get ideas and ensure it reads that examples listed are simply thoughts/ideas. ES reported that IGC video use was discussed at the plenum. Use is generally ok, but needs to be controlled to ensure they maintain their impact. IB noted he had been given videos for use at last year's nationals by BS.	AL
			Action – Amend wording to get ideas and ensure it reads that examples listed are simply thoughts/ideas. Add additional topic on competition improvement to forum.	
			It was noted that there is nothing in rules that states that a comp has to be 9 days. Regionals are more flexible to number of days/glider types etc. The Northern Regionals is being run as a 7 day competition this year.	
			Action – Add note to comp organisers about flexibility options.	AL
			Action – Add note about shared crewing to directors notes.	AL
			Action - Add link to Tim Scott article to directors notes and task setting page of website	AL / PC
			Flying Safety & Safer thermalling –RC spoke about joining gaggle from side rather than pulling up into a gaggle i.e. pull up to side of thermal and then slot in where appropriate. It was decided to add a topic on "Aggressive thermal entry" to the directors pack, but need resources to give to directors.	
			Action – Ask Pete S about video resources.	ES
			Nuclear Exceptions – It was decided to produce a standardised set of wording/pictures for nuclear exemption.	
			Action – Produce Nuclear Exception wording based on Lasham/Sheningtion local rules.	AL
			NOTAM for Comps – It was noted that Colin Rule chases for information each year. Clubs need to provide this. There also needs to be a better way of handling Regionals applications.	
			Action – Speak to Keith about online form for Regionals application/NOTAM data capture.	AL
			Compton / Daventry Boxes – It was noted that the airspace committee asked to get this re-implemented.	

4	OBS/	ASAP	Competition Improvement	
	Al		JC – SGP has a single website for each round, could this be used for UK Nationals. Onglide is great, but doesn't have a good public homepage so not great for outside world.	
			IB – Comps are loss makers at some clubs where infrastructure costs	
			are high without sponsorship. Good media coverage with	
			website/social media is important if integrated - gives a sponsor a	
			platform for consistent brand message. Flying side of organisation	
			then becomes separate to public facing side, domestic arrangements etc. IB developing a pack to demonstrate this scheme and show to	
			multi-nationals to see if this is the sort of brand package that multi-	
			nationals would be willing to invest it.	
			ES – IGC website also has single branded website for international	
			events, might also become available for national championships.	
			JC – short term ideas: template press releases, identify pilots of interest for press releases, identify different media outlets. Single	
			social media brand for UK gliding competitions – effectively relieve	
			organisations of this burden.	
			Action – JC to work with Keith to develop templates etc	JC
			RC – is this something we can co-ordinate through Keith A? IB – need to take time to decide/envision final product.	
			ES – spoken to Andy Davis about British Airways sponsorship – their	
			contact has just left following restructuring. Andy Perkins will keep	
			feelers out but not hopeful.	
			IB – make competition registration paperwork less arduous.	
			To be revisited in October.	
			2016 Improvements:	
			IB – universal airspace file. ES has asked Shaun – no reply yet, will ask Dave if Shaun not available.	IB / AL
			ask Dave II Shaun not available.	
			Action – IB to ask Shaun what he proposes to do with competition airspace filed and AL to amend Directors guide accordingly.	IB
5	Al	ASAP	Action – IB to speak with Neil Goudie about D* airspace clarification Competition Registration Form – RC noted that there would be a	
3	AI	ASAP	small change to the standard comp registration form - Add FLARM	
			information, Club Class weight and section about CofA for non-EASA	
			gliders.	
			Action – Produce updated competition registration form.	RC
6	Al	ASAP	AAT timeout issue – It was decided to do nothing for this year but to	- 110
			amend the scoring for 2017. This issue is to be investigated in the	
			next CC cycle.	
			Action – Ask Paul Candler about what rule change should be.	AL
7	Al	ASAP	20m Multiseat MTOW increase - It was noted that the rulebook will	
			need to be updated to reflect the recent plenum decision.	
			Action – RC to send AL amended wording for rulebook.	RC / AL
8	DEC	N/A	Local Rules Subgroup - It was decided that AC, PC, RC will review	
			all local rules for competitions and feedback any suitable points to the	
			CC	

9	Al	ASAP	Club Class Handicaps – Tim Fletcher wrote to ES about the minimum handicap and not getting light pilot reduction.	
			Action – RC to formulate response to Tim and forward to ES to send.	RC/ES
10	Al	ASAP	2017 Bid Review – RC reported that the CC were not in a position to review bids. Only 2 were received – Hus Bos and Bicester. Aston Down put in late bid. Lasham will not bid. Tibenham may wish to bid, but want to wait until after their 2016 comp. In future the CC may have to consider other options e.g. airfields which are current gliding sites.	
			Action – Talk to Tibenham and Pocklington about new bids.	RC

11	DEC /	ASAP	British Team	
	DEC		Tom Arscott's place - we confirmed the decision agreed in correspondence ahead of the meeting that, after appeal, the CC will allow Tom's place in Lithuania. The rules clearly state that we do not support wild-card entry, however we did make the offer of a place and we concluded that there was too long a time lapse before the error was communicated to Tom hence our decision to honour the offer. Tom's entry will be funded as for any other team member, however as it is not budgeted we expect him to look for funding from, for example, the Philip Wills Trust etc. We also noted the support for Tom's attendance from other team members and the Coaches' panel - this was not what drove the decision; however it acted as a clear prompt for us to review the wild-card rule during the 16/17 Comps committee meetings when we will take into account the reasons the rule was established and how we might deal with the risks and issues around supporting wild-card entries.	
			Budget – GG reported budget was currently as agreed at previous meeting but with Tom Arscott added to WGC2016. ES and GG have worked through budget since last meeting.	
			Action – GG to send final budget to ES and ES to send to exec.	GG
			Possible funding options – Diane King looking at new funding option bid through Sport England. This will probably be slow to produce a result.	
			Lasham 2017 – ES wrote to Mike Clarke and Andy Davis highlighting our continuing concerns about entries and infrastructure. ES, RH and IB agreed to offer to help Lasham organisation with an independent review of progress.	
			Action – Approach Mike Clarke to offer independent review of organisation progress.	ES
			JC suggested talking to Matt Davis re sponsorship/branding of British Team. It was also proposed to create a press pack for team	
			Action – AC to introduce JC to Matt via email.	AC
			Action – Write to individual team members for profile/human interest stories etc.	GG
			Action – Create and circulate communications planner for 2016.	JC
			Action – ES to introduce JC to Keith via email.	ES
12	DEC / Al	ASAP	Coaching – Need someone to manage coaching going forwards. Need to revisit the current coaching list and ask them if they still want to be involved. An open application process in autumn was proposed.	
			Action – Speak to Matt Davis about meeting with current coaches/right people to come up with further ideas. ES and GG to also be involved.	RH
13	OBS	N/A	ES closed meeting.	