

## Minutes of Meeting

<b>Date(s):</b>	6 Feb 2016	<b>Start Time:</b>	1030	<b>End Time:</b>	1600	<b>Distribution date:</b>	9 Feb 2016
<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	Fifth Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2015/16						
<b>Location:</b>	Weston				<b>Chair:</b>	Liz Sparrow	
<b>Present:</b>	Russell Cheetham(RC) Liz Sparrow (ES) Alan Langlands (AL) Andy Cockerell (AC) Paul Crabb (PC) Rich Hood (RH) Brian Spreckley (BS)				<b>Distribution:</b>	Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)	
<b>Apols:</b>	Graham Garnett (GG) Mark Holden (MH)						

Legend		
<b>Type</b>	EVE	Event
	OBS	Observation
	DEC	Decision
	AI	Action Item

No	Type	Due By Date	DESCRIPTION	Resp.
<b>Meeting and Comps Committee Admin</b>				
1	OBS		ES opened meeting and thanked Oxford Gliding Club for hosting.  The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.	

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2	OBS / AI	5 Mar	<p><b>5 Year Plan</b> – RH presented the 5 year plan presentation which he circulated prior to the meeting. It is to be noted that data shows entries, not individual pilots. Data for the overseas nationals is also available but was removed from presented data.</p> <p>The trend for nationals entries appears to follow the trend for overall BGA membership with a 1 year lag. Competition entries as a percentage of pilots falls, with Nationals entries staying mostly flat whilst regionals entries fall more dramatically. RH also noted an increase in number of Silver C badges completed in recent years.</p> <p>It was decided that other factors should also be considered, such as number of pilots competing, number of individual entries for each competition (particularly at regionals) and diversity statistics. It is also worth considering trends with participation in non-rated events, such as BGA ladder, OLC, Pocklington 2 seater comp, Competition Enterprise and Mountain Soaring.</p> <p>ES reminded the group of the outcomes of the comp pilot survey – not landing out, 7 day comps, crewing – all to be incorporated into improvement plan. BS noted that 7 day Regionals should be allowed in the rules. Measures should also be taken to put more value on Regionals, such as reducing the number entries in nationals to 20 pilots. BS also noted that Germany only have nationals every 2 years whilst French nationals are undersubscribed because they are separate to team selection. We noted that a common rating list exists covering a number of different competition types and debated whether other competitions could also be included within the rules.</p> <p>We agreed that development of the competition improvement plan should form the major part of the final CC meeting of the year</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AC to upload previous years' rating lists to samepage. <span style="float: right;"><b>AC</b></span></p> <p><b>Action</b> – RH to add additional stats to the presentation using diversity data from BGA and pilot and entries data from rating lists. <span style="float: right;"><b>RH</b></span></p> <p><b>Action</b> – RH to arrange slot at Juniors Winter Series (16/17<sup>th</sup> April) to discuss ideas with Juniors <span style="float: right;"><b>RH</b></span></p> <p><b>Action</b> – To visit non-rated comps and debate pros/cons why people don't fly rated comps. <span style="float: right;">??</span></p>	
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3	OBS/ AI	5 Mar	<p><b>Field landing safety / comps safety --</b> AL reported that Mike Fox has written an S&amp;G article but that this still frames it as a competition problem not a XC field landing problem. AL fed this back to him but has had no response yet from Mike Fox. It was noted that pilots should be made aware of what will be discussed at each comps forum at the beginning of the competition.</p> <p>BS reported that IGC safety videos are available on request, but they are not to be made generally available (on youtube etc.) as it will lower their effectiveness.</p> <p><b>Action –</b> BS to advise what is available for UK comps</p> <p><b>Action –</b> AL to add note to competition directors about standard topics for comp forums and to publicise this to pilots at the beginning of each competition.</p>	<p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>AL</b></p>
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4	DEC		<p><b>IGC – BS</b> reported that only 1 bid for each championship had been received so there will be no vote, but that Australia was still bidding for the Women's Worlds. Each proposal was discussed and a decision was made.</p> <p><b>Year 2 proposals:</b></p> <p>Contest numbers –Don't Support</p> <p>MTOW for 20m –Support</p> <p>Team Cup Calculation –Support</p> <p>Scoring of days with no finishers – Support (If supported, see if can be introduced to LashamGlide)</p> <p>SGP results in IGC rankings list –Support but make sure GP doesn't get overrated</p> <p>IGC Ranking list dynamism –Don't support</p> <p>Start options –Support by majority</p> <p><b>Year 1 proposals:</b></p> <p>Competing without C of A or Permit to Fly – Support</p> <p>Airframe parachute – Support</p> <p>Definition and scoring of 13.5 meter class – Support</p> <p>List of penalties – Don't Support</p> <p>20m Rankings – Don't Support</p> <p>Participation of World Champions at WGCs – Support at World Champions level. Continue to discuss Women/Junior place, suggest it is an additional place on top of total number of entries so no smaller nations are adversely affected.</p> <p>Use of WGS84 and OpenAir – Support</p> <p>SGP pilot criteria – Don't support</p>	
5	OBS		<p><b>Flarm developments – BS</b> reported that little progress had been made, but that there was a meeting prior to the plenum.</p>	

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6	DEC	ASAP	<p><b>New members discussion</b> – ES circulated applications from 7 candidates to members prior to the meeting. Each application was discussed in turn.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> – The following applicants were selected to join the competition committee: Ian Baker, Justin Craig, Jon Gatfield, Andrew Mugleston.</p> <p>It was noted that more geographical diversity within the competition committee would be preferred, but that the present applications didn't facilitate this.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to contact each candidate and invite new candidates to 5 March meeting</p> <p><b>Action</b> – PC to facilitate access to samepage for new candidates.</p>	<p><b>ES</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
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7	OBS/ DEC/ AI	ASAP	<p><b>Rulebook</b> – AC reported a query from the director of the 20m Nationals about allowing entries to nationals for pilots who have not previously flown a rated competition. ES presented modified wording to the rule to allow this in exceptional circumstances with CC approval.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> – Amend rule to allow entries to nationals for pilots who have not previously flown a rated competition in exceptional circumstances only if recommended by the Comp Director.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AL to amend rule wording</p> <p>FLARM – ES reported that the BGA Exec was voiced concerns over mandating FLARM at nationals for 2016. The summary of the debate that followed accepted that the Exec has concerns, noted their principle objection to mandation, but did not change the CC's view and recommendation that FLARM should be mandated in competition for the reasons previously stated <b>including</b> for safety reasons. However, as most Nationals pilots already carry FLARM there is only marginal benefit in pushing for mandation in Nationals this year, and so it was agreed that the approach should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; to respond to the Exec covering their points</li> <li>&gt; to consult on and mitigate barriers at the Regionals level</li> <li>&gt; to ask the Safety Committee to work to establish a positive safety case – or indeed demonstrate the opposite</li> </ul> <p>with the intention of recommending mandation at both National and Regionals level from 2017.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to draft response to Exec note and circulate.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AL to take FLARM mandate wording out of rulebook and circulate final version to CC for review prior to publication.</p> <p>RS raised the issue of using windcapping with IGC handicaps for the club class.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> – Maintain windcapping for all competitions. Review for next cycle.</p> <p>RC noted that the current IGC rules allow use of GSM/electronic information for weather etc. but BGA do not allow. BS will bring this up with Annex A committee to see if there is appetite to change. A rule change may be required for 2017.</p> <p>AL reported that the rules now allow for trial of Paul Candler's new task type at a comp this year, and Shenington will trial it this summer. CC support the trial although there were some concerns as to whether it will prove popular. PC suggested reducing the penalty factor to 95% (from 98%).</p> <p><b>Action</b> – PC to contact Paul and discuss concerns.</p>	<p><b>AL</b></p> <p><b>ES</b></p> <p><b>AL</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
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8	DEC/ AI	5 Mar	<p><b>British Team Update</b> – GG circulated an updated Team Budget following closure of JWGC2015 expenditure prior to the meeting. The budget was reviewed and discussed, particularly with reference to Lasham 2017 and pilot/team captain allowances.</p> <p>It was noted that Tom Arscott had been offered a wildcard entry for WGC2016, which is against the rules but this had been missed. The reasons for this rule were discussed and accepted – a combination of funding and team dynamics, noting that the CC are also supporting an IGC motion to remove wildcards at least from the senior entries. The specifics of the current situation were also discussed and the committee concluded sadly that the offer to Tom must be withdrawn because it had been made in error.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> – Do not take up wildcard place for Tom Arscott at WGC2016. Note – see subsequent minutes for revision to this.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to discuss Tom Arscott decision with GG</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AL to amend wording of team selection regarding wildcards and remove last sentence from 6.2.4.1.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to send notes on budget to GG</p>	<p><b>ES</b></p> <p><b>AL</b></p> <p><b>ES</b></p>
9	AI	5 Mar	<p><b>Coaching</b> – It was noted that a refreshment of the coach vote is required as a coach election is overdue. AC noted he still had the email from the last vote so a similar process could be followed.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AC send ES 2014 vote email.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to get current coaching list from Jay Rebbeck.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to investigate using survey monkey to collect 2016 voting list.</p> <p>AC also noted that Matt Davis had volunteered to review results and provided recommendations for the 2016 Juniors squad and development training. RC noted that development training should be open to all pilots (not just Juniors) and that previously there was a way for people to apply for development training.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – AC to chase Matt Davis about Juniors Squad recommendations.</p>	<p><b>AC</b></p> <p><b>ES</b></p> <p><b>ES</b></p> <p><b>AC</b></p>
10	AI	5 Mar	<p><b>JWGC Team Captains Report</b> – Andy Davis' team captain report was reviewed along with the recommendations. All recommendations were accepted. In particular, the recommendations related to the coaching programme were accepted as future aspirations.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Graham to add recommendations to standard procedures (or confirm they already are)</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Maintain dialogue with sponsors (to be assigned to new member)</p> <p><b>Action</b> – ES to follow up with Andy Davis about event at British Airways HQ.</p>	<p><b>GG</b></p> <p><b>TBD</b></p> <p><b>ES</b></p>

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11	OBS/ AI	5 Mar	<b>AOB</b> – RC noted that the closing date for 2017 Nationals bids will be before the next meeting. RC also noted that 2016 Nationals entries had been posted and detailed information sent to the host.	
			<b>Action</b> – ES to add bid review as agenda item for 5 March meeting	<b>ES</b>
			<b>Action</b> – ES to pass 20m entries and Arcus pilot details to RC to promote more 20m Nationals entries.	<b>ES</b>
			<b>Action</b> – ES to engage with Ian Strachan re BGA turnpoint list	<b>ES</b>
			<b>Action</b> – AC to provide ES with turnpoint suggestions around TIB	<b>AC</b>
			<b>Action</b> – AC to send RC an email address for Juniors Entry webpage.	<b>AC</b>
			<b>Action</b> – Russell to activate Juniors Entry webpage.	<b>RC</b>
			<b>Action</b> – AC to update and circulate action list.	<b>AC</b>
12	OBS		ES closed meeting.	