

Minutes of Meeting

Date(s): 29 Oct 2016		Start Time: 1000		End Time: 1130		Distribution date: 24 Nov 2016	
Title of Meeting: 2nd Competition Committee (CC) Meeting 2016/17							
Location: Teleconference				Chair: Liz Sparrow			
Present: Russell Cheetham(RC) Liz Sparrow (ES) Graham Garnett (GG) Jon Gatfield (JG) Justin Craig (JC) Iain Baker (IB) Brian Spreckley (BS) Alan Langlands (AL)				Distribution: Meeting Attendees + BGA Exec (once approved)			
Apols: Andrew Muggleston (AM) Rich Hood (RH) Andy Cockerell (AC) Paul Crabb (PC) Mark Holden (MH)							

Legend		
Type	EVE	Event
	OBS	Observation
	DEC	Decision
	AI	Action Item

No	Type	Due By Date	DESCRIPTION	Resp.
Meeting and Comps Committee Admin				
1	AI	N/A	All to check whether they have the latest version of skype – hopefully we won't need to use the BGA teleconference line next time.	All

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2	OBS		<p>Competition Improvement Planning</p> <p>Iain had previously circulated a proposed presentation for the BGA Management Conference. Liz advised that we have a 10min slot to management generally, and a 1hr workshop beforehand to develop themes around comp improvement. Liz and Iain will attend for CC</p> <p>Comments: Alan asked if we had any evidence that overseas comps did it better? Yes from CC members who have flown them; Brian pointed out that what WE do is more important than what others do. Brian also noted that the UK doesn't have a culture of PR/integration of gliding into local communities. Key parts of external-facing set-up are a website ideally multi-comp and multi-year, blogging probably via Facebook, and tracking. Internally, the site should offer registration and all comp admin. We agreed to develop the 'ideal comp' model working with perhaps 3 or 4 clubs during the coming year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AI</p> <p>Simplify main messages of overview presentation; more detail but still fewer words for the workshop presentation. Suggested 3 messages: Media is important; enjoyment of competitors AND rest present; links to local community</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AI</p> <p>Justin to review what PR / websites etc comp directors used in 2016</p>	IB JC
3	OBS		<p>EGC</p> <p>Brian advised that there is a page on the spr.aero site which is set up for Lasham and has been used during early 2016, but the Lasham comp committee minutes state that they will use their local site. Brian/IGC need to know Lasham's plan and will take the page down if they choose not to use it, but he emphasised that the spr site is the international portal and will be first port of call for overseas pilots and also forms the archive so at the very least, a link and scoring ought to be on that site. IGC also need to approve the logo which has not been submitted. ES will raise in conversation with Lasham.</p>	ES done

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4	OBS	ASAP	<p>2017 Competition Calendar</p> <p>HusBos have agreed to host a joint Club Class/18m Nationals 17 – 25 June 2017. Site restrictions mean a maximum limit of 40 for Club Class and 25 for 18m.</p> <p>2018 Calendar</p> <p>Russell had previously circulated a proposed timetable which was agreed with the following comments: Fixing the Juniors in the usual slot means knock-on restrictions across the comp calendar – debate in subsequent meeting as to timing for future years We should emphasise that clubs should make money from running comps; a financial model needs to be part of the comp improvement planning. We were concerned however that increasing entry fees would prove counterproductive; we debated removing the cap, increasing the cap, and leaving as is – narrowly agreeing to leave as is pending a proper review later post meeting note Russell subsequently reviewed fees and the cap has been maintained for several years, so ES/RC agreed a small increase to support the point above.</p> <p>Alan to reword the bid paragraph around it being ok to make money!</p>	AL done
5			<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>ES closed the meeting and reminded that next meetings are:- Telecon w/c 12th November – Doodle to follow Lasham December 10th</p>	