

Minutes of the Comps Committee Meeting 5 April 2017 by Skype

Present: Brian Spreckley, Paul Crabb, Alan Langlands, Matt Davis, Russell Cheetham, Liz Sparrow

Apologies: Rich Hood, Iain Baker

1. CC admin

- We welcomed our new CC member and JCG Chair, Matt Davis.
- Andy Cockerell is retiring from the committee and we thank him for his hard work.

2. 2017 Junior Nationals

- Nympsfield have submitted a bid, circulated by Matt prior to the meeting. CC thanks to Matt and Nympsfield for developing the bid. CC are content in principle with the bid and asked the JCG to develop it to a formal agreement. We noted that the intention re funding is broadly a fixed fee, this is to be confirmed.
- Matt advised that Nympsfield are working to generate local sponsors but there is also an agreement with Navboys which will assure financial viability.
- Matt had also circulated a draft 'how to do it' note to go with the bid document pack next year on how to develop a Juniors bid, plus a budgeting support sheet. These look very good - any further CC feedback to Matt asap.
- Matt noted that the other outstanding item was the financial position including rollover from previous years. Pete Masson has produced a note on what he believes the financial position to be. Russell noted that in previous years items have not been correctly posted – particularly two-seat training flights have been charged to Juniors not Instructing budgets.

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| 5 Apr | to present draft Nympsfield agreement to CC for approval prior to signing | MD | asap |
| 5 Apr | MD to circulate current Juniors' financial position then MD/ES to agree a baseline with the BGA office and ensure understanding of what should be posted where | MD / ES | 30 Jun |

3. 2018 Competition Calendar – Nationals Bids

- Bids were received for all competitions for 2018 - multiple bids for all except one class.
- Based on bids received, CC have awarded competitions as follows:

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| 18m & 20m Multi-seat | The Gliding Centre | 7 - 15 July 2018 |
| Club Class | London GC | 4 - 12 August 2018 |
| Open & Std/15m | Cotswold GC | 18 - 26 August 2018 |
| Juniors | Lasham Gliding | 18 - 26 August 2018 |

- Attached – revised 2017 & 18 calendar with these bids showing
- Lasham chose to bid for the 18m class not in the requested grouping or time slot – the rationale for the windows requested had been explained to them, and that it was therefore unlikely their bid would fit alongside other club bids, but they decided not to amend their bid. In practice, their 18m class bid did not fit alongside the other bids.

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| 5 Apr | Contact host clubs as above | RC | asap |
| 5 Apr | Check the Lasham bid with the JCG and develop the competition agreement. | MD | tbc |

4. Rules matters inc Worlds and Europeans Selection procedures & handicap addition

- Change is needed due to IGC dropping the wildcard entry for World Champions. Russell had proposed changes to both Worlds and Europeans selection criteria.
- Decision: to accept the proposals re Worlds qualification revisions but to leave the Europeans qualification process unchanged
- Russell advised the CC of a request from a vintage owner to add Minimoa and Rhonsperber handicaps into the list – currently agreed to add as Ladder handicaps only – CC agreed that they should be added to the main handicap list, and wished them good luck in the Regionals!!
- Alan advised that he's ready to publish the Organisers' Guide and the Organisers' Briefing Note – any remaining suggestions to him within the next couple of days please.

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| 5 Apr | Update rules to incorporate worlds selection changes & new handicap | AL | Asap |
| 5 Apr | Anything further to Alan for OG or OBN | All | 9 Apr |

5. 2017 UK comp support - Ideal comp model and UK racing platform update

6. ICL update

Iain and Andrew were unable to join us – update by email to CC please

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| 5 Apr | Update on UK glider racing platform project | IB | 12 Apr |
| 5 Apr | Update on ICL progress | AM | 12 Apr |

7. Sponsorship position update

- Liz advised that the Women's team had appointed a Media Manager for WWGC, Alison Randle, and that their two applications had been passed on to other teams. Lasham have also advertised for a volunteer MM for EGC.
- We have also asked for volunteers from across the sport to join a Competitive Gliding Sponsorship Working Group to develop this work. This will be a subcommittee of the CC and chaired by Charlie Jordan. Liz and Iain have both expressed a desire to be part of this.
- Awaiting clarification from Pete Harvey over the position re the clashing offers of sponsorship for the Junior Nationals.

8. Competition safety culture

- In Rich's absence, Liz noted that we'd not yet picked up the feedback from forums about competition safety culture. Liz and Rich have been discussing a short video 'think-piece' with some of the more bullish members of the sport explaining how they assure safety in comp flying.
- Liz noted that we will have two (Lasham members who are) professionals filming during the Easter Brit Team training weekend and this will be developed at that point.

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| 5 Apr | Develop idea for short safety culture video | RH | 17 Apr |
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9. Next meeting

- Not set – hopefully all other matters including outstanding actions can be resolved by email. Have a great soaring season and thank you everyone for your huge efforts over the winter.