Minutes of the Comps Committee Meeting 6 November 2017 - Skype

Present: Alan Langlands, Liz Sparrow, Iain Baker, Paul Crabb, Russell Cheetham
Apologies from the rest.

1. **Review of Directors' reports & recommendations**

- We reviewed the consolidated Directors' reports as previously circulated
- Thanks to Jeremy Pack for consolidating them – good job done. Based on any further feedback about content and format Jeremy is going to produce a more automated system for next year.
- Comments on format and content:
    o Don't need to see names in PSC report and airspace infringement section, just issues dealt with, anon if appropriate and to contain penalties issued, airspace infringed and root cause of safety report/airspace infringement
    o Met – just want a tick box of what method used with perhaps space for name of metperson
    o Task types set – tickbox

- Recommendations, notes and actions arising:
    o Admin penalty for not using the comp airspace file was felt inappropriate - penalties are there already for transgressing airspace.
    o A number of comments on scoring system – Benedict Smith has volunteered to run a scorer workshop either at the BGA conference or the Directors' Seminar
    o Airspace infringements – issue seemed to be largely Daventry Box – raise at Directors' Seminar /via FB page
    o Noted that these may be 'GPS-assisted' penetrations where people are cutting it too fine /workload is high whilst close.
    o We considered the suggestion to increase the size of Daventry box – unlikely to have traction but Liz will raise with Airspace.
    o **Action Liz** to write an airspace summary for Airspace committee
    o **Action Liz** to highlight Bic/Bid solution re sharing stewards to Organisers' page and to advise that differential aerotow fees are perfectly acceptable
    o No particular accident themes arising
    o Noted comment from Andy that the Northerns gets sponsorship as a matter of course and uses this to keep the entry fees low
    o **Action all** to review tabular sections of report for any further format changes

25 Nov	write an airspace summary for Airspace committee plus ask re Daventry Box	ES
25 Nov	highlight Bic/Bid solution re stewards to Organisers' page	ES
25 Nov	review tabular sections of report for any further format changes	All

2. Review of Rules Change Proposals

- Summary of what was agreed re each rule change proposal:

Summary	Proposal	Develop?
AAT rules not easily understood leading to misunderstandings and fear of task type	Add a new appendix giving clear explanation of AAT scoring parameters, what they mean and how they affect scoring.	Guide /S&G article
A 2 hour AAT in a regionals can only score a maximum of 800 points even with all finishers	Change Day Points (F) scoringrules to make it 1000	No - a good day but not 1000pt day!
Publication by Soaring Spot shows only windicapped speeds. Not "actuals" as required by this rule	Change the rule	Yes
Rules on how disqualifications should be handled in the scoring are not clear	Clarify treatment of day and comp disqualification	Yes
Relax FR requirement in Regionals	Rules for Regionals should be relaxed to allow any FR including smartphone apps	No - but yes for ICL
Airspace "Buffer" proposal	To remove the possibility of Airspace infringements, should not a reduced penalty area be set, say 100 Feet, below to remove the aspiration to go right up to the base of an Airway?	No
On one day the start height was set at 6,000ft and this meant many pilots had to hold awaiting the gate to open for up to 1hr 25mins, this was excessive ...	No specific proposal	No- not often an issue

- Alan and Russell to review potential impact of any IGC rule changes
- We debated whether to second someone from outside the Comps Committee to the Rules Subgroup but concluded that it was better to recruit to the vacant comps committee position instead. Although Paul Candler is still available for advice, we considered that scoring expertise would be useful if a candidate offered **action Liz**

16 Dec	draft wording for proposed changes	AL/RC/PC
16 Dec	Review potential impact of any IGC rule changes	AL/RC
16 Dec	Advertise for new CC member	ES