

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 14th March 2020

Venue: Shenington Gliding Club

Present: Alan Langlands – AL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Jim White – JW, Max Lazenby – ML, Chris Luton – CL, Matt Page – MP, Graham Garnett – GG, Brian Spreckley – BSp

Meeting Admin

AL thanked Shenington Gliding Club for hosting the meeting.

Paul Crabb apologised for his absence.

Previous Minutes

JW disagrees with the minutes from the meeting on 15th February 2020, in particular the minutes of the discussion around the proposal from WWGC2021. The inclusion of the rule 6.2.7 was subject to a vote between meetings and a majority voted for the rule.

All others present agreed that the minutes were correct.

Actions Review

The actions tracker was updated during the meeting with the progress of actions.

The following action was an outcome of this activity:

Summarise the responses from the contact with Directors for inclusion in OBNs	JW	End of April
Produce a Google Form to replace Directors Reports	ML	28 th Mar 2020
Write to directors to advise them of the proposal for engine relight trials in 2020 and how to implement a trial if desired.	RC	End of April

Coaching of potential British team members

JW raised the issue that there currently isn't much coaching in the British Gliding Team. The discussion then turned to how to provide potential pilots of the WWGC2021 with support prior to the competition to get the best possible 9 pilots at the peak of their potential in the WWGC2021.

A lengthy discussion followed, and it was agreed that Liz Sparrow and Iain Baker should be contacted to ask what the competitions committee can do to help with finding potential avenues for funding and to organise a structure for coaching.

Write to Liz Sparrow and Iain Baker about what the CC can do to help with the team for the WWGC2021	JW	Apr 2020
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IGC Plenary Outcomes

BSp provided the IGC Plenary outcome to the committee via email. AL and BSp updated the committee about rule changes surrounding the WWGC2019 penalties and other additional rule changes and decisions made during the meeting. A discussion on the outcome followed. No actions were required.

Budget

AL explained that there is a need for activity on the budget for 2020. It was agreed that GG and RC will take over the production of an updated budget spreadsheet for 2021.

Review Budget spreadsheet and produce new 2021 budget based on existing plan	JW	Oct 2020
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AL also explained that earlier in the year, we had agreed somewhat changed goals with the Exec and pointed out that the 2021 budget should be structured to reflect those changes. He suggested that a greater emphasis on development and grass-roots activities might mean that some funding could be made available, for instance, to support the Inter-Club League, where small amounts of funding (such as help with tug ferrying costs, for instance) could help overcome barriers to clubs holding ICL meets. There may be other ways in which novel funding initiatives could help shift the emphasis more towards the development of competitive talent. It was agreed by the committee that this should be discussed further during the 2021 budget round in the autumn and members were invited to submit proposals for development initiatives in the 2021 budget.

Submit proposals for new budget lines to be incorporated in 2021 plan reflecting additional development goals	ALL	Oct 2021
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Strategic Actions Review

AL provided the feedback from George Metcalf for the Strategic Actions Review. The following actions from the review were discussed with the following outcomes:

- 2 Seat Club Ladder Trophy – It was agreed that this will go ahead

Liaise with Chris Fox and CC members to develop an agreed set of rules for the 2-seater Ladder	AL	Apr 2020
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- Separate rules for regionals – It was agreed to review the rules to see which rules are required for regionals to be agreed in autumn

Produce proposals for a simplified version of the Rules for Regional competitions for review in the Autumn.	JW AL	Oct 2020
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- Competitor Badge – This will be discussed later

AOB

BSp informed the committee that he had requested that the Paperless Declarations for badges be postponed for 5 years. BSp also informed that Australia use an app-based system for flight declarations and suggested that this would be a good idea for use in the UK.

JW asked if there is a need to make a statement about the Covid-19 virus and its impact on the UK competitions. MP informed that the Exec committee is already providing guidance to clubs. It was agreed that no action is needed by the committee.

AL raised the concern that there is a diminishing membership in the competitions committee and invited members to help identify potential recruits.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.