

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

Date: 18th January 2020

Venue: Cotswold Gliding Club

Present: Alan Langlands – AL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Jim White – JW, Max Lazenby – ML, Chris Luton – CL, Matt Page – MP, Iain Baker – IB

Apologies – Paul Crabb – PC

Meeting Admin

Cotswold Gliding Club were thanked for hosting the meeting.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 21st Dec 2019 were agreed as correct by the committee.

Actions Review

The following actions have updated completion dates:

09/11/2019	Liaise with BSm to add a section on to DHT's	JW	Mar-20
09/11/2019	Propose an updated version of the content on the main page of the competitions section on the members site to the committee	PC & MP	Mar-20
30/11/2019	Prepare a presentation for the January meeting on Flytool	BSp	Feb-20
30/11/2019	Draft defensive task setting section for OBN	MP	Mar-20

The remaining actions are either completed, agenda points for this meeting or have completion dates in the future.

The following action is a result of the actions review:

Distribute the survey reports to the relevant parties.	ML	ASAP
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Review/Approve 2020 Rules Draft

AL provided the committee with the draft copy of the 2020 Competitions rules with the intention of the committee reviewing and approving the rule changes.

5.9.3.2 Finish Ring Minimum Altitude

This rule was discussed at this meeting and at the meeting on 30th November 2019. It was agreed that there would be no alteration to the draft rule change.

5.10.4 ATZs

This rule was discussed at this meeting and has been discussed at previous meetings. It was agreed that there would be no alteration to the draft rule change.

5.19 Protests

It was agreed to change the wording from “P1 competitor” to “Registered Competitor”.

5.22.2 Self-Sustainer Engine Test

This rule was discussed at this meeting with the following action:

Request for input from BSp for this rule change	MP	ASAP
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All other rule changes were agreed by the committee.

It was agreed by the committee that along with the publishing of the draft rules for 2020, a statement will be made along with the publishing stating that it is a draft and that it will become live on the 1st of March 2020. This allows time for feedback from pilots.

Engine Relight Trial Proposal

RC distributed the following proposed trial rules that will be presented to competition organisers for trial in 2020:

0.0.0 Self-Relights

As part of an accepted BGA trial, engine equipped gliders may self-relight rather than land back provided they adopt the following specific procedure. Engine use where the procedure is not followed will be treated as a land-out and no further eligible launches will be allowed.

0.0.0.1 Self-Relight procedure

Engine equipped gliders may self-relight once only at any altitude below normal release height provided the location at start-up is within a designated volume set by the organisation deemed to approximate to the airfield circuit taking into account any specific noise abatement areas. The self-relight must be completed in accordance with normal BGA Rule 5.22.1 for self-launching.

Any further use of engine after self-relighting will be regarded as a land-out unless the glider first lands back. After landing back and subsequently taking another tow or self-launching, the entire procedure in 0.0.0.1 may be repeated as required.

After discussion, it was agreed by the committee that the Engine Relight Trial Procedure will be trialled in 2020.

Produce a document for competition organisers for the Engine Relight trial.	RC	Mar-20
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Club Class Nationals Entries

The entry numbers for the Club Class Nationals are down in comparison to previous years at this point in the year. There are currently 10 entries whereas last year, at this time, there were 37.

AL has produced a survey to ask pilots of previous years Club Class Nationals as to why they haven't yet entered. After discussion, it was agreed that the survey will be sent to pilots who entered in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Produce a list of names to send the Club Class survey to.	RC	ASAP
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Write a covering email for the Club Class survey including the link for the BGA to send	AL	ASAP
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Seminar Planning

After discussion, it was agreed by the committee that there should be a seminar. It was agreed that the venue for the seminar will be Booker.

Contact Directors for input on topics for seminars	JW	Feb-20
Contact the venue in High Wycombe for availability for seminar	JW	Feb-20

This will be discussed in a future meeting.

Terms of Reference

JW presented a revised copy of the terms of reference to the committee. The committee agreed that it was well written and provided feedback. It was agreed to keep working on the document.

BGA Strategy Document

AL provided a copy of the BGA Strategy document to the committee. A discussion followed about this document. As a result, the document was updated with proposed changes during the meeting, with the following suggestions being made for future consideration:

- Competition badge/endorsement for flying in your first competition
- Procedure for records

Provide the Committee with the updated table in the strategy document	AL	ASAP
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AOB

AL informed the committee of the resignation of Richard Hood and Justin Craig. ML Agreed to take on the current responsibilities of Justin Craig

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.