

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

Date: 19th October 2020

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Alan Langards - AL, Brian Spreckley - BS, Chris Luton - CL, Graham Garnett - GG, Jim White - JW, Matt Davis - MD, Max Lazenby - ML, Paul Crabb - PC, Russell Cheetham - RC.

Meeting Admin

AL stated that there was no formal agenda for this meeting, but the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and plan various tasks and projects for the committee over the winter season.

The committee opened applications for joining the committee. There was one applicant, Paul Fritche. The committee agreed to vote Paul Fritche onto the committee.

WWGC2019 Appeal

BS updated the committee that the tribunal for the appeal is going ahead, but with slow progress.

Bid Process Review

RC raised the concern that in 2022, there may be a lack of venues to host nationals competitions due to the WWGC being hosted by Hus Bos in 2022. Over the summer, RC has been in discussion with Saltby about the possibility of hosting a competition in 2022.

A discussion followed and the outcome of the discussion was that a review of the bid process is needed, with possible improvements to make the bid process for nationals more visible to and collaborative with current and potential host clubs of national competitions.

This was agreed as a task at the next meeting, with the following action

RC – Create a draft calendar for the 2022 comp season.

2020 Awards

At the end of the last meeting in spring 2020, ML agreed to take on the responsibility of the BGA awards allocation under the guidance of RC. This was highlighted as a task that will be required before the new year, with ML and RC to discuss outside of meetings.

Simplification of rules for Regional Competitions

JW raised the concern that the rules used for regional competitions are not simple enough, with a result of potentially reducing participation in regional competitions. JW stated that there was a need for a review and simplification of the rules for regional competitions.

This was discussed by the committee and the committee were in agreement that both the current rules and the format of regional competitions should be simpler and open to adaption to make regionals more fun to fly, and increase the participation in regional competitions.

As part of this discussion, it was agreed to form a sub-committee to conduct this work and feed back to the rest of the committee.

Remaining tasks

AL requested that the committee state any other tasks or discussions that are required over the winter period. The following suggestions were made:

- Ratings list requires updating with WWGC 2019 results taken into account.
- Update of team selection/voting process. RC to ask Matt Page about voting system
- Terms of Reference & review of objectives
- Financing
- Junior Nationals entry age – It was agreed that anyone who would have qualified this year but would not qualify next year would be able to enter. A discussion is required as to if they will be able to be classed as national champion.

AOB

There being no further business, the meeting was closed