

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

Date: 21st December 2019

Venue: Lasham Gliding Club

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

Apologies – Richard Hood – RH, Justin Craig – JC

Meeting Admin

AL thanked Lasham Gliding Club for hosting the meeting.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 9th Nov 2019 were agreed as correct by the committee with the following action:

Write to the Exec about the changes in fees for competitions (Section 5 from 9/11/2019)	AL	ASAP
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It was agreed by all present that the minutes from the previous meeting on the 30th Nov 2019 are correct.

Actions Review

All actions are either not due for this meeting or are agenda items for this meeting.

Non-Ladder Awards

The committee agreed that Colin Rule will be nominated for the John Hands Trophy this year.

The committee agreed that Toby Freeland will be nominated for the Phil Lever Trophy this year.

Discussion on George Metcalfe's questions re ATZ rules

AL explained there were questions from the Exec about the decision from the previous meeting around ATZ airspace. A discussion followed on the topic and it was agreed that the rule will state unauthorised entry into an ATZ "may" result in a penalty.

The discussion turned to ATZ's and education around types of ATZ's. It was agreed that education around ATZ's and how to use the different types is needed. This will be discussed in future meeting.

Create a paper on what competition gliding is to distribute to other flying organisations.	AL	Feb-20
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Proposal for Joint Event with Inter-services 2021

The committee received an email proposing a joint event alongside the inter-services competition at Abingdon for 2021. The Junior Nationals were proposed as being hosted alongside the inter-services competition for 2021 within the email.

A discussion followed and it was agreed to reply with interest and to request more information about how the competition will be run.

Reply to the email about the proposal for a joint competition with the inter-services 2021	RC	ASAP
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Direct-Submissions NOTAM system Review

MP provided feedback from the Direct Submission NOTAM trial from 2019. Overall, it was generally a very good response, with responses from the people who used the system believing it to be safer than the previous method. It was agreed to continue Direct Submission NOTAMS in 2020.

Handicap Sub-Committee Report

The handicap sub-committee had received requests for changes to handicaps. RC presented a report on the requests received and the response from the handicap sub-committee. Several gliders have changes in handicaps for 2020, these will be detailed in the report circulated by RC.

Circulate the change in handicap report.	RC	When Complete
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Exec Funding Meeting and Budget Review

JW presented a report of a meeting conducted between representatives from the Exec committee and competitions committee. The purpose of this meeting was to understand how the competitions and awards committee was funded. It was established that there is no exact funding formulae and that the Exec take lead from the budget costs presented to them by the competitions committee and provide funding.

The discussion between the Exec and the Comps committee then turned to the strategy of the BGA, and ways to increase funding by increasing competition participation.

In conclusion, the meeting was good at understanding how the funding works and opened a dialog between the Exec committee and the Competitions committee.

A discussion followed about how funding is spent from the competitions committee budget and how this can be linked back to create a return for the greater gliding community and increase the participation both within competitions and as a whole within the gliding community.

It was agreed to give this topic more time for the committee members to strategies and table for the agenda for a future meeting.

The discussion topic turned to a discrepancy in the budget with following action as an outcome of the discussion:

Circulate last year's budget and this year's budget and highlight discrepancy	AL	ASAP
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Annual Report and BGA Strategy Update

AL requested input from the committee for the content for the Annual Report with the following action:

Provide a section or input to AL for the Annual Report	Everyone	28-Dec-19
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AL informed the committee that the BGA Strategy is being updated and requested that everyone read the document distributed by AL

Read into the BGA Strategy updated with Comps Committee content (email from AL) in preparation for the next meeting	Everyone	18-Jan-20
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IGC Matters

BSp provided an update of IGC matters. In addition to this, BSp will write a report of IGC proposals for discussion at a later meeting.

BGA website documents review

ML compiled a list of documents on the Competitions section of the BGA website, and highlighted the documents that should be kept, the documents that should be deleted and the documents that require input from the rest of the committee. This was emailed to the Committee with the following action:

Go through the list of documents provided by ML and indicate which documents should be kept and which should be removed	Everyone	Jan-20
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Website "Competitions" page review

Moved over to next meeting

AOB

GG Updated the committee on British team matters.

ML is contacting GASCO to organise a safety talk at the Junior Nationals in 2020. It was suggested that this may be beneficial for other competitions too and will keep the committee updated with the communications.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.