

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

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Chris Luton – CL, Jim White – JW, Russell Cheetham – RC, Paul Crabb – PC, Ben Hughes – BH, Fran Roberts – FR, Werner Stroud - WS

Apologies Max Lazenby, Brian Spreckley

### Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 were approved by the committee.

### Rules

JW presented the proposed rules for 2024 and an explanatory document for approval prior to publication. These had been reviewed by the BGA Exec and have been slightly amended following their feedback. These were approved and JW will forward to Pete Stratten for publication.

### Team Budget

WS presented the team budget. The budget is under considerable stress as the costs of transporting gliders to/from competitions in Australia and the USA have risen dramatically. Despite reductions in pilot grants, the reserves will fall significantly over the next two years. JW will lobby the BGA for additional funds. It was decided to include a line for additional pilot support of £500 p.a. to allow the CC to make discretionary grants to pilots who would otherwise be unable to take up their places. WS will forward the budget to the BGA.

### Annual Report

JW presented the CC annual report. This was approved unchanged.

### Awards

ML had previously circulated the list of awards for 2023. It was decided that both pilots in two seat gliders should be nominated for their awards. The list was approved. ML to forward to the BGA.

### BGA Sporting Conference

The CC has been offered a spot at 9:00am before the conference starts for a pilot forum. It was originally intended that this would include an important presentation on safety and pilot behaviour to be delivered by BS. This presentation has now been included in the main conference agenda. Given the time slot and the consequent expected paucity of attendance and the reduced content it was decided not to have a pilot forum at the conference this year. Instead, the CC will concentrate on having fora at National competitions in 2024 and a zoom forum in the Autumn before the next rule making cycle commences.

### IGC plenary

The next plenary will be in March. The CC will need to approve the British voting intentions and BS will be invited to present these at the next meeting. RC told the meeting that there is expected to be new proposals on start procedures from Poland and a proposal to drop the requirement for routine Southern Hemisphere competitions for the Juniors' and Women's Worlds.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.