

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

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Chris Luton – CL, Russell Cheetham – RC, Brian Spreckley - BS, Fran Roberts – FR, Matt Davis – MD, Max Lazenby - ML

Apologies: Werner Stroud, Paul Crabb

### **Declaration of Interest**

Fran Roberts declared an interest in the outcome of item 6 and will abstain

### **Previous Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2024 were approved by the committee.

### **Juniors Report**

ML reported on the activities of the Juniors Group (JG):

- JG manages the funds earmarked by the CC. These are mostly spent on entry fee subsidy.
- Thanks to the continued contribution of SkyLaunch there is a small reserve
- JG supports the Junior Nationals and manages the entry process. Special attention is paid to first timers with some referred to 2 seat coaching following discussion with entrant's CFI.
- 2 seat coaching, the winter series, and the Junior development group are managed by Lucy Wootton
- The JG members have remained static for many years and could use new blood
- Junior Team selection is managed separately. CC decided to review appointment of the selectors.
- MD asked that we review the JG's Terms of Reference

### **Proposal to Review Senior Team Selection Process**

JW presented a proposal for WS to lead a review of senior team selection for WGC and EGC. WS has been consulted and is happy to lead a team of past, present, and potential team members from a wide selection of clubs, classes, and experience. This team will report in the Autumn of 2025.

There was unanimous support for this initiative.

### **Women's Team Selection (6)**

FR presented a paper explaining that the current selection process may not select the best team for the next WWGC in the Czech Republic. The CC was asked whether it was appropriate to change the selection rules retrospectively. After some discussion the CC decided unanimously to stick with the existing rules. The main argument for this decision is that pilots would have relied upon them in pursuit of a place. Changing the rules retrospectively to allow the selection of a different pilot would have an unfair impact upon the pilot dropped. FR abstained. It was also decided to review the selection process for 2025.

### **Licence and Competition Levies for 2026**

Other than the licence fee, competition fees that support the British Team have been not raised for at least 2 years. It was decided that all three fees (Licence, Entry Administration, and Competition Levy) would rise to £25 each for the 2026 season.

### **Any other business**

- ML reminded the CC that they need to decide recipients for the John Hands and Phil Lever trophies. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.