

Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 19th December 2024

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Chris Luton – CL, Fran Roberts – FR, Werner Stroud – WS, Russell Cheetham – RC, Paul Crabb - PC

Apologies: Matt Davis, Max Lazenby, Brian Spreckley

Declaration of Interest

As FR has been selected for the Women's team, she has an interest in the budget discussion

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 18th November were revised. The women's team was increased to 6 but there was no limit put on classes. Up to 3 may be entered in a class.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th November were approved by the committee.

John Hands Trophy

The candidates for the John Hands trophy were considered and the 2025 recipient selected.

Rule 6.2.6 regarding women's team selection

Following the decisions made in November, 3 proposals were put forward for a redrafted rule 6.2.6. These were discussed and it was decided to accept the context of one with further redrafting. The new rule will give priority in the following order:

1st - Medal Winners from the preceding Women's World Championship may be selected for the class in which the medal was achieved.

2nd - Pilots that have achieved 550 points or higher in either a UK Nationals or an International Championship (Women's World, unrestricted World or European Championship) for the class in which the points were gained.

3rd – Pilots that have achieved 550 points or higher in either a UK Nationals or an International Championship (Women's World, unrestricted World or European Championship) in any class.

4th - Pilots that have achieved 550 points or higher in Juniors, Regionals, or an International Championship (Women's World, World, or European Championship inc. Juniors).

Pilots will be selected through each criteria in points order.

JW and FR will agree and present the redraft.

Budget for 2025 -28

WS presented his budgets based upon decisions made in January 2021 updated with changes agreed since and information received from the BGA treasurer. These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The budget was approved with adjustments to the WGC proposals to reflect decisions made in November. The outlook is that reserves will fall slightly and depending upon our ability to raise

additional funding from clubs, the CC considers that a decision whether to send pilots to the Junior World Championship in Australia in 2028 may be faced.

Any other business

- ML advised by email that he had a proposal for the Phil Lever trophy from Matt Davis. Members will respond directly to Max whether they approve the candidate.
- RC proposed bid windows for the 2026 Nationals which were agreed.
- The fees for Nationals in 2026 were also discussed. There had been no increase since 2023 since when inflation had been c. 14%. It was agreed to increase the maximum fee to £325 which is an 8.3% rise. RC will put this in the bid document.
- JW asked for contributions to the CC annual report and wished the members present a very Happy Christmas.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.