

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 6th January 2022 20:00

Present:	Stuart Short	SS	Chair
	Andy Webster	AW	Media & PR Officer
	Arthur Bentley	AB	Parascending Representative
	Mark Bignell	MB	Paragliding Representative
	Andy Shaw	AS	Development
	Dave Crowhurst	DC	Classic Accuracy
	Liz Lawrence	LL	Rules Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	All present.	
2	Actions from previous minutes	
(3.1)	DC advised that he had sent words of condolence to the Tripp family, and AW advised that he had made a £30 donation to the just giving page.	
(3.2)	AS advised that he had sent a citation about Brian Tripp to Bill Bell and Skywings.	
(5.3)	AB advised that he had discussed the 50 th anniversary with his French and Dutch contacts.	
(5.4)	It was noted that a meeting on classic rules had taken place on Tuesday 4 th January 2022.	
(6.1)	AS advised that Myrianthe Ewington was assisting Del Lazell with registering as a judge on the CIVL website.	
(6.2)	MB advised that he had sent a letter of thanks to the Scouts for helping at the paragliding nationals.	
(7.2)	MB advised that he had had a response from Bill Bell following his email seeking more funds for the 2021 Cat1 event. MB stated that he would forward the email, but felt Bill was focussing on next year's funding and the 50 th anniversary. It was generally felt that Bill should be made aware that last year's funding did not cover the full costs.	MB
(8.2 & 8.3)	It was noted that AW had sent a proposal on how BHPA funding should be allocated, to help make quick funding decisions in the future. However, sourcing future funding is also important and MB has sought Squad member involvement. It was agreed to have a meeting on Thursday 13 th January 2022 to discuss all aspects of funding. LL to send a zoom invite, which can be passed on to others (Matt Bignell, Dave Mercer, William Lawrence, Myrianthe Ewington were suggested).	LL
(9.3)	MB has announced training camp days for 2022, and these have been put on the website.	
(10.1)	LL advised that the Paragliding Accuracy CIVL Subcommittee are not making any proposals at this year's Plenary, but are planning a major overhaul of the rules in 2023.	
(13.2)	MB advised that he had sent an email to Chris Haynes about the procurement of new pads, but had not had a response. MB to try contacting Chris by text.	MB
3	Signing off last meeting minutes	
3.1	Previous minutes from 2 nd December were proposed by LL and seconded by MB.	

4	Classic Accuracy	
4.1	AB advised that he attended the GIPS 100,000 th flight celebration, and spoke to people about the UK 50 TH anniversary celebration. Aart de Harder advised that the Dutch were currently not planning for 2022, and Jacques Lecamus advised that he would spread the word amongst French pilots. The annual EPAC meeting will take place by Zoom probably in early February. AB to keep up enquiries with EPAC.	AB
4.2	It was noted that there is a parachuting competition over the August Bank holiday that may reduce attendance at the UK event.	
5	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
5.1	MB stated that he planned to use Rutland, Norfolk and Green Dragons sites for squad training. It was noted that South Cerney could also be a venue, and would have to be booked in advance as a Birdwings operation. AB advised that there is an open invite to squad members on Birdwings weekends. Also mixing with a Scout operation was possible, but this may only be a Landrover operation. LL PMN - Scout events only involving a landrover will still be booked as Birdwings weekends if happening at South Cerney which means that arrangements for Arthur's winch to be used alongside the scout operation can be made if other pilots want to fly. It was noted that Merv Turner had advised that Abingdon is finished for flying, but this may be from his point of view. The Scouts will discuss this at their next meeting.	
5.2	MB advised that he had asked squad pilots to complete the squad registration form for 2022. AW advised that he had received a registration form from Andy Tillsley. MB advised that registration forms should be put in Drop box.	
6	50th Anniversary	
6.1	AS advised the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AS has asked the EC and WC organisers to review the clash between the UK WC event and the EC North Macedonia event. - Registration for the classic events has still to be resolved. - It is planned to have a limit of 60 pilots in each category at each round. These numbers include novices for which there will be novice trophies. - Zlatko is available to be a Meet Director. - Overseas pilot insurances will be checked at registration. 	
6.2	AB enquired how much notice would be required to cancel an event due to Covid, and what the refund policy would be. It was noted that this is a difficult situation as the government makes weekly announcements, and also people may find it easy to travel to the UK, but difficult to return. AS to discuss this with the EC and WC organisers as well as contractual arrangements with the UK organisers. It was believed that it would be difficult to get cancellation insurance for the events.	AS
6.3	AS believed that the Panel would say no to taking on the financial risk of the events, but believed the BHPA may be able to offer some assistance if the organisation could demonstrate that they have tried hard to minimise any shortfall.	
6.4	MB advised that it was difficult to find the UK events on Airtribune without the correct link. AS to investigate.	AS

6.5	LL advised that she wants to train up a pool of UK judges, and would like a chat about judging outside of the meeting. It was noted that the EC and WC organisers appoint the chief judge.	
6.6	It was agreed that novice paraglider pilots should not be allowed to fly in the paragliding accuracy competitions when the EC and WC events take place, to avoid displacing EC and WC competitors, however, novice paraglider pilots could compete in the classic competitions at these rounds.	
6.7	It was agreed that paragliders should only fly in either the classic or paraglider competition and not both. AS advised that the EC and WC organisers were aware that competitors in their competitions could also be flying parachutes in the classic competition. AS to also ask the Dutch for their opinion on this if the EPAC takes place on the August Bank Holiday.	AS
6.8	MB advised that he had asked the Scouts about offering assistance at the 50 th events.	
7	CIVL Plenary	
7.1	LL says that she will not be attending the Plenary meeting in Serbia at the end of January as she is not prepared to fly at present, but felt that it would be beneficial for someone from the UK to attend. AS advised that he would like to go, and could ask questions on behalf of UK pilots, provide a written report and do some networking for the 50 th anniversary event. It was agreed that funding would be made available for the trip. AS to advise the cost of a flexi airfare at the funding meeting on 15 th January. It was noted that Brett Janaway is the official BHPA delegate who can vote at the Plenary meeting.	AS
8	Google Calendar	
8.1	DC proposed that a google calendar be set up for UK accuracy events that accuracy clubs could contribute to. It was agreed that this was a good idea. AS to ask Myrainthe Ewington if she could set it up, where one person from each club could be appointed to add dates.	AS
9	Wing Certification	
9.1	DC advised that the BHPA is talking about resurrecting the certification process for training wings, and he would like to make the Panel aware that he will be getting involved with this. This would not affect qualified pilots flying uncertified wings, but would affect wings that new pilots are training on.	
	Meeting closed at 21.30	
	Date of next meeting	
	8.00 pm, Thursday, 3rd February 2022	

Rules Officer Report

My report is mostly the attached, which is the draft of the classic accuracy rules created following yesterday's single-issue meeting (hence the late submission of the report). They are pretty much complete now. Next steps are:

All who were in the meeting to check the changes and let me know if anything is still not right

Also to look at my comments and confirm if you are happy with the changes I made

Dave to check Eligibility (main comp)

Arthur to proof-read

Liz to create a clean copy with changes highlighted for Arthur to share with the other EPAC countries.

The only other rules information is that today on Basecamp it has been suggested that, although Martin is happy with our proposed changes, the Accuracy committee will probably not put in any proposal to the plenary this year. There are a lot of issues raised by the Worlds which need more discussion than has been possible so far and a major overhaul of rules for 2023 is on the cards rather than small tweaks for this year.

BHPA AP Monthly Report Jan 22

1. Attended celebration at GIPs on 4 Dec and while I was there I asked for feedback on the plans for BHPA 50th anniversary. Jacques and Aart said they would ask their people. Aart also added that the Dutch currently are not too optimistic about activities for 2022.
2. The EPAC meeting is probably going to be a zoom meeting later this month.

50th Anniversary of Accuracy in the UK
British Accuracy Cup Working Group
Meeting notes: 01/01/2022

Attendees:

Andy Shaw, Myrianthe Ewington, Andy Cowley, Matt Bignell, Andy Webster, Dave Crowhurst

Notes:

- Andy ran through the updates listed on the agenda.
- Igor from Slovenia & Zelko on the FAI bureau. (Andy C has contact details). He has had challenges with the PGAWC. Stand our ground on the administration. Bureau will support us. Must use FAI principles of a competition. Bureau have said they must do it in line with the FAI. PGAWC expectations can be somewhat different. Igor and Zelko will help us be clear of what we can expect.
- Fun for judges should come from running a good professional event.
- Supporting visa application document from Matt. Andy to send the current document we have done so we can merge. Then template to add to the G drive.
- Finances – Andy Shaw has asked for an additional £8,000 for the 50th Anniversary events.
- Andy Shaw to send budget document to working group.
- PGAWC & PGAEC to have sponsor banners at our event. They need to be transparent about what they expect for their sponsors.
- Is €1000 towards the prize fund?

PGAEC have stated the EUR 1000:

1. For functioning of PGAEC organization.
 2. Helping the organizer in organizing the final competition of the season or the superfinale.
 3. Participation in funding the prizes for the winners of the season.
 4. Paying fully or partially for travel expenses for PGAEC officials.
 5. Expenses for website maintenance and processing of final results.
- Prize fund an issue for the insurance
 - Should we have a cut off date for postponing the event. What is the minimum amount of time for cancelling an event.
 - To validate a PG comp is one round. To validate a PA comp is 2 rounds. So we know basics to run a comp
 - BPA – judges from British skydiving. £69 overnight to run the tuffet and 45p per mile for travel. Info provided by Dave C regarding Form 143A:
British Skydiving Officials are entitled to claim mileage to and from an event at a mileage rate of 45p per mile, which is under HMRC's allowance for mileage.
British Skydiving holds an Approval Notice to issue a bespoke rate of £69 for overnight accommodation and meals. So, officials can claim up to this amount if staying overnight. Receipts are not necessary.
If the Official is not staying overnight, HMRC's Benchmark Scale Rates apply to claims for meals, where likewise receipts are not necessary. Please see extract from HMRC's website below.

Please note that these meal rates are instead of the overnight allowance that is for accommodation and meals.

Rates are set as follows:

Minimum journey time Maximum amount of meal allowance

- 5 hours £5
- 10 hours £10
- 15 hours (and ongoing at 8pm)

Our dates already clash with 2 events. Won't make the April or August one. Dave C said they will also show an interest to local comp.

- PGAWC first leg is same date as PGAEC second leg. Myri / Andy - Need to contact PGAWC to move their date. Financially can't clash with the PGAEC.
- Andy C confirmed that we need to be 100% clear on who has to be paid for. Accommodation / transport etc. Need to be clear whether judges are paid for. Meet Director and Chief Judge currently proposing to be paid. Should be clear that BAC is obliged to do it because it's a requirement of the PGAEC / PGAWC rules.

Andy Webster questions:

- Competition rules. Proposal that Paragliders can only fly in either the classic and paraglider event, and not both events. Working group agreed. Rules need to be reviewed and checked. Or if PG decides to fly PG in Classics then they can only fly in Classics and not enter FAI 2 comp. British Accuracy panel to confirm with EPAC. It was also suggested that EPAC should be a separate weekend rather than one of the 4 dates.
- Proposal that the PGAEC / PGAWC scoring system and team composition be used for the British Accuracy Cup, with number of scoring rounds to be agreed. PG & PA - Team score comes from 2/3 of the rounds flown. Dave C proposed an average score. Potentially use WPRS system? Working group agreed to run team scores with PGAEC / PGAWC scoring system.
Team composition – 3 per team out of a pool. The pool cannot change throughout the year. Go with PGAEC and PGAWC rules for team composition. We are doing an overall team winner at the end of the competition.
- Will there be trophies for the individual cup events or just the overall cup winner?
Trophies for WC/EC, Trophies for BC leg in both Classic and PG.

Registration:

- What are the maximum paraglider and classic pilot numbers at each event?
I suggest 60 PG and 60 PA each leg
- Will there be a novice event, and if so are the numbers included in maximum numbers above? Novices allowed and including in the number above. They are to have same target as non-novices. Disclaimer to be added to Airtribune if not enough FAI pilots registered. Andy C suggested a selection committee to make sure we don't have too many novices. Dave C suggested a maximum of 10 novices.
- How do classic pilots register? Working on it still with Web designer – Airtribune.
- Are the maximum pilot numbers based on registration or payment? Yes, first to register and pay.
- How is the maximum numbers of registered or paid up pilots determined? Airtribune Web site will show

- Can a reserve list be drawn up? They will be publicly viewable on Airtribune
- Should there be an official date when payments can be made to give people an equal chance of entering? No, as I am sending enough email out telling everyone to book and pay. When people register, we will shortly be finalising the automatic reply notification providing payment details. Cancellation policy needs to be clear on Airtribune. Minimum threshold for any repayment.
- The World Cup entry fee should be 60euro according to the pgawc website, and registration needs to be two months before the event. The PGAWC website confirms a maximum of 80 Euros. We have set the entry fee as 70 Euros. I will be working very hard for commitment and ease for all admin personal, cost will change to Euro for PG and additional 30 euros for Classic entries.
- What is the additional fee for entering both competitions at each round? 70 euro for one 100 euro for both

Finances:

- Can we use the BHPA Accuracy Panel account? We have set up paypal account for now – and will report back more after next panel meeting.
- Who is taking the financial risk? Let you know after next panel meeting (next week)
- What is the refund policy for withdrawal, cancellation due to weather, Covid? TBC Andy Shaw push for reschedule – no refund. Check with PGAEC / PGAWC. Discussed and suggested we follow European rules (if there are any) if someone withdraws. There were also concerns raised that PayPal may refund on application from the payee and this was to be looked into. Myri to follow up and communicate