

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 7th April 2022 20:00

Present: Myrianthe Ewington ME Vice Chairman
 Andy Webster AW Media & PR Officer
 Arthur Bentley AB Parascending Representative
 Mark Bignell MkB Paragliding Representative
 Andy Shaw AS Development
 Matt Bignell MtB Safety Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	LL sent apologies.	
2	Welcome Myrianthe Ewington & Matt Bignell	
2.1	Myrianthe Ewington & Matt Bignell were welcomed on to the Panel, and both confirmed that they were happy to take on the roles of Vice Chair and Safety Officer respectively.	
3	Signing off last meeting minutes	
3.1	Previous minutes dated 10th March were proposed by MkB and seconded by AB.	
4	Classic Accuracy	
4.1	AB advised that he had send the amended classic accuracy rules, with relevant changes in red, to EPAC for approval.	
4.2	AB advised that there had not been much interest in the 50 th events from the French and Dutch. It was noted that Aart de Harder had shown some interest.	
5	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
5.1	MkB advised that a successful squad training camp had taken place in March, and squad pilots had been attending Green Dragon training weekends.	
5.2	MkB advised his intention to resign from his paragliding / squad manager role on the Panel. He advised that that the 50 th and squad events were leaving him with no time for family and had tipped him over the edge. It was felt that a squad meeting during the 50 th events would be a good idea to discuss manpower for the paragliding / squad roles. MkB to send a message to the squad and potentially arrange a zoom call.	MkB
6	50th Anniversary	
6.1	AS advised that pilots are starting to commit to the April events, however, some overseas pilots had left it too late to get visas.	
6.2	Camping will be at Kennel Farm with costs still to be advised.	
6.3	AS advised that Ken Raines believes that an ambulance is not required at the events and a First Aider would be sufficient. AS has also asked Andy Cowley for his advice from an FAI perspective.	
6.4	AS advised that Andy Cowley will open and close the European Cup event, and he hoped that Jenny Buck and Bill Bell could open and close other rounds.	

6.5	AS gave thanks to AB, Lee Bligh and the Robe family for offering their winches / tow vehicles free of charge. AS advised that the Scout winch is needed as back-up.	
6.6	AS advised that FAI judging seminars will take place on 14 th and 20 th April.	
6.7	Registration may take place on the airfield or at the workshop dependant on how flying is going. It was noted that the Local Regulations state that the events will be tow launch, so there should not be anyone turning up who are not tow qualified.	
6.8	A programme is being written for the events to include competition rules.	
6.9	A Whatsapp group will be setup for the competitions.	
6.10	A management meeting will take place at 12.00 on the registration days. There is a possibility that there could be some competition flying off the bowl, but it was noted that this will make it difficult for pilots flying in both competitions.	
6.11	It was noted that there are now no Covid restrictions, however, people should still be cautious. The overseas pilots will be flying on planes which offers a high risk of catching Covid.	
6.12	AS advised that the fundraising page had already raised £700, and everyone should be promoting it. MkB will promote it on Linkedin.	
6.13	AW advised that BHPA events need emergency procedures to be displayed for all pilots to view. Green Dragons emergency procedures will be used. AW to forward last year's nationals emergency procedures to ME so that a similar format can be used.	AW
6.14	DC to review the relevance of the classic affidavit wording following issues he spotted last year.	DC
6.15	AW pointed out that the paragliding BAC results will differ to the European and World Cup results due to target size, competitor numbers and number of rounds. This causes problems when submitting results to the FAI. It was proposed that the results of all attending FAI pilots be submitted based on 5m target size and the number of rounds completed by the BAC competition. AS to advise the European and World Cup organisers that European and World Cup pilots must continue flying if the maximum number of European and World Cup rounds are completed to avoid missing out on WPRS points.	AS
7	Poisk Pads	
7.1	MB advised that CH had not received a response from Poisk following an enquiry. DC to make enquiries. MkB advised that the FAI pads may become available, and this put doubt on the number of pads required. Panel to further discuss during the 50 th competitions.	DC Panel
8	Panel Whatsapp group	
8.1	As ME is not on the current Whatsapp group and there had been no communication from Stuart, it was planned for ME to start a new group with DC as a admin. AW to advise Stuart of this via the current Whatsapp group.	AW
	Meeting closed at 21.23	
	Date of next meeting	

	8.00 pm, Thursday 5 th May 2022	
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BHPA Monthly Report - Apr Parascending

1. Apologies for this very late document.
2. Not very much to report as a very quiet period.
3. The amended Classic Rules with amendments highlighted in red sent to Fr and NL at 0845 today.
4. Birdwings Paragliding Club have a new name to suit the new multi discipline role and will now be know as 'Birdwings Airsports'
5. The Birdwing's winch will be taken to Woldingham later this week to be used for the 50 anniversary comp.
 6. I have not received any further info for the 50th comp from Fr or NL.

Rules officer actions since last panel meeting

Rules for classic nationals (TBC with EPAC re Grand Prix – Arthur has latest version so he can do this), BAC classic accuracy events and supplements to Paragliding cat 2 LRs covering BAC procedures finalised with help from Andy W and Dave. Supplementary procedures for paragliding nationals still needed. May be easier to do these after the first 2 competitions when we will have a better idea of what needs to be included.

Contacted Andy C re FAI insurance requirements for judges – no response. This may mean that there is no clear guidance for him to communicate to me.