

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 10th March 2022 20:00

Present: Andy Webster AW Media & PR Officer
 Arthur Bentley AB Parascending Representative
 Mark Bignell MB Paragliding Representative
 Andy Shaw AS Development
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	SS and DC were not able to attend the meeting.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	Previous minutes dated 3 rd & 10th February were proposed by AB and seconded by MB.	
3	Classic Accuracy	
3.1	Officers report received from AB, with all Grand Prix dates confirmed.	
3.2	AB advised that the Grand Prix competition would start on the Saturday. It was agreed that the Classic Nationals would also start on the Saturday, and training flights on the Friday would be available as part of the entry fee.	
3.3	It was noted that all the classic rule amendments had been agreed by the panel and need to be presented to EPAC for approval. LL to forward to EPAC	LL
3.4	LL will review all discussions on the BAC rules and will collate a final version.	LL
3.5	AB advised that French pilots had been discussing the BAC events on facebook, but there has been no confirmed attendance.	
4	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
4.1	MB advised that the selection criteria one month notice rule was problematic for setting another date if a training camp was blown out. MB to provide more training camp dates for this year.	MB
4.2	MB advised that the cost of attending training camps was becoming prohibitively expensive due to rising fuel costs, and the use of the Rutland site was important as it offered a central venue.	
4.3	MB advised that there is no information currently available on the European Championships.	
5	Funding bid	
5.1	It was agreed that the funding bid proposed by AW, amounting to just short of £9k, should be forwarded to Bill Bell and Jenny Buck. It was also agreed that the £6k 50 th anniversary contingency, agreed by the Panel, should also be included in the bid as a development cost. AW forward the bid to Bill Bell and Jenny Buck.	AW
6	50th Anniversary	
6.1	Officers report received from AS that advised on registered pilot numbers, sponsorship obtained and the use of social media to promote the events. It may be possible to run a raffle with products offered by sponsors. It was noted that an additional 15euros will be charged for registering on the day of a competition.	

6.2	It was agreed to pay AS the balance of £6k minus the amount already paid out to him for cash flow reasons, with a view to recouping this amount at the end of the events.	
6.3	AS advised that at the March Green Dragons training weekend, towing arrangements were trialled in preparation for the BAC weekends. AS wants as many people as possible to attend the April Green Dragons training weekend to prepare for the events.	
6.4	It was noted that it would be more financially viable for non BHPA member judges to obtain non flying BHPA membership rather than get day tickets. Non flying membership can be obtained on the day like day membership.	
6.5	The following queries were raised about insurance for judges at FAI competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any FAI requirements for judge's insurance? - Will overseas judges have their own insurance? - Could BHPA insurance be offered to overseas judges? LL to enquire with Andy Cowley and BHPA.	LL
6.6	AS suggested that hang gliders be invited to rounds 3&4 at South Cerney to generate some extra income. Numbers would be limited to 30 for a small competition, and the hang glider community would bring their own man power and winches. Each tow operation would have its own flight director with AS in overall control. Jenny Buck would also be invited due to her involvement with hang gliders. AB advised that paramotors are not allowed to fly at South Cerney due to objections from local people about noise.	
6.7	LL advised that she was happy with the use of the phrase 'sufficient height' in the wording for the alternative rule to the 10 second rule.	
6.8	LL advised that she needed details of what trophies are to be allocated to complete the BAC rules wording. AS advised that he was looking into this and was seeking sponsorship and buying the trophies as a batch.	AS
6.9	AB advised that he had been in touch with the military about barrack accommodation. It was not seen as a problem, however, the military have not confirmed anything as they are a bit busy with troupe movements at the moment and never really confirm until closer to the time.	
6.10	MB advised that he can use the FAI software to work out results using separate spread sheets for different competition categories. It was noted that the European and World Cup organisations have their own scoring systems, also there is no requirement to live stream results or put them on a website.	
	MB to deliver the FAI kit to Green Dragons as early as possible.	MB
7	Panel Members	
7.1	AS suggested that Myrianthe Ewington and Matt Bignell join the Panel as Vice Chairman and Safety Officer respectively. It was agreed unanimously that they should join. AS to let them know that they have been voted on to the Panel.	AS
8	Poisk Pads	
8.1	MB advised that a cable was available that can run the Poisk pad through both a Weckbecker and a Texair box.	

8.2	MB advised that he had left Chris Haynes to contact Poisk about replacement pads.	
9	Panel Whatsapp group	
9.1	It was noted that Stuart had updated the group to include the latest members. Myrianthe and Matt will also need adding by SS.	SS
	Meeting closed at 21.20	
	Date of next meeting	
	8.00 pm, Thursday 7 th April 2022	

BHPA Monthly Report Mar - Parascending

1. Not much activity since the last meeting due to bad weather.

2. Grand Prix dates: The finalised dates for the 3 x Grand Prix comps have now been finalised (when we had the EPAC 'Teams' meeting in Jan we announced dates for the 3 x comps and agreed that final confirmation would be given by the end of Feb). These dates are:

France 28-29 May GIPs (Practice days 25-26-27 May).

UK 27-28-29 Aug South Cerney (Dutch cannot attend on Fri 26 Aug).

NL 17-18 Sep (hosted by Sky Rebels at their new site north of Rotterdam).

3. 50th Anniversary - I have requested accommodation on the barracks for both of the events being hosted at South Cerney. My military contact for the last 10 years, Major Dave Martin, has now retired and my contact now is Major Wayne Fuller (Quartermaster). Wayne has told me that he doesn't see this being a problem and has got a team looking in to it.

Development Officers Report

50th Anniversary of Accuracy events:

Thank you for support with 6k if there is a short fall for the 50th events. I understand you want to pay this if needed at the end August.

- I have given a huge social media drive for our events with huge success.
- The issue I have is, I am personally funding everything right now. I have spent 10k on accommodation to help everyone stay at the same hotel and get the best possible price for our overseas visitors.
Proposal; The panel to pay remaining 4k now as we have the funds and the money paid back to panel in August should there be funds left.
- We have secured one sponsors;
 - PG and Fry company £1000 (Myri Ewington)
 - Mini Bus sponsor £500, (Del Lazel)
 - Cross country with products,
 - Green Dragons office as administration which is 2-3 hours work everyday.
 - Airsports Promotion
- I am pushing hard for entry fees and they are slowly coming in.
- The good news is the PG are not far off 60 entries, we are on target.
- It's worth noting the PG Nationals entries have already beaten past years entries.
- PA Nationals is still growing. We do need more drive from everyone with Classics, on the French Facebook page that are talking about attending. We are not hearing responses from EPAC.
- Judy and Charlie Freeman are coming back to judging and new judges are coming forward for training seminars.

Entries, currently we stand at:

	Paragliding	Classics
Round 1	42	9
Round 2	54	9
Round 3	23	8
Round 4	21	9

- Accommodation – we are working on accommodation to support those travelling and I have reserved some rooms locally
- Camping – we are negotiating with the landlord of a field adjacent to the flying field and will be able to report soon.
- Late payment: Due to cash flow we are encouraging people to pay promptly and have advertised an additional administrative charge of EUR15 for payments made on the day (both for accommodation and comp entry fees)
- We need all panel members and everybody possible to attend a training weekend on the first weekend in April so we can practice targets and launch points for the first two events for the British Accuracy Cup.
- I have worked with the Hang gliding community with Birdwings and they would be keen to join us for Round 3 and Round 4. Again this would help with cash flow for the events.
- Cloud Base paragliding just confirmed attending round 3 and 4 with their winch.
- Waiting for scouts to confirm their winch and operators.

Need Liz to confirm rules

NEW panel members;

I am pleased to report I have 2 very keen experienced people wishing to join the panel. I propose

Matt Bignell - Safety Officer

Myri Ewington - Vice Chairman

Matt. Long time BHPA team members, BHPA Squad coach, former British champion very knowledgeable about rules and equipment.

Myri. Stu asked Myri to join the panel a couple of months ago, she was undecided at that time, now her feet are well under the table as pilot, UK Team member, Deputy Events director for 50th WC EC BAC EPAC.

Some of you may have seen the professional zoom meetings run at GD in Covid, where she chaired over 100 people asking about learning to fly. We have struggle to chair our meetings in recent times, and it would be great to take the pressure off panel members stepping in.

Proposal; elect Myri and Matt to the panel in these roles

Birdwings development

- I have worked with the HG community to get a HG club developing at Birdwings, this now means BW can operate on more days, especially as HG and PA operate in stronger winds.