

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 5th May 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
 William Lawrence WL Squad Manager
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer
 Dave Crowhurst DC Classic Accuracy

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	It was noted that SS advised at BAC Round 1 that he was suffering from long Covid which causes brain fog.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	Previous minutes dated 7th April were proposed by AB and seconded by ME.	
3	Classic Accuracy	
3.1	AB advised that he had not received any feed back on the proposed classic accuracy rule changes, and was not really expecting anything. It was felt that in the absence of any comments the rule changes could be accepted.	
4	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
4.1	It was noted that two squad meetings were held during BAC Round 2.	
4.2	It was noted that a lot of South Americans had registered for the European Championships, and it was believed that they would only get places if the full allocation was not taken up by European pilots. MkB advised that he had already issued a Jenny Buck signed NAC entry form for the European Championships. The form will be resent with the correct flying order in due course.	
4.3	WL felt that savings could be made and spread between pilots by booking a block of flights after the first allocation round. A best estimate of pilot names against the flights could be made, which could be changed if necessary for a small fee at a later date. It was noted that agreement on flying dates could be difficult as pilots have different work commitments. WL also suggested using Booking.com for advanced booking of accommodation with a clause to allow free cancellation. WL to forward a proposal for the cost saving measures.	WL
4.4	It was noted that the 2022 selection criteria stated that the selection cut-off date would be two weeks prior to the registration deadline, however, there was some ambiguity as to whether this was online registration or registration at the event. The online registration deadline is 15th May, so the selection cut-off date could potentially be 1 st May. It was agreed that the selection cut-off date should be after the paragliding nationals i.e. after 5 th June. This would give more time to book flights and look for sponsorship. AW to update the selection criteria, and WL to advise the squad.	AW / WL

4.5	WL advised that he will announce 2022 training camp dates accommodating the one month notice rule.	WL
4.6	It was noted that a Squad Whatsapp group had been set up, allowing quicker communication.	
4.7	WL advised that he was not convinced that the current selection league was picking the best team, and was favouring pilots who could attend more events. AS felt pilot currency was important. ME felt that dedication was important, and that pilots signing up for the squad should be signing up for the dates of the CAT1 competitions. WL to forward a proposal for an alternative selection process.	WL
4.8	DC felt that pilots should not be Team Managers as this happened in the BPA and did not work well. WL felt that a reserve pilot could help out with manager duties, and new pilots to accuracy could benefit from being a reserve.	
4.9	A vote was held for WL to be Squad Manager, whose responsibilities include delegating the Team Manager. The vote was unanimous in favour of WL being squad manager.	
4.10	WL advised that he would like to set up a camera in a safe place to film squad pilot's approaches. It was noted that the judges would be happy about this as it could double up as the official target camera. MkB felt that the Panel should purchase an official camera. DC advised that BS judges use an ipad, and it was felt that a Gopro with a zoom facility in a fixed location would be sufficient.	
5	50th Anniversary BAC	
5.1	AS advised that some of the Romanians who left early after Round 1 were seeking a refund on the entry fees and accommodation. It was noted that it was the pilot's decision to not participate, but AS was concerned about a bad vibe.	
5.2	MkB advised that the scores for Rounds 1 & 2 had been submitted to the FAI along with judging details, and this information was available in Dropbox. It was noted that Elena had queried information about Josie Ewington and Peter Cush which had delayed publishing the results.	
5.3	MkB advised that scores had been put in Dropbox, and he will review the BAC results where there are no dropped scores. It was noted that the intermediate overall BAC scores could be published based on the best 2/3rds scores. It was agreed that where the best number of rounds under the 2/3rds rule was not a whole number then the number of rounds would be based on rounding up or down to the nearest whole number. It was agreed that the intermediate leagues should be published on social media to encourage more people to join Rounds 3&4.	MkB
5.4	MtB advised that apart from the judge walking into the trailer door, safety had been exceptional at the first two rounds of the BAC.	
5.5	AS advised that he had not issued a questionnaire about the BAC, but had been discussing a more general questionnaire for all BHPA competition Panels with Jenny Buck.	
5.6	AB advised that the South Cerney airfield booking on the 4/5 th June was to use part of the airfield near the crash gate as a car park for an event in South Cerney. So the airfield is available for flying with risk assessments in place. AS advised that he was looking forward to working with AB at South Cerney.	
5.7	It was noted that running the paragliding and classic competitions back to back instead of in parallel would reduce the man power required and	

	also potentially the amount of target equipment required. AS advised that he wanted to run the competitions in parallel, and everyone should be seeking the manpower required. WL had concerns about poor weather, and running competitions in parallel presented the best opportunity for validating the competitions.	
5.8	It was noted that the FAI equipment will not be available for BAC Round 4, being so close to the Europeans. It was noted that SS and Green Dragons have anemometers.	
5.9	The following BAC rule amendments were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilots can miss competition days and bank / catch up flights at both BAC events and National Championships. - It was believed that novices can register on the Airtribune website, but they could also register directly via the organisers if there is a problem with Airtribune. - BAC and Nationals need to be validated on two rounds. - It was agreed to change the Local regulations from 1 to 8 rounds to 2 to 12 rounds. <p>LL to update the rules and AW to publish on the website. ME to update the Local Regulations.</p>	LL/AW ME
5.10	AB advised that the 20-20 club could be used to run a judging seminar at South Cerney.	
6	Poisk Pads	
6.1	LL believed the Panel has two pads at the moment, but one may be faulty. Therefore we could potentially be short of a pad if we ran two separate targets at the BAC events. DC advised that BS Poisk pads are available, however, any damaged equipment would need to be replaced. It was also noted that DC has a Poisk pad and WL has a Patpad.	
6.2	It was agreed that two pads plus 19 pin male connectors were required. However, as the Poisk pads are Russian it was believed that there will be sanctions in place and we cannot do business with them. It was noted that recent Weckbecker pads have been of poor quality.	
	Meeting closed at 21.30	
	Date of next meeting	
	8.00 pm, Thursday 9 th June 2022 with the option to carryout the meeting during the BAC Round 3 event.	

BHPA Acc Panel Development officers report May 2022

Loads of development going on both panel and BHPA members need to get more involved with opportunities please.

Telling me what to do improve - change is all well/good and I am listening. But some folks need to step up their game well before invents, recruitment, equipment manpower etc....

Webbo, Chris and Myri were outstanding with 50th events so far, not once did they moan grown and they faced huge 'yes huge' challenges. This is what everyone should be doing, moaning has got to stop and coming forward to help all opportunities must happen.

The drive-opportunities I have given the sport is huge in judges, marshalls, BPA/BS, pilots, BHPA clubs development etc, putting us firmly back on the international scene, hosting World and Euro cups,.

Now with Brit Nats - Classic Nats and EPAC all a head of us to celebrate our 50th, we need a huge amount of folks coming forward taking on roles as team players, team player is possible a very important word, it feels like we have lots of leaders at times making life very hard as Event Director.

Time and place to lead and time and place to be lead.

Funding page is live would be great if panel can circulate this, Myri can help I'm sure.

Hope my report helps folks development-involvement, huge thank you again for all those that go above and beyond to help team development

Rules officer report

Rules for classic competitions – 3rd and 4th BAC events

BAC and classic nationals rules all written and circulated, including rules for novice competition

Questions:

- Where have these rules been published?
- Are there any comments / suggested changes before R3 and 4?
- Have classic nationals rules been accepted for EPAC (Arthur)?
- Do we have any novices registered – what is the registration process for novices?

Rules for 3rd and 4th BAC events and paragliding nationals

No responses to questions (before the first 2 events) about specific rules for paragliding nationals and novices (if any register) so assume that is all in hand alongside cat 2 rules

Questions:

- BAC FAI cat 2 rules – are any edits needed to what has been published in the light of rounds 1 & 2?
- Is it correct that, if necessary, we will validate the BAC competition on one round but require the usual 2 rounds to validate the national championships?
- What will be the stated maximum number of rounds for the nationals (BAC is stated as 8; FAI max remains 12)?
- To avoid confusion, is the BAC or the nationals the competition that is registered with the FAI for WPRS?

FAI rules

New section 7 common and 7C published. Changes for this year are minimal and should not affect our local regulations. They are:

- Amendment to rule for cat 1 allocation deadlines (2.4) in S7C
- Junior ranking is max 26 years (I assume that, as dob is on the pilot's information that FAI hold, this is calculated automatically when results are submitted). Changed in S7C (5.4.3.1) and 7 common
- Section 9 of S7C (Judging) has been reduced with minimal information in 7C and the judging code in a separate document – no changes to actual content.
- Additional information re EMS and need for CIVL ids added to section 7 common

Judging

9 new or returning judges trained and signed off at 1st BAC competition.

Not all have CIVL ids – I will follow this up so that their training can be registered and the validity of them judging at a cat 2 competition can be confirmed

All who have ids and have registered for the seminar (possible to do this

retrospectively) can be signed off by Elena and will have their personal EMS record updated.

Development of rules officer limited by role on classic target – limited chances to work with and learn from experienced cat 1 overseas judges or to understand the strengths and further training needs of newly accredited judges. This is a missed opportunity to strengthen understanding of cat 1 judging which will impact on how effectively the rules officer can support the squad in the immediate future.

Questions

- What information about the judging team has been submitted for the 2 competitions and by whom? Is there a standard format and process for this?
- Apart from Nikki, who else will require training at the next competition? If needed, are there facilities to do so?

Parascending Report May 22

1. Birdwings and Green Dragons ticking over as normal and getting in to the decent weather period.
2. The main emphasis now is the 50th anniversary preparation.

A potential setback is looming regarding 2-5 June at South Cerney; below is the reply I have from The military Ops today.

'Mr Bentley,

We unfortunately have a booking for use of the airfield on from the 4-5 of June. I have provisionally booked you in for the 2-3 June. I will liaise with the point of contact for the other booking and see if we could facilitate booking for the 4-5 tomorrow and get back to you.

Kind Regards,
Angela'

3. I will be talking to Ops tomorrow (Thur) and hopefully the problem will be resolved.
 1. I am hoping that by the time of our zoom meeting I will have good news.