

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 7th July 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
 William Lawrence WL Squad Manager
 Dave Crowhurst DC Classic Accuracy

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from LL, MtB. It was assumed that SS was still suffering from brain fog.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	Previous minutes dated 4th June 2022 were proposed by ME and seconded by WL.	
3	Finances	
3.1	AW summarised the recent email from Jenny Buck requiring that competition panels apply for a grant every year by the end of January using a standard form. Also the accuracy panel is expected to get £6k funding this year which is the same as in previous years. AS felt that the panel could justify more money because of the results accuracy is achieving in terms of new squad pilots, improved pilot performances and more qualified judges.	
3.2	It was noted that costs for Cat 1 competitions have gone up in recent years, but the BHPA funding has remained the same. DC felt that the panel should show how costs have increased in recent years to try and get more funding. WL to get last year's costs from Dropbox and compare to his estimate of for this year's Euros which is between £1,200 and £1,300 per pilot plus the entry fees. It was also noted that having a full team of seven this year increases costs.	WL
3.3	It was agreed to provide £4,000 funding for the Euros, with potentially more funding being made available dependant on uptake for overseas funding. 7 x 350 euro entry fees have already been made leaving £260 per pilot.	
3.4	It was noted that the 2021/22 accounts had been completed by Jonathan Parkinson, and AW suggested issuing them to Jenny Buck next week, giving panel members time to review / comment on them. DC advised that some dates may be incorrect – AW to review.	AW
4	Classic Accuracy	
4.1	AB advised that the grass had recently been cut at South Cerney, and that Birdwings would be operating on the weekend of 9/10 th July. WL advised that squad members will be attending.	
4.2	AB advised that he has repaired the brakes on his winch, and engine mounts will be replaced next week at a garage.	
4.3	AS advised that he had sent a message to Richard Bissett to return the Classic Nationals team trophy to him so that he can take it to the trophy shop to see what they can with it. It was noted that it should be	

	possible for Richard to hand over the trophy to someone at the Birdwing weekend to take to Green Dragons.	
5	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
5.1	WL advised that he had sent proposed Code of Conduct and Squad Selection documents to the Panel for review. Panel to comment.	Panel
5.2	WL advised that he planned to hold the July squad training camp in Shropshire.	
5.3	WL advised that he proposed to up the training camp fees to £15, and would like to offer judges 20p / mile and camping fees to attend training camps. Only a limited number of judges would be invited to a training camp. The panel agreed to this proposal.	
5.4	WL advised that there is currently no agreement with the sponsors of last year's team kit so it was not known if the kit could be worn. Also not everyone in this year's team has last year's kit. It was agreed that all team pilots should have a basic kit of trousers and polo shirts, and funding for this could come out of the pilot funding or possibly the panel reserves. WL to get the cost of a basic kit so an assessment can be made on the funding. The £260 per pilot costs will not be paid until the kit funding is resolved.	WL
5.5	WL also proposed that the team has a flying jacket that is possibly sponsored.	
5.6	WL advised that he was going to contact a sports psychologist to assist with the team.	
5.7	AS advised that he had sent a Whatsapp message to the eurochat group on 25/06/22 about contacting sponsors - WL to review. ME will also forward a 'dos and don'ts' guide to sponsorship.	WL ME
5.8	It was noted that all UK Team pilots had booked the hotel accommodation and flights for the Euros.	
6	BAC	
6.1	MkB advised that the paragliding nationals results do not appear to have been included in the latest WPRS. MkB to contact the FAI.	MkB
6.2	It was agreed to pay Green Dragons, Birdwings and Cloudbase, who had provided winches free of charge to the BAC events, a £200 wear and tear costs each – AW to arrange.	AW
6.3	AS advised that the war in Ukraine, visa issues and weather had affected the entry at the BAC events, and everyone should be promoting the BAC round 4 event to maximise the entry.	
6.4	AB advised that the cost of the barracks accommodation was dependant on the number of rooms booked, but he did not know the number of people wanting accommodation. It was agreed that people should advise Arthur if they want barrack accommodation by the end of July otherwise they will have to camp. Camping will be £5 per person.	
6.5	It was noted that six categories of trophies are required at round 4 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classic Nationals - International Classic - BAC Classic - Overall BAC Classic - BAC Paragliding - Overall BAC Paragliding Due to the numbers, it was felt that there will have to be more medals, due to the cost of trophies.	

6.6	AW to arrange the minor category trophies for the Classic Nationals from recycled trophies.	AW
6.7	It was noted that the European Grand Prix requires £3 / pilot subs.	
6.8	It was felt that the best option for Grand Prix pilots to get practice flying on the Friday would be to enter the BAC event due to winch / operator availability.	
7	Equipment	
7.1	MkB to contact Chris Haynes about ordering another Weckbecker pad.	MkB
7.2	MtB to investigate camera options for judges.	MtB
	Meeting closed at 21.00	
	Date of next meeting	
	8.00 pm, Thursday 4 th August 2022.	

Development Officer Report – July 2022

It's been an amazing year so far for Accuracy development, so many people have worked so hard, thku.

I have spent huge amount of time and money on trying to recruit train and develop many folks across our sport. We now have a big team of judges based on this work. We have also had BHPA PG, HG XC pilots and PPG pilots join us along with many overseas pilots. This is great profile for Accuracy across the BHPA.

We are the first BHPA team to bring a FAI World and European cup to the UK.

This work has also moved us up 6 places in the World Ranking, we now have a good few pilots moving into the top 500 in the FAI WPRS.

I have written and encouraged EPAC but had very little response. I have received good comms from Arthur though. On the other hand, although a tough job, I have had huge correspondence with the FAI, PGAWC & PGAEC

We have had great attendance from the BS Judges at BAC, who have also got FAI PG qualifications.

We have raised further sponsorship and support and continue to learn.

Re BAC costs, I am sure you will work out fast in your mind the amount of entry fees and overheads we have face to keep 50th momentum is extremely tough and running at a loss.

We have done a great job helping FAI PG pilots see our PA History, Romain George Cote, was ground training his Parafoil 252 and Vallery from Bulgaria.

What I urgently need the panel doing is helping recruit more judges and pilots, past and presents.

We need more pilots to enter the Final BAC and 50th Anniversary.

BAC logistic is going well with Arthur, the barrack accommodation is available directly through Arthur.

If we can all push hard to promote the final event, we can let Arthur know more about numbers.

Arthur has mentioned his winch, Lee's Winch and also the Green Dragons Pulley system have all been provided free of charge as a return to the sport. Although we can say all the tow kit is used at club level, maybe the panel could support with a contribution towards running cost, I would suggest a figure of £200 for BW CB And GD tow systems.

Squad

It's been a steady start with new Squad Manager Will. We have set some good tasks and the current team members, who are traveling and training. I please to report the team is working very well and our 2 new ladies really are putting serious time commitment and fiancés into development.

I'm working very hard with the other BHPA Comps panel, as I write this I running the BHPA PPG club class nationals, I going to try and start writing comparisons notes and share with you all at the end of this year, there are sooo many lessons to share about each discipline.

Any ideas to help recruitment and the follow up work need would be greatly appreciated.

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Monthly Report - Parascending - July 22

1. No activity at S Cerney due to knackered winch.
- 2, I was in attendance at S Cerney a few weeks ago during a 'young scout training' day and was pleased to see that the grass had been cut.
3. I now need to give priority to the numbers in attendance for the duration of the Aug bank Holiday period. I will need a breakdown of who we expect on site during this period so that we get the appropriate sized accommodation.
4. Although I accepted a request to waver the winch hire charges for these 4 competitions, I would like some consideration to be given for compensation for repairs to the winch and travel expenses incurred during these competitions. The Cloudbase winch was also in need of repair after the last comp