

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 4th Aug 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
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer
 Matt Bignell MtB Safety Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	No apologies received.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	Previous minutes dated 7th July 2022 were proposed by AB and seconded by WL.	
3	Finances	
3.1	WL advised that he could not find sufficient Cat 1 cost information to show how costs had increased over the years to put a case back to the BHPA for more money. AW & MtB to look at costs in previous years. LL suggested that someone should keep a log of costs. MtB queried whether we are doing enough to promote the BHPA at the moment, and should be prepared to do more if we ask for more money. ME stated that pilots should be seeking sponsorship if they want to ask for more money from the BHPA.	AW / MtB
3.2	WL advised that he was putting together a sponsorship document, and felt it needed tailoring to suit each sponsor. He had contacted some potential sponsors, but not all as he was struggling for time, and had not received any responses as yet. It was noted that potential sponsors are looking for people to increase sales, and WL advised that he had spoken to Green Dragons about an idea. ME stated that paramotoring had done really well in attracting sponsorship, and pilots should be looking at setting up a Bitly link. WL advised that he had asked other team pilots for help with sponsorship, but was conscious that pilots are looking for their own sponsors, and he was concentrating on sponsors for the whole team. LL queried if the previous Squad Manager had set anything up to look for sponsors.	
3.3	With regard to Jonathan Parkinson's Expense Request Form LL suggested that there should be a box for when a spending decision was made, which may involve looking through previous minutes. AW to report back to Jonathan.	AW
4	Classic Accuracy	
4.1	AB had nothing more to add to his officers report.	
4.2	Everyone thanked AB for the work he was doing at South Cerney.	
5	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
5.1	WL advised that Dale McMahon had pulled out of the team due to a clash with a Green Card meeting. WL has been contacting the next	WL

	eligible pilots, and will now contact all eligible pilots to save time. It was believed that a team of 4 male and 3 female pilots could be registered bringing Cherry McMahon into the running.	
5.2	It was noted that there were a lot of outstanding squad pilot training camp fees, and it was suggested that pilots who do not pay up don't get selection points. WL to chase up squad pilots.	WL
5.3	The next training camp is 20/21 August.	
5.4	It was noted that the 12 month selection period for 2023 had already started, so the 2023 Selection Criteria needs to be sent out as soon as possible. It was agreed to have a meeting over the August bank holiday about the proposed changes to the selection criteria, but people can send their thoughts through in advance to WL.	
6	BAC Round 4	
6.1	AB to order two portaloos for the August bank holiday.	
6.2	AS felt that six tandem flights could be offered, however, it will cost 6 x £23 day tickets. AB felt that the tandem flights should be offered for free to the army without seeking a discount on the camping.	
6.3	AB advised that the Birdwings and Cloudbase winches are running well. AS said he would be bringing the parallel towing system.	
6.4	It was noted that BS judge Bob King was currently in hospital. DC to advise Bob that the Panel sends it regards to him.	DC
6.5	It was noted that Nikki Bodill and Taz Spence will be attending. AS to send a list of officials two weeks before the event.	AS
6.6	AS advised that a newsletter will go out every week up to the event, and requested that people keep pushing and recruiting.	
6.7	MkB requested that a form be developed to list all the winners for the trophy presentations, so that he knew what results to work out. AW & LL to assist.	AW / LL
7	Equipment	
7.1	WL advised that he had informed Chris Haynes that the Panel had agreed to purchase a new Weckbecker pad, and an official request would be made to him. It is believed that the Panel currently has two pads and two boxes, however, one pad is faulty and one box has damage. Chris Haynes should be able to confirm the status of the equipment, and the equipment list in Dropbox should be updated. It was noted that this could be a problem if there are two separate targets at the Classic Nationals / BAC Round 4. DC advised that his rear strike pad provides good support for a pad to prevent pad damage. A new Weckbecker pad is believed to cost approximately £250.	
7.2	Further pad replacement options were discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase two Poisk pads and a Poisk box for £1,000 off a BS person. It was noted that the equipment had to be bought as a complete set, and pads would not be sold off separately. Also getting parts in the future could be a problem. DC believed that Poisk pads are the most robust, however, the Poisk display box is small and more for judges use. - Purchase a Texair pad and box off Green Dragons for £1,000. It was noted that Poisk and Weckbecker pads can be run off a Texair box using a special connector. 	

	It was agreed to buy the Poisk package off the BS person, and not buy a Weckbecker pad. PMN – Marc Asquith has advised that we can not buy second hand Russian equipment with BHPA money.	
7.3	LL advised that brightness and size were important for a judges video camera. MtB advised that the following options were available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8" Ipad - £300 - 8" Amazon Fire Tablet - £90 - 10" Amazon Fire Tablet - £160 	
	Meeting closed at 21.53	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting was pencilled in for the BAC Round 4 if there is time or 8.00 pm, Thursday 15 th September 2022.	

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Monthly Report - Parascending - August 22

1. The Birdwings winch is now repaired and was used at South Cerney last weekend. A minor problem with the line spreader was resolved on-site but extensive winching trials were not possible due to high winds putting a stop to the day's towing. Hopefully, it will prove to be fully operational on the weekend of 13 Aug.

2. I had a brief meeting with the Quartermaster (Maj Fuller) last week. He informed me that we will not be able to use the accommodation in the barracks due to foreign troops being trained by British Army and many of these troops will be using the accommodation. I have left the Quartermaster with a request for the following items: 4 x 6ft tables, 30 chairs, 1 x burco boiler, Qty 2 18 ft x 24 ft tents, and 20 camp beds. The priority for these tents will be for those who had requested barrack accommodation and all of our foreign guests. I have also stated that I would like to order 25 packed lunches for each day that we are operating (maybe not as many as that during the practice day). I have also asked for the use of the same shower block that we had for the 3rd bac comp. This might not be granted for the same reason that we cannot use the accommodation.

3. Last weekend Dave and I visited the Golf Club and were given the OK to use their showers between 0700hrs and 1800hrs each day.

4. In addition to the foreign guests we already knew of, we now have Harco Oostdam and Joanne added to the Dutch team.

5. At the last bac zoom meeting we spoke briefly about the camping fees and I think it was agreed that the fee for this will be £10 per person for the duration. If we are not collecting fees from the 'Officials' it would help me if I can have a list of the official 'Officials'. Will the camping fees for the non-paying 'Officials' be paid by the competition funds.