

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held on 20.00, 3rd November 2022

Present: Myrianthe Ewington ME Vice Chairman
 Andy Webster AW Media & PR Officer
 Arthur Bentley AB Parascending Representative
 Andy Shaw AS Development
 William Lawrence WL Squad Manager
 Dave Crowhurst DC Classic Accuracy
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from MkB and MtB.	
1.2	AS advised that he would get in touch with SS.	AS
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	DC requested that an action point be put against AS for minute 6.3 of the meeting dated 13 th October 2022. AW to amend.	AW
2.2	Minutes dated 13 th October 2022 with the above amendment were proposed by DC and seconded by LL.	
3	Finances	
3.1	AW advised that there is £9.5k in the Panel account, and there are still some outstanding squad fees. AW to send the latest squad fees payment information to WL for him to chase up pilots.	AW WL
4	Classic Accuracy	
4.1	AB provided an officers report, and congratulated Dave Crowhurst on achieving a UK record of three consecutive DCs on a 2cm pad.	
4.2	AB advised that the Grand Prix subs go towards a prize fund for the top three overall individuals (Half to the winner, 1/3 rd to second place and 1/6 th to third place). It was agreed that AB should propose increasing the UK Grand Prix subs to £3.50 per pilot to match the 4 Euros paid by France and Holland.	AB
4.3	LL felt that 2022 classic accuracy rule proposals and changes needed more discussion, and she will summarise the items in an email. It was noted that some of the UK proposals had not been accepted by France and Holland without any explanation as to the reason why.	LL
5	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
5.1	WL advised that he had emailed Valentin Popa requesting a refund for Sue Britnell's non attendance at the Euros. WL to chase up.	WL
5.2	The 2023 Selection Criteria drafted by AW, based on last year's selection criteria, was accepted. AW to post the selection criteria on the website.	AW
5.3	WL advised that he is doing a comparison of different selection league criteria and will forward the agreed selection criteria league to AW to post on the website.	WL AW
5.4	LL advised that the FAI Code of Conduct will not be updated this year. WL to complete the Squad Code of Conduct and issue for approval.	WL
5.5	WL advised that the October squad training was called off due to unfavourable weather conditions. It was noted that the Birdwings competition did go ahead on the squad training weekend, however,	

	only Saturday afternoon would have been suitable for paraglider towing.	
5.6	ME raised concerns that some judges had not been informed that the squad training had been called off. LL advised that she did not want to be another layer of communication, and it was agreed that the judges should be added to the Squad Whatsapp group. WL to add judges to the Squad Whatsapp group. LL to check that the judges list in Dropbox is up to date.	WL LL
5.7	ME advised that the UK had dropped to 17 th in the WPRS, and noted that other countries were doing back to back competitions and training. WL advised that it was harder for UK pilots to attend overseas competitions, but he planned to have an overseas squad training event that included attendance at a competition. AS advised that he was ready to help with training and requested that squad pilots help WL with organising events.	
5.8	Funding for overseas competitions next year was discussed, and the following options were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing the current £80 funding to £100 for two competitions. - Increasing the number of funded competitions from two to three. - Three funded competitions if attend an overseas training event. - Announce two £80 funding per pilot, and announce more later. - Make funding only available to pilots who register by 31/01/23 to encourage pilots to join the squad. More discussion will take place at the next panel meetings.	
5.9	AW advised that he could not see BAC Round 4 on the WPRS. WL also advised that he could not see Euros on the WPRS. WL to contact Elena at CIVL.	WL
6	50th Anniversary BAC	
6.1	AS advised that the 2022 UK Grand Prix subs would be paid out of the BAC budget.	
6.2	AS advised that he will put the BAC accounts together and email them to the Panel.	AS
6.3	AS advised that BS judges had been given travel and accommodation expenses to judge at BAC events, and will require similar expenses next year. It was agreed to discuss expenses proposals for all judges attending competitions and training camps at the next Panel meetings.	
6.4	AS advised that judges need respect and should not have to deal with stropy pilots. WL advised that video equipment would assist with pilot disagreements, and it would be a good idea for squad pilots to undertake judge training to help understand the rules. AS suggested that judging training could be carried out at training camps during bad weather. LL agreed that judge training would be helpful but advised that it would not be realistic for pilots to become fully qualified FAI judges as they need to fly and can't judge at competitions they fly in.	
7	Equipment	
7.1	LL advised the following equipment budget costs in her officer's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long handled squeegee for wet target clearance £20. - Mallet for target mat pegs £5-10. - Second stopwatch for classic competitions (one for EJ and one for wind) Under £20. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Light wind indicator with pole (we currently rely on whatever personal kit is on the field) £20-30. - 10 litre fuel can (plastic) plus funnel, for generator £15-20. <p>The total of the above items comes to approximately £100, and it was agreed to purchase these items. LL to ask Chris Haynes to procure the items.</p>	LL
7.2	It was also agreed to procure a cordless driver for the wind pole pegs up to a limit of £70. LL to ask Chris Haynes to procure this item.	LL
7.3	It was understood that Chris Haynes had sent MkB a price for a Weckbecker pad.	
7.4	AW raised concerns about the a pad flexing on the tuffet when there is no support underneath. LL advised that the cut-out pad had curled up in places and obscured judges view of the pad. The cut-out pad will be trialled up side down.	
8	BHPA & RAeC Awards	
8.1	It was noted that any nominations should be sent to the BHPA who can then decide the award category. Nominations for the RAeC awards need to be in by 11 th November.	
9	BHPA Exec Meeting Report	
9.1	ME thanked everyone for their contributions to the report, and advised that the Accuracy Report had been sent on 2 nd November.	
10	AOB	
10.1	AS queried what had happened to officers reports. ME felt officers reports were a good idea as they enable proposals to be agreed quickly. AW advised that it had been agreed at an earlier panel meeting that officers reports were optional. Also the repetition in officers reports were one of the main reasons why Nigel Barker had accused the Panel of going round in circles.	
10.2	AS advised that he had contacted Rutland and Norfolk clubs about hosting the paragliding nationals. Mick Roach will speak to the North Luffenham C.O. and Martin Kay will speak to the Norfolk Club committee. LL was concerned about the Norfolk facilities if the competition is more that two days i.e. no running water. It was noted that a local campsite had been used before, but advance bookings will probably be required for a Spring Bank holiday event.	
	Meeting closed at 21.20	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 8th December 2022.	

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I've supported William as squad manager as much as I can, with coaching training sites and general ideas for the last month.

I'm supporting civil chairman Martin with regards to developing roles within civil.

I'm offering to help Liz communicate with the judges, I believe we need a lot more communication within the judges regarding club events BHPA Squad training events etc Judges also need to be informed when it's cancelled. The last BHPA squad training weekend we had judges lined up but they weren't communicated with so they did not understand it was cancelled.

Green Dragons are continuing to work hard towards development and pilots and operators the first weekend of every month.

I have written to both Rutland and Norfolk clubs, both have acknowledged our request. the committees are talking about the requests and should get back to us by next couple of weeks.

Green Dragons have invested in a new tuffet, it's much bigger 14 m x 3 m for training the purpose being a larger area for teaching people to stall point. The tuffet also has a series of lines on it, which will help people understand the drift wind flaring, more to come once we start using it.

I've continued contact with professional PD team pilot Vittorio who will be coming to the UK with classic pilots for training.

I've been offering my help and helping Andy Webster with small points for the website.

I've been helping Myri as vice chairman understanding lots more about how Civil and BHPA committees work.

I am working with other BHPA comps panels and think we will see more PPG attending our events.

Happy to help anyone else that asks or sees developing ideas.

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1. Since the last meeting, There has been two Classic League competitions: The Dutch leg of the Grand Prix held during the weekend of 8 Oct and the Birdwings annual Accuracy comp on the weekend of 22 Oct.

Richard Bissett was the overall individual winner of the Dutch Sky Rebel's competition and Dave C came 3rd overall in the 2022 Grand Prix.

At the Birdwings comp Dave C not only won the Competition but created a new BHPA record by scoring 3 consecutive DCs. Several records were broken during the comp with Dave C and Les C claiming all of them.

Although the forecast was not good, with rain and over-limit winds causing quite a few breaks in the operation, 8 rounds were completed over the weekend, it was also good to see Sue B back in the air again after her 10 week absence due to injury.

I have asked the Military to 'Pencil In' the August Bank Holiday period for our Classic Nationals and if we choose this as the competition venue and date, it will also be the venue for the 2023 UK leg of the Grand Prix.

Arthur

Equipment discussion items:

- Purchase of a Weckbecker pad / Texair system. Mark has been given a price by Chris
- Judge video equipment. Prices provided by Matt. Ongoing discussion re spec. Happy to take Matt's recommendation re freeze frames. Battery life also a consideration. Hand held by dedicated personnel is the ideal but, as we are sometimes short handed (and it is particularly valuable to have the extra viewpoint in those circumstances) it would be helpful to have a stand to mount it on so EJ/strike just has to start it filming.
- Buying a shelter for the judges or potentially a sponsored unit. Concerns about where it would be stored if we sourced one - trailer is overloaded.
- Long handled squeegee for wet target clearance. Approx. £20
- Mallet for target pegs £5-10
- Second stopwatch for classic competitions (one for EJ and one for wind) Under £20
- Light wind indicator with pole (we currently rely on whatever personal kit is on the field) Pole £20-30
- 10 litre fuel can, plus funnel, for generator £15-20 (plastic)
- Oil for generator. Not sure what is needed
- Second bat (we used one as wave away but should have 2) – do we need someone to make this?
- Measured rope for 5m and 10m circles – found in trailer
- Old wind sock – written off

Also, do we need electric ratchet for unscrewing pegs for the poles – currently rely on using personal kit (Chris or Dave).

New fichets – Parki has found what we need at a cost of approx. £5 each but not currently in stock

If we can get agreement on items at estimated costs above or with indicative maximum cost I can advise Chris and he can get them.

Re rules:

For the December meeting can everyone think about the changes that we trialled for the classic rules this year. We need to decide whether to revert to the original rules or to try to get agreement to the rule changes from the other EPAC countries. Clear proposals, with rationale, would need to go to the January EPAC meeting with all UK reps briefed.

No other actions to report this month.