

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 8th December 2022

Present: Andy Webster AW Media & PR Officer
 Andy Shaw AS Development
 Dave Crowhurst DC Classic Accuracy
 Liz Lawrence LL Rules Officer
 Mark Bignell MkB Paragliding Representative

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from AB, MtB, WL, ME.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	Minutes dated 3 rd November 2022 incorporating amendments from LL and DC were proposed by LL and seconded by DC.	
3	Chairman Vacancy	
3.1	It was agreed to have a discussion at the next panel meeting regarding the Chairman vacancy. It was noted that the Panel needs one point of contact with Jenny Buck.	
4	Finances	
4.1	AW advised that there is approximately £9.5k in the Panel account. MtB had been paid £160 for attending two Cat2 competitions, and more outstanding squad fees had been received. AS advised that he and ME will be making a claim for attending a Cat2 competition.	
4.2	<p>It was noted that AW had made a start on filling in the BHPA Application for Annual Grant spread sheet, and the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The equipment costs should be raised to at least £500 or listed as separate items to cover a new pad, camera, judges tent and other items. Chris Haynes should also be asked if he is aware of any future equipment expenditure. It was noted that some expenditure could be passed to the following year. - The CAT1 costs need to factor in the Bill Bell 50% rule of thumb. - AW advised that it was difficult to determine previous year's Squad Training costs because of the random nature of the pilot fees. <p>It was agreed that the Panel should review the spread sheet and feedback comments for the next meeting as the spreadsheet had to be submitted by 31/01/2023.</p>	Panel
4.3	<p>AW felt that others need to fill in the sponsorship sections of the spread sheet as they would have more knowledge in this field. Also sponsorship acquired in 2022 can be put in the spreadsheet where there is an ongoing agreement.</p> <p>AS advised that he is Chairing a meeting on sponsorship with other BHPA Panels, with the exception of the Paramotoring Panel who are doing their own thing. DC felt there could be a conflict of interest if AS is chairing the meeting and also representing Accuracy and queried if another Accuracy person should attend to represent Accuracy. AS suggested that Jenny Buck may be able to chair the meeting.</p>	

4.4	MkB felt that budgets are required for all areas covered by the Panel regardless of whether or not these items are included in the spread sheet. It was noted that the National Championships had to be self funding and would not appear on the spread sheet, but a budget should still be made.	
4.5	MkB suggested that the Panel procure a parallel towing system. It was noted that the system had been passed for Green Dragons to operate, however, a technical document needed to be written for a licence to be given for others to use it.	
4.6	AW advised that the communication from Jenny Buck detailed that BHPA funding was for three main areas as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For British Teams at international competitions. - Developing new competition pilots. - Helping rising talents attend international competitions. AW advised that the Panel will most likely get a £6k grant and felt that the Panel should initially agree on how this will be split between Grand Prix, Cat2, Cat1 and Squad before agreeing funding details for each item as per his proposal. It was noted that new competition pilots and rising talents were not necessarily young pilots, and a system was needed to fairly identify these pilots.	
4.7	MkB advised that pilots should be encouraged to attend PGAEC and PGAWC events as more WPRS points were available. AW advised that it was only the top four pilots of each nation who affected the nation position, and therefore the Panel should be investing in the top pilots if WPRS position was important. MkB noted that being in the top 500 was also important for selection at Cat1 competitions, and the BAC series had got lots of UK pilots in the top 500. LL felt that new pilots may be better attending low profile competitions first.	
4.8	The various funding proposals that had been put in Dropbox were reviewed, and it was agreed that for competition funding a rolling scale be developed whereby pilots get increased funding the more competitions they enter. MkB & AW to review how many competitions pilots have attended in recent years to help cost a rolling scale.	MkB / AW
4.9	DC requested that the Panel review the Classic Accuracy Selection Criteria that he had written, that could ultimately be used for selecting who gets funding.	Panel
4.10	AW advised that no Judges had claimed for BHPA membership for 2022 as detailed in the Operating Procedures. LL was not aware of which judges had BHPA membership, and AS advised that judges were covered by Green Dragons event liability insurance for the BAC competitions. LL to make judges aware about eligibility to claim BHPA membership for 2022 and in the future.	LL
4.11	It was agreed the judges are eligible for the following costs that Squad Managers or Meet Directors need to approve in advance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £0.45 / mile up to a maximum of £100 for travel. - Maximum £30 at Nationals and £20 at local events for accommodation. It was noted that judges are only required for one day of a Squad Training weekend, and therefore accommodation costs were not applicable. Also the Squad fees may need to increase by £5 on the competition day to cover judges travel expenses.	
5	Classic Accuracy	

5.1	<p>It was agreed that the following classic accuracy rule changes will be proposed to EPAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.1 Simultaneous landing – change to furthest foot to be measured. - 4.8 10 second rule – change to fly away from the target. - 5.1 Fun flying – clarify that the start is when the flying order is announced. <p>LL to finalise the rules wording for submission to EPAC, where a counter argument will be sought.</p>	LL
5.2	<p>It was agreed that a generic set of classic accuracy rules be created by removing UK national rules from the current set of rules. For future competitions Local Regulations will be created to cover items unique to that competition. LL to amend the rules.</p>	LL
5.3	<p>AS advised that he was working with the Rutland Club to investigate if the club could host the Classic Nationals, with South Cerney being back-up. It was noted that the Rutland Club had to get permission off the MOD and no social media would be allowed.</p>	AS
6	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
6.1	<p>The Code of Conduct issued by WL was discussed. MkB was not happy with the coaching restrictions, but LL advised that this was to avoid different opinions confusing pilots. AW felt the Code of Conduct was too overbearing, and AS suggested having a right to appeal. The Code of Conduct was accepted by the Panel acknowledging that it can be reviewed and changed in the future. LL to help with formatting the document, and WL to issue to the Squad.</p>	LL WL
6.2	<p>LL advised that nothing had been heard about a refund for the female place at the Euros. WL to chase up.</p>	WL
7	Paragliding Nationals	
7.1	<p>AS advised that the Norfolk club had agreed to a four day event at the end of May. Towing fees will be £200 per day. There will be two toilets and water supply by bottles. If people require showers then they will have to source their own camping / accommodation.</p>	
7.2	<p>AS advised that he wanted people to volunteer for the Meet Director role and this will be discussed at the next Panel meeting.</p>	
8	50th Anniversary BAC	
8.1	<p>The following comments were made on the final accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As the deficit was more than £6k the Panel was not owed anything. - The deficit was created by the PGAEC and PGAWC events. - The winch / tow vehicle wear and tear amounts should be shown on the accounts. - The accounts could be used for future reference. 	
9	Equipment	
9.1	<p>It was agreed to procure a pad at a cost of 390 euros advised by Chris Haynes. LL to email Chris Haynes.</p>	LL
9.2	<p>It was agreed to buy an Amazon Fire HD10 assuming it can accept a memory stick. It was noted that the Black Friday deal had been missed, but there may be a deal in the January sales. DC to discuss procurement with MtB.</p>	DC / MtB

9.3	It was felt that a good quality judges shelter was required similar to what Jayne Houston had provided, but storage may be a problem.	
10	AOB	
10.1	It was noted that Andy Shaw had all but won the Paragliding Accuracy Selection League, however, as there is a possibility that lower positions could still change then the league can't be announced closed until 31/12/2022.	
10.2	It was noted that the Classic Accuracy League trophy has not been presented to Jamie Robe. AW / LL to make arrangements to get the trophy to Green Dragons for the end of year celebrations / awards.	
	Meeting closed at 22.20	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 5th January 2023. LL can not attend.	