

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 6th July 2023

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

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from AS.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 1 st June 2023 were proposed by DC and seconded by ME.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	MkB advised that BHPA are working on a Safe Guarding Policy.	
3.2	MkB to review the Accuracy Panel strategy document.	MkB
4	Finances	
4.1	AW advised that he had chased Tyron Paul about outstanding payments. ME to contact Tyron Paul.	ME
4.2	It was noted that judges non flying membership had not been included in this year's budget which could amount to £400. It was agreed to include an amount in next year's budget.	
4.3	AW advised that he had not seen an expenses claim from Bob Hiatt for the paragliding nationals. LL to chase. PMN It is Bob King who has not claimed.	LL
5	Classic Accuracy	
5.1	AB advised that the French Grand Prix had been a good competition with three rounds completed. Also due to a break down of the tow vehicle, Jamie Robe was able to offer his pick-up for towing.	
5.2	LL advised that the new insufficient height rule is not applicable for when a pilot cannot reach the target, which happened in France due to cross winds. Pilots should use a different rule for when they can not reach the target, and clearly demonstrate that they can not reach the target. The insufficient height rule wording was considered to be suitable and no amendments are necessary.	
6	Classic Accuracy Squad	
6.1	DC advised that the June squad training camp made a £10 loss with the new squad fees structure.	
6.2	It was agreed that pilots can fly paragliders at classic accuracy squad training camps in the same way that paragliders take part in the European Grand Prix.	
7	Classic Accuracy Nationals	
7.1	AB advised that he will also be asking the military for use of showers and the white hanger.	AB

7.2	AB advised that he had been able to get Geoff Bailey to produce ten laminated tandem flight tokens.	
7.3	AB advised that Birdwings has a first aid kit at the winch. It was agreed that the panel should procure two first aid kits for the national championships. DC to purchase.	DC
7.4	DC advised that his updated budget was equating to an £84 entry fee. It was agreed that the entry fee should be £90. DC to complete the entry forms and AW to put on the website.	DC/AW
8	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
8.1	WL advised that the June squad training had got off to a rocky start, but the Newhaven cliffs provide a good site for accuracy.	
8.2	WL advised that he will have to stand back from being the Squad manager for the next few months to revise for exams. He will arrange July squad training, and will be able to attend future squad training camps and meetings, but needs someone to organise training camps from August to January. ME advised that she can arrange the next few squad training camps with MkB assistance.	
8.4	WL advised that he had sent the Worlds NAC entry form to Bill Bell and Jenny Buck, but was still awaiting a signed form. WL to chase up.	WL
8.5	WL to send official invitation letters as soon as possible to the three male and one female selected pilots. It was suggested that a zoom call be made to discuss logistics and book flights as early as possible.	WL
8.6	Based on current known facts of pilot availability WL to approach Tyron Paul about being reserve, and discuss the associated funding. If Tyron is not available then WL will approach Sue Britnell. It was noted that as reserve there could be a possibility of flying as an individual dependant on the allocation process.	WL
8.7	WL advised that he is happy to be Team Manager at the event, and will start a logistics discussion by email.	WL
8.8	It was agreed that team pilots and the reserve should get £660 individual funding in addition to the entry fee as per AW's proposal last month.	
8.9	WL advised that he was still looking at the logistics of a squad parallel towing system and creating a club. It was noted that a small quad bike, that could fit in the back of a Fiesta, could tow paragliders but not squares.	
10	Judging	
10.1	LL advised that she had not been able to progress work to the classic nationals team trophy and paragliding target mat, but will continue the investigations.	LL
10.2	It was agreed to procure a new tuffet fan at a cost of £120. LL to advise Chris Haynes.	LL
11	Development	
11.1	MkB advised that MtB was in discussions with a potential sponsor for the team.	
	Meeting closed at 21.10	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 3rd August 2023.	

Media & PR Officer Report

June meeting actions:

7.5 Classic Nationals promoted in Skywings and on website.

Financial:

- £17,472 currently in the BHPA Accuracy Panel account as of 02/07/2023.
- Lots of financial transactions in June including paragliding national payments and June training camp fees.
- Tyron Paul is getting behind with the £100 payments for the 2022 Euros, so I have sent him a reminder.
- All Squad fees paid with the exception of Tyron Paul who owes for the last two paragliding training camps.

Skywings:

July – Albania & Paragliding Nationals

August – French Grand Prix

Sept – UK Paragliding Team (proposed)

October – Classic Nationals (proposed)

Outstanding Proposal from last month – 2023 UK Team funding

Four team pilots will get funding as per the Bill Bell rule of thumb that we put in the annual financial plan as follows:

50% of: Insurance (£210) & Airport parking (£100) & Flights (£200) & Transfers (£50) & Accommodation (£480) & Food (£280) = £660

Entry fees are £305 per pilot and £130 per team manager / assistant / reserve

Total outlay would be as follows:

4 pilots only (entry fees & 50% funding) = £3,860

4 pilots & reserve (entry fees & 50% funding) = £4,650

4 pilots & team manager (entry fees & 100% funding) = £5,310

In the February 2023 meeting the following Cat 1 funding was agreed by the Panel:

£3,500 if we got a £6,000 grant

£5,250 if we got a £9,000 grant

BHPA MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 23 - PARASCENDING

1. I had a meeting with my MoD Liaison Officer 2 weeks ago and secured a deal of 'Free use of the airfield' for the duration of the Classic

Nationals in August in exchange for 10 tandem flights and a few (VIP) BBQs.

I have received 10 x laminated Tandem Flight vouchers from Geoff Bailey at a cost of 'postage (first class envelope).

2. I have a meeting scheduled for this Fri (7 Jul) with the 29 Regt QM where I will be asking for the loan of 3 x field tables, 20 chairs, and a burco boiler.

If anyone has suggestions for additional equipment, please let me know at our Thurs meeting.

3. I have had confirmation from Mark Shaw that he has accepted my invitation to assist at the prize giving ceremony (emails below).

4. For the budget, packed lunches are £2.89 per pack.

5. I will be speaking to the village pub management at the weekend to arrange dinner for Sunday evening.

Regards,

Arthur

Good morning Mark,

The 2023 BHPA Classic National Accuracy Championship competition is scheduled to be held at South Cerney from Friday 25 Aug to Monday 28 Aug.

We expect the prize giving to be at approx 1500hrs on Monday.

On behalf of the BHPA Accuracy Panel, I am inviting you to be part of our prize giving team and assist with the presentation of awards.

During the 4 x day competition we will also be incorporating the 2nd leg of the European Accuracy Grand Prix which includes competitors from France, NL and possibly Portugal.

The whole 4 x day event is very exciting as well as very entertaining. If you would like to be present for all, or some of the days, you will be very welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

May thanks, and

Best wishes,

Arthur

Hi Arthur

I would be very happy to accept your invitation to assist in the prize giving on Monday 28th August and would like to attend on the Sunday as well.

Exec has approved this.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mark

Classic Accuracy / PA squad report July 2023

June squad weekend at Birdwings was a single day event with high winds forecast Sunday.

Saturday 10 pilots attended, 53 flights, completed.

Squad pilot charges for June were Comp day £20 and pilots had 2 free flights then paid £3 per flight.

8 pilots paid tuffet fees. Squad expected cost to panel £10.

July is planned for South Cerney on 8/9th Jamie as deputy manager was planned to lead but this postponed until later in the year

Fifteen pilots now registered for PA squad. New pilot introduced from Green Dragons

Following dates and sites discussed

July, South Cerney, 8th & 9th. Agreed with Arthur Bentley

August, South Cerney 12th & 13th.

5 funded pilots attended the French leg of EPAC as per the PA squad funding criteria.

Regards

Dave

Rules Officer report July 23

Actions from previous minutes:

- Returnable classic team trophy – awaiting quotes for:
 - engraving up to date (engraving on back is a possibility)
 - re-plating (with possible re-engraving as it is quite shallow)
 - a stand

Still chasing up for quotes. May need to approach someone else.

- LL / WL to get a quote for repairs to the target mat – not yet.
- LL to mention to Chris Haynes about magnetic connectors to potentially avoid damage if the cable is pulled out of place – Chris not aware of any such connectors that would work with our system.
- LL to support Mkb with a strategy document – template created and circulated

Judging/rules

- Names of judges for classic nationals provided to Dave and Arthur along with estimated costs. Full crew plus scorer/wind monitor have volunteered.
- Judges were in attendance at both June squad events
- Prize category eligibility clarified with Dave, Arthur and Andy W (for documents to be issued for classic nationals)

Equipment

- Main target fan died during classic squad competition. Reserve fan used – OK as backup but not as powerful; we need a new fan as well as backup. Cost of new fan £120.

Proposals/discussion points

- Propose we authorise Chris to replace the fan at a cost of £120 ASAP
- Costs for judging at events assumed to come from the event budget. Where is the budget for the payment of BHPA non-flying membership for those who fulfil the requirement to support our events? Estimated cost between £230 and £390.

Liz