

# Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Present:	Mark Bignell	MB	Chairman
	Andy Webster	AW	Secretary
	Arthur Bentley	AB	Parascending Representative
	William Lawrence	WL	Paragliding Squad Manager
	Dave Crowhurst	DC	Parascending Squad Manager
	Liz Lawrence	LL	Rules Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Apologies were received off CM.	
2	<b>Signing off last meeting minutes</b>	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2024, were proposed by WL and seconded by LL.	
3	<b>Chairman</b>	
3.3	AW queried how the wind meter will be transported to and from the PPG Worlds. Also it was noted that an agreement needed to be in place to repair any damage in a timely manner. MB to contact the PPG organiser. DC advised that the British Skydiving windmeter could be made available, and its use would be covered by the BHPA insurance.	MB
4	<b>Secretary</b>	
4.1	AW to forward the final accounts to MB for official issue to Bill Bell.	AW, MB
4.2	AW to send a reminder to relevant pilots for outstanding paragliding squad fees.	AW
4.3	AB to send an email to Jonathan Parkinson about April training camp towing fees. Jonathan Parkinson can fill in the expenses form.	AB
4.4	LL advised that she was happy with the FAI EMS procedure written by AW for inclusion in the Operating Procedures.	AW
4.5	Further to AW's Whatsapp proposal, WL will start a new Paragliding Accuracy Squad Whatsapp group and leave the BHPA PG Acc Squad Whatsapp group for general chat.	WL
5	<b>Paragliding Nationals</b>	
5.1	MB advised that he can prepare the flying order / score sheets.	
5.2	LL to look for a paragliding accuracy target risk assessment.	LL
6	<b>Media &amp; PR</b>	
6.1	CM to contact Stuart Short directly about the BHPA Accuracy facebook Group login and password.	CM
7	<b>Classic Accuracy</b>	
7.1	AB advised that he had seen the barracks Quartermaster and is able to borrow tables, chairs and three tents off the military. Also use of the white hanger and 50/50 club for pack lunches had been agreed. AB was also optimistic about gaining use of showers on the barracks.	
7.2	The Quartermaster is happy to present the trophies, and it was agreed AB should invite him to the BBQ.	AB

7.3	AB also advised that he had been able to get Ian Cooper to waive the airfield fees, with the offer of tandem flights for military personnel still open.	
7.4	AW reminded the panel that he had emailed the registration documentation for comment.	
7.5	AB advised that he had agreed use of the GLSW&S Scouts Landrover.	
7.6	DC advised that Bob King may be available to judge at the event.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Classic Accuracy Squad</b>	
8.1	DC advised that he understood the annual Rutland Memorandum of Understanding had been recently renewed. Unfortunately DC is now not available to fly at Rutland for the next two months to undertake the trial parascending activity.	
8.2	DC to provide parascending training camp dates for the remainder of the year.	DC
8.3	DC felt that if the current squad fee arrangement is retained then the parascending training camp costs should come within budget.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Paragliding Accuracy Squad</b>	
9.1	WL and DC agreed that they were happy to continue with combined training camps. WL to review the parascending training camp dates and choose paragliding training camp dates for the rest of the year.	WL
9.2	It was agreed pilots would only be able to bank / catch-up flights on the announced day of the training camp competition, and not the preceding or following day. The selection criteria rules wording may need changing to include for banking flights and notice to be given.	
9.3	WL advised that the overseas training camp will be in the Czech Republic at the PGAEC event. WL to advise the squad.	WL
9.4	WL reported that he is looking for a jacket he likes to propose to pilots for putting badges on.	WL
9.5	WL advised that he ran out of time to discuss training camp fees with pilots at the April training camp. WL to discuss fees with pilots when he gets chance.	WL
9.6	MB advised that Matt Bignell had informed him that the link to the Jaroslav Jindra videos had timed out.	
9.7	WL advised that Don Bodill is a squad member, and had advised he would be joining at last year's nationals. For that reason it was agreed that Don should get selection league points for last years nationals. AW to correct an error on the website with regard to the multiplier.	AW
9.8	WL advised that he may use Long Mynd for the May training camp, and will contact Chris Haynes and LMSC competitions officer James Allcock.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Rules / Judging</b>	
10.1	LL advised that there had been 13 responses to the panel questionnaire, and responses will be put into a presentation by the working group.	LL
10.2	LL advised that we may be light on FAI judges for the paragliding nationals due to the requirement for FAI qualified judges with CIVL numbers. DC also advised that Bob Hiatt and Bob King will not be available. LL can arrange judging theory training via Zoom call, and practical training at the event if there is some practice flying. It was noted that Andy Shaw has trained judges recently, and Billy Elliston's girlfriend had expressed an interest in judging. Morgan McMahan may be available in some capacity if Dale McMahan is entering the competition. LL to advertise the need for judges via facebook.	LL

10.3	LL advised that a recent pad problem may have been down to damp. WL advised that he was happy to use a Patpad for squad training. Also Chris Haynes had taken the hand held windmeter home to dry it out.	
10.4	It was agreed that WL can purchase pegs for the target mat at a cost of approximately £15	WL
11	<b>AOB</b>	
11.1	DC advised that Amanda Kenny who judged at the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary competitions passed away recently. DC to send a sympathy card from the panel and donate £30 to charity.	DC
	Meeting closed at 21.10	
	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024.	

## Secretary Report May 2024

April meeting actions:

6.2 Classic Nationals forms prepared for comment.

8.1 Paid Jaroslav Jindra £195.

Financial:

- £10,433 currently in the BHPA Accuracy Panel account as of 28/04/2024.
- Recent activity has been April squad fees, some paragliding nationals entry fees and the payment to Jaroslav Jindra.
- Paragliding training camp fees owed are as follows; Tyron Paul - £40, Colin Jones - £20, William Lawrence - £20, Cherry McMahon - £20.
- Parki has issued the 2023/4 final accounts for comment. I am the only one who has commented to date.

Skywings:

May – Berat Open Air

June - Vrsac Open & Teba Open

July – Albanian Open & / or French Grand Prix

Paragliding Nationals:

Now on the FAI calendar, and EMS system set up for registration.

I have prepared a written procedure for applying for FAI sanction and managing the EMS, with the intention that it will become an appendix of our Operating Procedures. Any comments appreciated.

9 pilots have registered to date. 2 pilots have paid and been given Confirmed status.

Entry forms are on the webpage for those without an FAI licence and novices.

Emergency Procedure and Meet Directors risk assessment have been reviewed by Chris Haynes. The Emergency Procedure is on the website.

We need to promote the event.

Queries:

- Can MB generate the flying order & score sheets?
- Is there a paragliding accuracy target equipment risk assessment?
- Did the panel procure first aid boxes?

- Can day tickets / membership be done online if required for judges?

Proposal 1:

Have a separate Whatsapp group for general chat, so that the two squad Whatsapp groups are used for their intended purpose.

## **BHPA PARASDCENDING MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 24**

1. Apart from supporting the Paragliding and Parascending squad weekends (with the winch) the weather has put a stop to just about all other activities at South Cerney.
2. If the scheduled meeting goes ahead this week, I should have more to report at the 2 May zoom meeting.

Arthur

## **Classic Accuracy / PA squad report May 2024**

Joint April squad weekend at Birdwings was cancelled due to the poor forecast.

10 Pilots registered as PA accuracy pilots. +1 from last month

No progression on Rutland, club didn't have MOU for planned weekend and one of the planned pilots withdrew due to injury (bike, not flying!).

Accuracy safety:

Nothing to report

Near misses:

Nothing to report

Regards

Dave

## Rules Officer report May 24

### Actions from April minutes:

- Citation forwarded to AW (item 4.2)
- Have messaged Andy Cowley (item 10.1). Will chat at some point soon.
- Classic rules now finalised (item 10.3). Nationals rules uploaded to website (competition page). Generic rules template, EPAC rules template and updated judging code uploaded to judging page. All rules docs emailed to Ed, Jacques and Nikki.

### Ongoing actions

- Survey responses have been downloaded and analysis started.  
We need to agree what we will do with them – we should show respondents that we have taken account of them (although we may need to give reasons why some cannot be acted on) and they should inform our development planning and enable us to reflect on what we do well and could improve in our ways of working.
- Judging spreadsheet is being updated to show availability, participation and training status. There are 9 active, current judges (4 of whom have judged at squad events already this year) and a further 7 who we are unlikely to see because they have stepped back (but not resigned), need retraining and/or are inactive but have not requested removal from the register. There are currently no new judges who have asked to be added to the register although I have got 1 (possibly 2) names that appear to be trainee judges.

### Judging/rules:

- I have been communicating with judges re availability for paragliding nationals and training needs.
  - Seminar arrangements will depend on availability of judges for training, if there is a place where it can happen (Zoom is a possible backup for the theory), and whether it is new or refresher training. It would be useful to know if we intend there to be practice flying on the Friday and/or a practice round on Sat before we start the competition (although obviously this will be weather dependent).
- I have looked into catch up at squad training (no mention is made of banking if leaving early).  
Selection criteria for both disciplines say:
  - There will be one competition per training weekend.
  - Pilots will be advised when the competition is to start, and the cut-off time.
  - Rules on late entry to a training camp competition
    - Pilots should advise the squad manager if they are going to be late for a training camp competition and should agree a time when they will arrive for the competition.
    - Pilots who arrive late for a training camp competition as above should make best endeavours to try and catch up rounds with other pilots but not prejudice other pilots in taking their flights.
    - If late pilots cannot catch up the number of rounds completed by the other pilots because of fading light, no winch / retrieve availability, unsafe flying conditions or other occurrence, then they will receive a maximum score for the missed rounds.
    - Pilots who arrive after the time agreed with the squad manager will not be allowed to enter the training camp competition.
    - The squad manager should try and arrange the training camp to accommodate pilots who have advised they are going to be late.

My interpretation of this is that, as with any other competition where the catch-up rules apply, the flights have to be taken within the time frame of the competition. There is no rule that states the competition must be completed within one day although that is usual procedure (if weather was due to be best late Sat pm and early Sun am a split comp could be run but it would be unusual). But if comp is due to run e.g. on Saturday afternoon, late arrivals (by prior arrangement) should complete their flights before the advised cut-off time for them to count. All other flights would be outside the competition. Flights on Sunday in this scenario would only be possible if an end time to



the competition at some point on Sunday had been advised and other pilots were also continuing to fly competition flights on Sunday. If this is the view of the panel then it does not contradict the published information but may need clarifying to the squad.

#### Equipment

- Discussion with CH re modifications to windsock so there is clear contrast between the ends and it is easier for pilot to see wind direction.
- One pad (no 2) was temperamental at squad training but seems to be resolved. CH/judges to keep an eye on it.
- When packing target kit away (especially in the rain) make sure electronic equipment is not stored in a damp environment – issue with hand-held windmeter sitting in damp padding (CH has taken it to dry it out and check it) and possible cause of temperamental pad.
- WL to discuss with CH new pegs for the target mat

Liz