

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 4th July 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
	Cherry McMahon	CM	Media & PR

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	All panel members present.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 4th June 2024, incorporating amendments to 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 9.3 & 10.3, were proposed by WL and seconded by LL.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	MB advised that he had sent an accuracy report for the Exec meeting, including UK pilots attendance at competitions to date, UK Team update and the panel survey.	
3.3	MB advised that Andy Shaw will bring the anemometer to the paragliding nationals and then take it to the PPG worlds. It was queried whether the Accuracy Panel could be classed as a sponsor.	
4	Secretary	
4.1	No comments on the report.	
5	Paragliding Nationals	
5.1	CM suggested having a BHPA banner at the nationals. LL queried if the BHPA had one.	
5.2	WL advised that he can coach novice James Scully, who has a CP rating.	
5.3	It was noted that the BCC event taking place on the same weekend will potentially lose local interest for the nationals. AW advised that the Mongolian pilots still plan to attend, and felt that the nationals should be held at south Cerney as there was a better chance of flying. It was agreed to still pursue with North Wales as first choice.	
5.4	The problems with sourcing a 4WD vehicle were noted. AW advised that Chris Haynes had found a place that could hire a Toyota Hilux, and this would need nominated drivers under 75. It was noted that potentially MB and AW could be nominated drivers and take it in turns to drive up the hill. LL advised that the Scout Landrover is now repaired and was a possibility. AW to continue investigations.	AW
5.5	WL advised that he only has Patpads, and Chris Haynes will have the Weckbecker units.	
5.6	AB to enquire if portaloos can be booked for South Cerney and cancelled at short notice if not required.	AB
5.7	It was felt that the sponsorship proposal offered by Andy Shaw would benefit the pilots rather than the competition itself, and the Panel should have had a say on the Tee shirt design. It was agreed to accept Andy	CM

	Shaw's sponsorship proposal, with CM seeking further clarification on some details to ensure social media posts are accurate.	
5.8	It was agreed that a Whatsapp group be set up for the competition that only allows panel members to post on it. The first post would mention tagging of sponsors.	
5.9	MB advised that he needs an electrical supply for a computer and printer to process the results.	
6	Media & PR	
6.1	CM advised that she was preparing a brochure promoting accuracy that could be sent to schools and given to the BHPA to be included in the document package given to newly qualified Club Pilots. Also the schools passing on the brochure could be advertised on the accuracy website. MB suggested a Q code on the brochure that would link to the website. CM to finalise the brochure.	CM
6.2	CM advised her plans for a news letter on the website that would include, amongst other things, pilot of the month and events.	
6.3	CM advised that Ben Woodcock needed two full days to bring the new website online, and this will be done after the paragliding nationals when hopefully more photos will be available.	
6.4	It was noted that no contact had been made with Stuart Short regarding the facebook login. LL to try calling him by phone.	LL
7	Classic Accuracy Nationals	
7.1	It was agreed that the entry fee should be £75, and the camping fee should be £15 applicable to competition pilots only.	
7.2	AB advised that he was arranging army tents for the French & Dutch pilots, but needed help with erecting them.	
7.3	Tandem flights are still on offer to the military, and Simon Sykes should be available to carry these out. MB advised that Gabi has a tandem wing and can be available to offer his services.	
7.4	It was agreed that there would be a BBQ on the Saturday evening, and takeaways could be arranged for Sunday.	
8	Classic Accuracy Squad	
8.1	It was noted that the incentive to attend the parascending squad training camps was not as big as for the paragliding squad training camps, and some parascending squad pilots had been flying more at Green Dragons.	
9	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
9.1	WL advised that he had found the first aid bag.	
9.2	There was agreement to changes to the code of conduct made by WL.	
9.3	WL advised that he had not received any comments on the Selection Criteria, and therefore it would be carried over to 2025.	
9.4	WL advised that there was a good attendance of pilots at the Czech training camp / competition. It was felt that the accommodation should be booked before the paragliding nationals – WL to make arrangements.	WL
9.5	WL advised that Sue Britnell, Myri Ewington, Matt Bignell, Colin Jones and Andy Shaw had accepted their places in the UK Team. It was noted that Colin was nervous about getting his Pilot rating. MB will be going out as Squad manager.	
9.6	WL to prepare the NAC Team form, that is on the Albanian website, for signature by Bill Bell.	WL

9.7	It was noted that the Albanian website payment dates conflicted with the allocation payment dates stated in the Local Regulations. It was agreed that the earlier allocation payment dates should be complied with, and WL to look out for the first allocation.	WL
9.8	AW advised that the £2,500 budgeted for the UK Team included the entry fee, leaving little for funding for other expenses, and queried if the amount should be increased by dipping into the reserves.	
10	Rules / Judging	
10.1	MB advised that there had been positive outcomes from the panel survey. It was agreed to issue the survey results and ways forward that had already been achieved to the general public. Future achievements could be announced in the website newsletter. It was agreed to issue the first ppt, summarising the survey results, to the wider public following a review by MB.	MB
	Meeting closed at 22.00	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 1 st August 2024.	

Secretary Report July 2024

June meeting actions:

5.7 Chased up previous attendees of the paragliding nationals who had not yet registered for the 2024 event.

6.2 I couldn't test the portal as I already had a login.

10.4 Contributed to the panel survey Powerpoint presentation.

Financial:

- £9,997 currently in the BHPA Accuracy Panel account as of 30/06/2024.
- Recent activity has been Grand Prix funding payments (Dave Crowhurst, Gary Ounsworth, Arthur Bentley, Andy Webster, John Lawrence) and entry fees for the paragliding nationals.
Paragliding training camp fees owed by Tyron Paul - £40. I have messaged him.

Skywings:

July – Albanian Open

August – GP review & article by Wayne Black on his parachuting / parascending exploits

September – Paragliding Nationals

Paragliding Nationals:

18 pilots have registered for the FAI event, including three Mongolian pilots, as of 30/06/2024. 10 pilots have paid and been given Confirmed status. Waleed Chaudhry has entered as a non FAI pilot, and James Scully has entered as a novice and will need an allocated coach. I have chased up pilots who have attended in recent years, but had not registered.

Chris is trying to arrange a Landrover and trailer for transporting pilots to the top of a hill.
Note - 4WD vehicles only allowed on Gyrn Molfre.

Long Mynd is not available due to a BCC event and no close landing field.

LL has advised that Jonathan Parkinson will be the Chief Judge and she will be the Event Judge.

Local Regulations updated for the above and flying order determination.

Chris has two pads and two boxes.

Weather / venue check to be on Wednesday 10th July.

Queries:

- South Cerney
- White hanger
- Toilets
- Lee Bligh / parallel
- Did WL find the first aid bag allocated to him?
- Does WL have a pad and box?
- Does WL have the target mat?
- Can it be assumed that Andy Shaw will bring the anemometer?
- Can we suggest a coach for novice James Scully?
- Should I set up a Whatsapp Group for the competition or should we use PG Accuracy Squad Chat?

BHPA ACCURACY REPORT – JULY

PARASSCENDING

1. No activities to report on since the June meeting.
2. **Paragliding Nationals.** I understand that the competition site will be declared during the week prior to the event and South Cerney will be the back-up site and will be used if the weather is unfavourable for the 'hill' site. From recent posts that I've read, there are now other factors which could make South Cerney a greater possibility. To be prepared for this possibility, please let me know at this week's meeting if there are any facilities that you would like me to request from the MoD; use of Whire Hanger and Packed Lunches would be two possibilities.
3. **Classic Nationals.** Entrance Fee - Propose £75.00. Camping £15.00.
4. Programme of Events to be amended: Saturday - after 1930 – delete Pizza etc , insert BBQ

Sunday 1900 delete BBQ etc

5. IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

FOOD

Lunches are not provided but 'Packed Lunches' can be booked at a cost of approx £4. Note: this will only work if there is some way of notifying pilots in advance, to meet the 72 hr notice required.

Saturday BBQ fee will be paid when registering.

FLYING EMERGENCIES . This will be amended to state that it is OUR responsibility to call for external Emergency services if our lead first responder ?? states that this is required.

Regards,

Arthur

Classic Accuracy / PA squad report July 2024

Jun squad weekend at Birdwings was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

10 British pilots attended the Dutch leg of EPAC top 5 registered PA pilots advised to claim funding

11 Pilots registered as PA accuracy pilots

Accuracy safety:

Nothing to report

Near misses:

Nothing to report

Regards

Dave

Rules Officer report July 24

Actions from June minutes:

- Attached is the survey proposals with responses to these for panel discussion. An amended version of the original survey results PowerPoint is to follow.

Ongoing actions

- No squad training comps. 3 UK judges (CJ, EJ and 1 target judge) judged at Dutch Grand Prix competition with some further UK pilot support.

Judging/rules:

- 2 judges have requested FAI training – seminars will be online with practical training at the competition. Seminar theory materials being updated to take account of rule changes. 1 seminar completed so far.
- Parki (CJ), Liz (EJ), Nikki and 2 new target judges confirmed for paragliding nationals. Jess and Jayne are still maybes (Jayne more likely if we have to switch to South Cerney). No other responses received. There are also some potential volunteers to help with other target duties such as video recording and assisting with scoring. NB Judith had accepted but is now not able to be scorer for medical reasons.

Equipment

- Tape measure from judging box located.

Liz