

Minutes of the BHPA Accuracy Panel Zoom Call

Held at 20.00 on 2nd October 2024

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

Item	Minute	Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from CM.	
2	Signing off last meeting minutes	
2.1	The minutes of meeting dated 5 th September 2024 were proposed by LL and seconded by AB.	
3	Chairman	
3.1	It was felt that with Bill Bell's comment on loans and the delay with the grant, that a loan should not be offered to Colin Jones for the World Cup Super-Final. MB to inform him.	MB
3.2	It was noted that the 2024 BHPA grant had not been received to date. MB to ask Bill Bell if he has received all the clarification he needs for the accounts 2023/4 accounts.	MB
3.3	MB advised that he is getting hammered with emails every time there is a PG Squad event asking if a certain person is attending. He has advised them that the matter is closed and they should go to the BHPA Exec if they still have a problem. Also Billy Elliston is still peddling inaccurate information about DBS checks. It was noted that squad pilots had no right to ask if other squad pilots were attending, and in a working environment the whole matter would be classed as bullying and employees would be shown the door.	
4	Secretary	
4.1	It was agreed that Squad Managers should bring a list of squad pilot names who owe money to the next training camp, and request that payment is made before the squad pilots in question participate in the training.	
5	Classic Accuracy	
5.1	It was queried how the Grand Prix Pegasus trophy had got damaged, and whether further packing is required in the box. A Green Dragons source believed that high summer temperatures had weakened the metal. AB was congratulated for organising a replacement Pegasus at a cost of £140.85. MB to ask Green Dragons for a contribution to the cost.	MB
5.2	AW to forward his Grand Prix tie break proposal to AB for him to raise with EPAC.	AW, AB
6	Classic Accuracy Squad	
6.1	It was noted that a lot of squad members are not advising their availability for a training camp on the WhatsApp group, and are flying elsewhere. This makes it difficult to organise the training camps.	
6.2	DC advised that he had been using his own pad at training camps that was obviously subject to wear and tear. It was agreed to reimburse DC for the	DC

	cost of a new pad. DC to advise the cost of a new pad. It was noted that Chris Haynes is checking the panel pads and boxes.	
7	Paragliding Accuracy Squad	
7.1	WL to chase outstanding paragliding accuracy squad fees.	WL
7.2	WL advised that the October training camp is planned to be a hill event.	
7.3	WL advised that the jacket supplier had been delayed in sourcing some of the jacket sizes.	
7.4	WL advised that he issued the selection league spreadsheet to the squad last year and got loads of queries that wouldn't have been raised if squad pilots had read the Selection Criteria. He was therefore reluctant to re-issue the spreadsheet. WL to update the selection league with the September training camp.	WL
7.5	WL to prepare the 2025 Selection Criteria including new wording on competition duration and banking / catching up flights.	WL
8	Paragliding Accuracy Euros	
8.1	It was noted that UK Team members need to wear their UK team kit at the opening and closing ceremonies, but can wear sponsored kit in other promotional situations. MB to ensure the UK Team kit is worn at the opening and closing ceremonies.	MB
8.2	MB advised that he had organised a UK Team T shirt for Colin Jones.	
8.3	MB to organise a Skywings report and photos for the event.	MB
9	Rules / Judging	
9.1	It was noted that a Panel Survey Proposals power point presentation had been prepared by LL, DC and AW, and had been circulated for comment within the panel. This document will become a working document. It was agreed that a review of the proposals should become an agenda item at future meetings.	
10	AOB	
10.1	MB said that he had had a request for an AGM off a BHPA member. It was noted that our Operating Procedures don't have an AGM, but do have a General Meeting that can be requested by a BHPA member involved in accuracy with the support seven other BHPA members involved in accuracy. MB to ask Bill Bell if we should have an AGM.	MB
10.2	It was agreed that the 2025 Classic Nationals should take place on the traditional August Bank Holiday, and expressions of interest should be sought to host the event.	
10.3	WL advised that he was looking into arrange the 2025 Paragliding Nationals in Shropshire / Wales in June. WL to investigate 4WD vehicles and dates of XC competitions in the area.	WL
	Meeting closed at 21.45	
	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be 8.00 pm, Thursday 7 th November 2024.	

October Treasurer Report

As it stands the panel currently has £3909.69 in the accounts.

There is no sign of any grant from the BHPA as of yet.

The panel is currently owed £945 from various people. The breakdown is as follows do we can chase people up.

Squad Jackets

£660 (I assume that these are still been made and people will pay once they have them).

Tyron Paul

£165 for various Nationals & squad costs. I have sent him a breakdown of all he owes but I have had no reply.

Cherry McMahon

£35 (£15 nationals camping and £20 September squad)

Matt Bignall

£10 (June Squad)

Myri Ewington

£10 (June Squad)

Will Lawrence

£45 (£10 June Squad & £35 September Squad)

Sue Britnell

£10 (June Squad)

Ben Woodcock

£10 (June Squad)

Secretary Report October 2024

September meeting actions:

4.1 Advised Tyron Paul about paying back his debts before taking part in further BHPA activities, but have had no response.

4.3 Waleed Chaudhry and James Scully refunded for the Classic Nationals.

5.1 Advised Ben Woodcock of what pages I have updated on the website.

9.5 Sent pdf of accuracy logo to MB.

10.4 Panel Survey Powerpoint presentation uploaded to the website.

Financial:

- £3,910 currently in the BHPA Accuracy Panel account as of 28/09/2024, but this includes a deficit of £702 for the jackets that will be paid back.
- No sign of the BHPA grant. Bill Bell has sent some queries on the accounts.
- Recent activity has been payment of fees for the September training camp.
- Tyron Paul owes £15 paragliding nationals camping fee, £110 classic nationals fees and £60 training camp fees.
- Five pilots owe training camp fees for the June paragliding training camp, and three owe training camp fees for the September paragliding training camp. WL to chase up.

Skywings:

October – Classic Nationals

November – Prague Open and Wasserkuppe events by Colin Jones

December – Euros (MB to ensure there is one* report and lots of high definition photos)

*At this year's Albania Open I received an excellent report off Sue Britnell and a second report promoting Green Dragons. Only one excellent report is needed.

Squad Training Camps:

It was disappointing to see squad members flying elsewhere when official squad training was organised.

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- 1, The European Grand Prix Team Trophy (PAGASUS) has been replaced and I will bring it to the Birdwings comp on the weekend 12-13 Oct.
2. The double payment for the Classic Accuracy Nationals Porterloos has been resolved and we have been reimbursed by abfaboos.

Arthur

Classic Accuracy / PA squad report October 2024

September squad weekend at Birdwings went ahead with 2 classic pilots. This was able to be done as the PG squad were also attending, and the lack of pilots was also due in part to the Scouts operating that weekend as well.

Accuracy safety:

Nothing to report

Near misses:

Nothing to report

Regards

Dave

Rules Officer report Sept 24

Actions from September minutes

- 5.4: LL to has messaged Stuart about finding a time to discuss this – awaiting reply

Judging/rules:

- Classic rules will be updated for 2025 after Arthur has presented Andy W's proposal for tie breaks to EPAC.
- No discussion as yet on Basecamp about FAI potential rule changes.

Equipment

- Parki has bought some looped tent pegs as a lighter alternative to screwdrivers for fichets.
- Liz has messaged Chris about status of the pads. He will test all of them before the Birdwings competition.

Panel effectiveness survey

- Now the working group has completed the task of surveying and collating should this revert back to being a Chair's action? Will it inform a development plan or are we just working from the panel-only version with proposed actions?
- The next steps should be to use the panel-only suggested ways forward version and decide when we review progress against the proposed panel actions and whether any of those actions need allocating to specific individuals so that they move forward.

Liz