Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 24th September 2026

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Russell Cheetham – RC, Max Lazenby – ML, Paul Crabb – PC, Alistair Emson – AE, Oli Ramsay – OL, Paul Kaye – PK, Steve Barter – SB, Gary Stingemore – GS, Debbie Wilkinson - DW

Apologies: Fran Roberts

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 30th April 2026 were approved.

Retiring Members

JW expressed his profound thanks to Matt Davis and Chris Luton, who both served on the CC for many years, for their hard work and contributions.

New Members

JW welcomed the new members to the CC: Debbie Wilkinson, Steve Barter, and Gary Stingemore and expressed his hope that they would find the experience both interesting and fulfilling.

Matters dealt with during recess

JW outlined some issues that had been dealt with since the beginning of May:

- Agreement with the Exec on the implementation of their 6 year rule
- Local rules had been agreed with organising clubs
- Consultation on certain rules was launched
- National Competitions had been notified to the IGC for ranking
- FAI licence holders had been reviewed and competition results sent to BGA office and S&G
- Team voting had been prepared, opened, and counted

WGC, EGC, and JWGC

AE reported on the three Internationals that we attended in 2026. Many of the pilots were new to Internationals and performed well in their first attempts. Notable results were a Silver Medal for Tim Scott in the 15s and Silver Medal for the British Team in the Juniors.

AE reported that there had been an issue regarding the team captain(s) at the Europeans. JW had decided to release funds to both and this had been actioned by the BGA office. This would impact the budget but was considered the right way to resolve the issue. AE will look at ways to prevent a reoccurrence of this problem.

41st WGC Rieti and EGC2027 selections

ML reported that the team votes had been counted and that all three scrutineers arrived at the same result according to rule 6.2.7. The results are as follows:

	15M Class	**Standard Class**	**Club Class**
1	Tom Arscott	Jeremy Hood	John Roberts
2	Leigh Wells	Leigh Wells	Jake Brattle
3	Ian MacArthur	Howard Jones	James Ewence
4	Tim Scott	Henry Inigo-Jones	Tim Fletcher
5	Phil Jones	Oli Ramsay	Seb Van Der Stichele
6	Derren Francis	Oscar Butlin	George White

It was agreed that these results would be published and AE agreed to contact the pilots to discuss entries.

AE reported that he had finalised the entries for the EGC2027 Open Class (Russell Cheetham and Tim Jenkinson) and 20M Class (Mike Young). Phil Jones has accepted a place for the 18M Class and discussions were ongoing regarding the second entry.

Consultations

RC noted that many competition pilots were unaware of the consultation that we launched about cloud flying, data to the cockpit, and team selection. It was suggested that we use Robocontrol to inform pilots more widely. JW agreed to talk to Matt Page about doing this and also to Pete Stratten about asking clubs to circulate their members. It was agreed to keep the consultation open until the end of October.

Work Schedule for 2026/27 cycle

JW presented the work schedule and roles were discussed. JW will update the schedule and circulate by email.

Other Business

JW reported that there had been a request for the UK to propose that the 20M classes in both WGC and EGC allow for 2 entries per NAC. JW pointed out that income from 20M competitions fell well short of our existing funding policy for these competitions. This will be discussed further when the budget is considered.

OR said that Lasham had not yet been paid the CC subsidy for the Junior Nationals. AE agreed to liaise with the BGA office on this point.

PK raised that some pilots were waiting for badges to be approved. JW had been in discussion with the BGA office about accepting position recorders for badges. This was investigated after the meeting and it was decided to clarify the rules with the BGA office. It was agreed that PRs should not be used for Diamond badges and records.

AE raised the issue of team selection timings. JW said that this was already a topic for consideration following the results of the team selection consultation.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.