Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 30th April 2026

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Brian Spreckley - BS, Russell Cheetham – RC, Max Lazenby – ML, Paul Crabb – PC, Alistair Emson – AE, Chris Luton – CL, Oli Ramsay -)L

Apologies: Matt Davis , Fran Roberts, and Paul Kay

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 26th February 2026 were approved.

IGC Plenary Decisions

BS advised that all the decisions were in line with our wishes. Details can be found at https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/2026%20IGC%20Plenary%20-%20Decisions%20final.pdf

2027 Nationals Bids and Venues

The CC has received bids from The Gliding Centre, Bristol and Gloucester GC, and Lasham GC. These were reviewed and the following competitions allocated:

Competition	Venue	Dates	Entry Fees	Max entry
Junior Nationals	Nympsfield	21/8/27 – 29/8/27	£100	50
Club Class	Lasham	29/5/27 – 6/6/27	£300	120 combined
18M / 20M	Lasham	29/5/27 – 6/6/27	£320	120 combined
Std/15M/Open	Hus Bos	12/6/27 – 20/6/27	£340	65

RC will convey the decision to the parties involved.

BGA Exec 6 year rule

JW reported on the discussions he held with George Metcalfe regarding the new six year rule for tenure on BGA committees. This new rule affects BS, RC, PC, CL, ML, and JW. Following representations from JW and other committee chairs, the Exec has confirmed that this rule is an aspiration to be implemented over time. The Exec understands that implementation in the immediate future would make it impossible for our committee to deliver its objectives and tasks.

JW had a long conversation with George Metcalfe on the subject and agreed an outline plan for its implementation.

Organiser's Guide

CL explained that PK was working on reviewing and updating the document. CL will chase PK to brief the CC on progress.

Consultations

When publishing the rules for 2026 the CC stated that it would consult pilots on the following topics:

a. Use of data received by the pilot on task is allowed in SC3a.

b. Selection for WGCs on merit rather than voting pools

c. Prohibition of cloud flying in competition

Fran had offered to manage this, JW will discuss with FR.

Other Business

JW stated that the RAeC has asked the BGA for inputs to their strategic review. JW will circulate the memo and asks that members consider our response.

JW thanked Brian Spreckley for his long service as IGC Delegate and his valuable input to the CC. BS continues to serve on the IGC Bureau and will remain as an Associate Member of the CC whilst in post.

AE reported that decisions need to made regarding Junior participation in the JWGC Australia in 2028. AE will discuss the issues with the CC by email.

OR stated that he was happy to represent the Juniors and report to the CC on their activity with immediate effect.

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.