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HGFA Competitions Committee Meeting Minutes  
Rydges Hotel - Camperdown Sydney  
6th - 7th May 2006

Meeting

Saturday 11:00 am - 14:00 pm, 14:30 pm - 19:15 pm.  
Sunday at 8:30 am - 13:00 pm, 13:30 pm - 15:45 pm.

Attendees

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Craig Worth - CIVL Delegate  
Tim Cummings - HG Rep  
Len Paton - HG Rep  
Enda Murphy - PG Rep  
Chris Fogg - General Manager

Apologies

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Benn Kovco - PG Rep

The committee wish to convey their condolences to Benn Kovco on the loss of his brother.

Appointments

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Minute secretary - Tim Cummings  
Competitions Committee convenor - Len Paton  
Competitions Manual editor - Len Paton  
Competition Organisers Handbook editor - Craig Worth  
CIVL Delegate - Craig Worth  
Hang Gliding Ladder editor - Michael Zupanc  
Paragliding Ladder editor - Geoff Wong  
Trophies Officer - Enda Murphy  
HG Competition Calendar Coordinator - Len Paton  
PG Competition Calendar Coordinator - Enda Murphy

Documents Tabled

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CIVL Report - Craig Worth  
Manilla Worlds Stewards Recommendations after Preworlds  
PG competition pilot meeting notes 17 Feb 2006 Bright

Sanction Applications

HG Sanction Application - Canungra Classic 2006  
HG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Summer Series 2006/07  
HG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Winter Series 2006  
HG Sanction Application - Gulgong 2006  
HG Sanction Application - Bogong 2007  
HG Sanction Application - NSW State Titles 2007 - verbal applicaion  
HG Sanction Application - Corryong 2007 - verbal application

PG Sanction Application - Killarney 2007 Classic AAA  
PG Sanction Application - Canungra Cup 2006 AAA  
PG Sanction Application - Bright 321 2007 AAA  
PG Sanction Application - PG Australian XC League 2006/07  
PG Sanction Application - Qld PG Championships 2006/07  
PG Sanction Application - Mystic Cup 2006/07  
PG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Summer Series 2005/06  
PG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Winter Series 2006

Nikolai - protest re implementation of FTV during Killarney Classic  
Mark Plenderleith - Objection to retrieve inclusive entry fee

Abbreviations used in these Minutes

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CC - Competitions Committee  
CCC - Competition Calendar Co-ordinator  
DQF - day quality factor  
HG - hang glider  
PG - paraglider  
WM - weightshift microlight  
CM - Competitions Manual  
COH - Competition Organisers Handbook  
MPM - HGFA Management Procedures Manual

Minuted items are not necessarily shown in chronological order.

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1. MINUTES LAST COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
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All action items from the last CC meeting were completed other than those listed and those which are no longer necessary (described elsewhere in this document). Outstanding actions have been reallocated to new committee members.

2004 CIVL DELEGATE REPORT - Turnpoint Cylinders: The CIVL Section 7 have made a rule that mirrors the HGFA rule regarding only scoring the minimum flyable distance rather than the distance to centre of the turnpoints. The 2004 delegate report stated that Race 2003 automatically takes this requirement into account. Michael Zupanc confirmed that CompeGPS now takes it into account however Race 2003 support for this concept is not complete.

Action 06.01: Craig Worth: To contact Ágúst Guðmundsson (Race) to ensure that it happens in future versions.

*Action 05.08: CC PG Reps to find missing data and provide to Michael Zupanc*

The web page results for PG were still missing.

Action 06.02: Chris Fogg/Geoff Wong - to liaise with Geoff Wong to bring the data to main HGFA page. to separate PG and HG results to make it clear the PG results are missing from the HGFA web site.

*Action 05.09: Chris Fogg to check what can be provided by the Volunteers Association of Australia.*

Volunteers Association of Australia can be a resource for providing volunteers. Alternatively they can be seen as a way of giving recognition to our volunteers in the HGFA. The value of volunteers in our organisation was seen as very valuable.

Action 06.03: Chris Fogg: to check what can be provided by the Volunteers Association of Australia and whether there is any benefit in registering our volunteers with VAA.

Action 06.04 : Craig Worth / Chris Fogg: Comp Organisers Handbook adds a bit about the value of volunteers.

*Action 05.15: Tim Cummings to identify in an article for the mag options for GPS download and options for scoring and which is the recommended for use in the various comps run during the year.*

Action 06.05: Tim Cummings: This action is still to be done.

*Action 05.20: A Comp Committee member to provide brief article what the comp committee does and how the HGFA benefits from it.*

This action is still to be done. Ideas for such an article include (a) improving the profile of hang gliding and paragliding in the community through the publicity surrounding competitions (b) competition spurs improvements to glider design to give benefits to the general membership of higher performance and better safety (c) competitors improve their skills during competitions and these skills flow back to non-competitors during club social flying (d) every member ends up entering at least one competition within five years of starting flying.

Action 06.06: Craig Worth: to provide brief article what the comp committee does and how the HGFA benefits from it.

Action 05.23: Len Paton. Prior to the comps season the CC should put in the magazine advice about upcoming season, including notams, new regulations, amendments to scoring.

This action is still to be done. Ideas for such an article include (a) encourage RAPAC attendance (Regional Airspace Pilots Advisory Committee) (b) Amendments to scoring (c) Airspace (d) Notams (e) Worlds coming up

Action 06.07 Len Paton: Prior to the comps season the CC should put in the magazine advice about upcoming season, including notams, new regulations, amendments to scoring.

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2. COMPETITIONS, CALENDAR AND SANCTION APPROVALS  
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- PG AAA Canungra Paragliding Cup 2006 (NATIONALS)  
30 Sep - 7 Oct 2006  
Brandon O'Donnell
- PG AAA Killarney Paragliding Classic 2007  
27 Jan - 3 Feb 2007  
Wendy Mugridge
- PG AAA Bright 321 2007  
10 - 17 Feb 2007  
NEVHGC
- PG B Mystic Cup  
Various Weekends  
HEVHGC
- PG B\* Australian XC League  
Sep 2006 - Jun 2007  
Rod Merigan  
\*equivalent to one day of a b sanction comp
- PB B Queensland State Paragliding Championships  
4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 Nov, 2, 3 Dec 2006  
Brandon O'Donnell
- PG C100 Canungra PG Summer Series  
6 Nov 2005 - 30 Apr 2006 (Sundays only)  
Karen Sexton
- PG C184 Canungra PG Winter Series  
7 May 2006 - 17 Sep 2006 (Sundays only)  
Karen Sexton

Required GAP Parameters - Paragliding

Competition	Nom Dist	B/out Dist	Nom Time	In Goal
Killarney	30 km	4 km	90 min	20%
Canungra Cup	30 km	2 km	90 min	10%
Bright	30 km	5 km	90 min	20%
Mystic	30 km	5 km	90 min	20%
Canungra SWS	20 km	2 km	60 min	10%
Canungra SSS	20 km	2 km	60 min	10%
Qld PG Champ	25 km	2 km	90 min	10%

PG Ladder uses FTV with a reject rate of 30% (keep best 70%)

HG AAA Forbes Flatlands

- 3 - 10 Jan 2007  
Vicki Cain
- HG AAA Bogong Cup 2007  
13 - 20 Jan 2007  
Carol Binder
- HG AA Canungra Classic 2006  
21 - 28 Oct 2006  
Siggi Schnitzler
- HG AA Gulgong Classic 2006  
19 - 25 Nov 2006  
William Olive
- HG AA Dalby Big Air 2007 (NATIONALS)  
28 Apr - 4 May 2007  
Darren Hodder
- HG A NSW State Titles (Manilla)  
Feb or Mar 2007  
Monica Barrett
- HG A Corryong Cup 2007  
3 - 10 Jan 2007  
Cameron Tunbridge  
Requires GPS turnpoint verification
- HG C184 Canungra HG Sunday Winter Series  
May - Oct 2006 (Sundays only - 10 rounds)
- HG C184 Canungra HG Sunday Summer Series  
Nov 2006 - Jun 2007 (Sundays only - 10 rounds)

Required GAP Parameters - Hang Gliding

Competition	Nom Dist	B/out Dist	Nom Time	In Goal	FTV Reject
Canungra Winter Series	20 km	2 km	60 min	10%	30%
Canungra Summer Series	20 km	2 km	60 min	10%	30%
Canungra Classic	35 km	2 km	90 min	10%	20%
Dalby 2007	50 km	4 km	90 min	10%	20%
Gulgong	50 km	4 km	90 min	10%	20%
Corryong Cup	40 km	4 km	90 min	15%	20%
Bogong Cup AAA	50 km	5 km	90 min	25%	20%
Forbes Flatlands AAA	50 km	10 km	90 min	25%	20%
NSW State Titles - Manilla	50 km	5 km	90 min	10%	20%
Flatter than Flatlands	40 km	4 km	90 min	15%	20%

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SANCTIONING RULES

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The paragliding members brought an agenda item to the table that HGFA ladder points take into account quality of pilots in the comp when determining value for ladder, similar to the FAI world rankings. The resolution was that HGFA have a principle of awarding a sanction to a comp prior to the comp so that pilots know beforehand what contribution it will make to the ladder. If a comp fails to attract pilots of an appropriate quality it will be awarded a lower sanction in following years.

We are getting many requests from organisers to run competitions shorter than the sanction requirements or more AA in a season than allowed. It was resolved that the sanction requirements can be relaxed without a detrimental affect on the ladder contribution.

Maximum number of AA(HG) in a season increased from 2 to 3

Minimum number of days for each sanction. AAA stays at 8, AA drops from 8 to 7, A drops from 7 to 6, B drops from 6 to 4 and C now has a requirement for 4. Competition organisers should note that a sum of validity  $\geq 4$  requirement still exists to achieve the full ladder points of a sanction. B and C sanction comps should aim for at least 6 days to achieve this sum of validity.

Only AAA and AA can have a cut. These comps should be at least 10 and 9 days long respectively.

Action 06.08 Len Paton: to update the sanction requirement table in the manual.

The introduction of FTV for hang gliding competitions requires another parameter alongside GAP parameters.

Motion 06.01 That the Australian Nationals and Australian Open be names that can be applied to AAA competitions. The names are assigned during the sanction approval process by the cc if requested by the comp organisers.

Moved Tim Cummings Seconded Len Passed Unanimously

Action 06.09 Craig Worth: Update sanction form to have check box for using Australian Nationals or Australian Open names (AAA only).

Last season, we received two sanction applications for competitions with names based on competition names run by other organisers. "Flatter than the Flatlands" was similar to "Forbes Flatlands", "Not the Manilla Open" was similar to "Manilla Open".

Although these names were created in fun, Chris Fogg raised concerns that the organiser of the comp with the original name could be upset if we sanctioned such an event. To improve the professionalism of the organisation, the cc agreed to check competition names in future during the sanctioning process. Where the cc identified a potential problem and where the original organiser could have a legitimate complaint, the original organiser would be contacted to ensure they were happy with the use of the offending name. If not the offending competition would have to be renamed before a sanction was awarded.

Letter from Mark Plenderleith was tabled complaining about the compulsory nature of the retrieve fee in the Canungra Cup entry fee. The CC decided that the idea was innovative and didn't make the competition excessively expensive. In many cases the competition would actually be cheaper than if organising one's own retrieves. The benefits of making the retrieve compulsory are significant with 5 buses possible to cover the entire length of the course. Canungra Cup organisers need to be made aware that a compulsory fee of this kind will increase their Cat2 sanction fee.

Action 06.10 Chris Fogg: to respond.

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FAI Cat 2 sanctioned competitions in Australia without HGFA Ladder Sanctioning

Motion 06.02 Comps requesting FAI Cat 2 sanction should either satisfy the requirements of a AA competition or satisfy other requirements approved by the competition committee on a case by case basis.

Moved Enda Murphy Seconded Craig Worth Passed Unanimously

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It was decided that using waypoint "Mark and Enters" to verify turnpoints will no longer be allowed in all except C sanctioned competitions.

Action 06.11 Len Paton: Update CM.

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3. NATIONAL LADDER AND AWARDS  
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Action 06.12 Trophy officer: to allocate trophies to the following annual awards

based on the ladder produced after all competitions to 30 June 2006.

HG Open  
HG Kingpost  
HG Floater  
HG Womens  
PG Open  
PG Serial  
PG DHV2  
PG DHV1/2  
PG Womens

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SCORING FTV + OzGap 2005  
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FTV was used successfully at many competitions last season, although there was some confusion about how it worked there was also significant support.

OzGap2005 was also used successfully at many competitions last season. There was very little confusion about how it worked and generally its introduction received little interest.

It was decided to rollout FTV next season to the PG Ladders and the HG competitions.

The paragliding interim team selection ladder published immediately after Canungra Cup 2006 will not use FTV. The National Ladders and Team Selection Ladders next year will use FTV with a reject rate of 30% (keep best 70% of flights).

No AAA PG comps will use FTV

[NOTE: ENDA - I WOULD RECOMMEND USING FTV IN AAA COMPS AS WELL AS LADDER. THE LADDER WILL USE THE ROUND RESULTS BEFORE FTV, WHILE THE COMP AWARDS WILL BE BASED ON THE RESULTS AFTER FTV - TIM]

All PG comps to use OzGap2005 [to be confirmed by Goeff Wong]

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CIVL are wanting to see more results of the use of FTV in competitions.

The competitions committee are mandating that all AAA and AA hang gliding competitions use the same scoring system this season, being OzGap2005 and FTV rejecting the worst 20% of flights.

Action 06.13 Notify all AAA and AA sanctioned HG competitions of scoring requirements.

Action 06.14 Tim Cummings: to write mag article about FTV. Ideas for such an article include (a) What is FTV (b) How does FTV fit into national ladder (c) How do I improve my national ladder position (d) examples of a high scoring round and low scoring round from previous system with and without FTV.

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SUBCLASSES  
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The success of kingpost and floater subclasses in competitions was discussed. Kingpost hanggliders are not significantly easier to fly and are not attracting low skill pilots, only poorer pilots. Many B grade pilots are now flying topleless hang gliders. We decided to remove the compulsory nature of kingpost awards. B grade will not become a compulsory award. However, we will continue to provide a definition of B grade that can be used by comps when issuing awards, and it now includes pilots flying topleless hang gliders.

The floater subclass continues to be a useful encouragement class.

Action 06.15 Len Paton: to update references to Kingpost being a compulsory award now

being optional. B grade may now include pilots flying topless hang gliders.

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The competitions committee considered the implications of the emerging CEN certification system. It was considered that CEN was not mature enough to replace the DHV subclasses currently being used.

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HGFA WEB SITE  
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The PG have set up a new competitions mailing list. We are not sure why they are not using the existing HGFA mailing list. However, they need to publish details on how to join it on the HGFA Web site so that it can be considered an official mailing list.

Action 06.16 Tim Hewatt: to provide information to Michael Zupanc (mike@zupy.net)

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ELECTIONS OF COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE  
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There are procedures for electing cc members. Elections take place in the last AAA of season in alternate years HG in odd years, PG in even years.

Procedures are needed for replacement of retiring members. It was recommended that the CC can nominate a new member if it desires to replace a resigned member. The board may reject the nominee.

It was decided that all elected members are representing developmental and elite pilots. Hence we can remove references to developmental level and elite level reps.

It was decided that to keep costs down, extra reps would only be elected as deemed necessary by the HGFA board.

Motion 06.03 That the appropriate section (1.1) of the Competitions Manual state how CC members are elected.

Moved Len Paton Seconded TC Passed unanimously

Action 06.17 Craig Worth: change MPM to state that the CC are to be elected in accordance with the criteria in the CM

Action 06.18 Len Paton: to update the Comps manual to show the procedure for elections.

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PROTESTS AT PAST SEASON'S COMPETITIONS  
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Bernie Kelly's stopped task protest was discussed at length during the year. The issues were (a) can the comps manual take precedence over FAI section 7 in a cat 2 event. (b) are our rules in cm sufficient for comp directors wanting to stop a task.

The CIVL Section 7 states that in a Cat 2 competition, local rules must agree in principle in order to take precedence.

Motion 06. The competition c believe that the cm agrees in principle to all rules in Section 7 and hence will take precedence to Section 7 in all Cat 2 competitions.

Moved TC Seconded EM Passed without objection

Action 06.19 Len Paton: To include this statement in CM.

CM (v6.5) 3.12 states that organisers need to provide reasons in advance before stopping a task. The cm already states that a task may be stopped "only in an emergency resulting from hazardous weather or other conditions which could not be avoided by the pilots, and which would endanger their safety". The organiser should not have to provide any more information than this so the statement "Information on the reasons for, and provisions for cancellation or stopping the task, have to be stated in the local regulations and announced in the briefings." can be removed.

The statement "Some nominal amount of points may be awarded to pilots who do not present a satisfactory track log." can be removed because it doesn't mean anything. Scorers already know to score bombout points to those without a satisfactory track log at or previous to the stop time.

FAI Section 7a states that task stopping occurs 10 minutes before the task is stopped. It was decided that this statement be put in cm for HG and PG.

FAI Section 7b requires one pilot in goal. This is a rule currently being reviewed at CIVL after Australia is pushing to remove it on safety grounds. We need to put in statement that pilot not required in goal to stop a task to match the rule we propose to CIVL.

Action 06.20 Len Paton: to make these alterations to the CM.

Action 06.21 Len Paton: to provide a template of information needed to be provided by comp organisers in pilot handbook or on notice board prior to comp start

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Nikolai protested that FTV not stated clearly enough at beginning of the competition. No rules need to be changed. Competitions need to provide info regarding the scoring system used to competitors prior to the first round as stated in comps manual.

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The protest at the Hay worlds regarding placement of the goal paddock was revisited. Issues with goal paddocks were summarised as (a) wrong coordinates (b) no land owner permission (c) unsuitable for landing. Possibilities include moving goal back along course line.

Action 06.22 Craig Worth: COH to say "Organisers should check the suitability for landing paddocks before a competition uses it as a goal, where possible."

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CIVL MEETING - DELEGATE REPORT  
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Report was tabled.

South African's using FTV. CIVL will assess FTV after trials in SA and AU.

Proposal for changing stop task rule to eliminate need for one in goal was voted against 12-16 FAILED.

PG Team sizes proposed by Portugal was voted 18-10 FOR but it needed 2/3 majority.

Motion 06.04 We propose to CIVL that all countries nominate their scoring pilots for the teams event at the beginning of the competition to make the teams event fairer. All pilots will still be eligible for the individual event.  
Moved Enda Murphy Seconded Tim Cummings Passed unanimous

Action 06.23 Craig Worth: to suggest to CIVL

Motion 06.05 We propose to the board to nominate Steve Moyes for the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Diploma for his contribution to manufacturing and being the only pilot to have competed at every world championship  
Moved Craig Worth Seconded Tim Cummings

Action 06.24 Craig Worth: to action this motion.

Motion 06.06 That the competitions committee recommend to the board continue to provide the CIVL Delegate position to represent our interests at CIVL. Moved D Tim Cummings Seconded . Motion Accepted unanimously

Action 06.25 Chris Fogg: to pass this request to the board.

Motion 06.07 The CC to recommend to the board that the CIVL Delegate be appointed by the board and once appointed automatically becomes a member of the CC.

Action 06.26 Chris Fogg: to modify MPM to reflect this.

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MANILLA PG WORLDS 2007  
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Local rules (tabled) - CIVL said they looked OK but there could be some changes after pre worlds.

CIVL said that the stop task would not be changed and that it required one person in goal.

Preworlds were considered to be quite successful. Stewards Recommendations report was tabled. It appeared that there were no areas of major concern.

Godfrey's Contract - Chris Fogg is heading to Manilla in two weeks to finalise.

The competitions committee recommends the presence of the HGFA CIVL Delegate at the Manilla 2007 World Championships.

Action 06.27 Craig Worth: to attend the Manilla 2007 World Championships.

Godfrey's request for assistance - In the past the office has accepted registrations and entry fees in return for waiving Australian team entry fees. The operations manager has been on site to help with any accidents and dealings with CASA. Chris Fogg and Craig Worth will also be present during the competition. Chris Fogg will maintain an HGFA presence (tent, brochures, public liaison).

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NATIONAL TEAMS  
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Lisa Miller is representing Australia in The Women's Worlds HG.

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NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION  
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Motion 06.08 That the ladder will be based on all competitions completing during the 12 month period 1st July to 30 June.  
Moved Tim Cummings Seconded Len Paton Passed unanimously

Action 06.28 Len Paton: to make changes to CM

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It was noted that the intent of Motion 05.03 last year was not implemented precisely or completely in the Comps manual regarding paragliding team selection.

The original motion was

Motion 05.03: That the top pilots (2 male and 1 female) in the Team Selection Ladder be used to determine the PG National Team. All but one position is firm. The final male position is challengeable by any of the pilots with the right to apply (see 9.2.7) if they consider exceptional circumstances exist. The challenged pilot will be given a copy of any challenge and given the right to respond to any challenge. The team selection panel will determine the success of the challenge.  
Moved SD. Seconded B0. Passed unanimously

New wording proposed to be put in the manual:

The following paragraph from 9.2.2 that is in version 6.5 of the manual will be changed from:

"Team selection for class 3 competitions will be done on the basis of firm and non-firm positions. Pilots eligible for selection may challenge for any non-firm positions on the team. In exceptional circumstances the Selection Panel may consider a challenge for one of the team places on the basis that a Pilot has not been able to compete in an earlier season (or earlier part of the current season). This will only be for reasons that are strictly beyond their control (such as physical injury, not work or financial commitments) and the pilot must clearly be performing ahead of the other in the current season."

to:

"All but one of any other team positions are firm. The last position is challengeable by any of the pilots with the right to apply (See 9.2.6) if they consider exceptional circumstances exist. The challenged pilot will be given a copy of any challenge and given the right to respond to any challenge. The team selection panel will determine the success of the challenge."

Paragraph 9.2.3.2 "The number of firm positions ... this table is the the size of the team specified by the Competition Organiser." will be removed completely.

Action 06.29 Len Paton: to implement the above changes.

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Next PG World Championships are at Manilla 8 - 18 Aug 2007. An interim ladder will be produced immediately after Canungra Cup 2006 to allow team offers and selection to be made in time for team to organise themselves.

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Next HG World Championships are Big Springs Comp 8 - 18 Aug 2007. An interim ladder will be produced immediately after Dalby Big Air 2007 but prior to 8 May which ever comes first to allow team offers and selection to be made in time for team to organise themselves.

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NATIONAL TEAM SUPPORT  
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It would be good to continue support for the national team for world championships, but not necessary for pre world championships. Last year, national team members who had been funded to attend world championship entry fees were reminded that they had a mutual obligation to provide something back to the membership. Enda suggested that the offer letters should mention the mutual obligations to remind potential recipients.

Action 06.30 Chris Fogg: to ensure offer letters mention a pilot's mutual obligations to the HGFA if they receive entry fee funding.

Motion 06.09 Recommend to the HGFA Board that HGFA will provide automatic funding of entry fees up to \$1000 per pilot to the selected Australian Team competing at HG and PG FAI Cat 1 World Championships. The MPM will need to be modified to reflect this. Moved Len Paton Seconded Craig Worth Passed unanimously

Action 06.31 Chris Fogg: to pass recommendation to the board and if accepted update MPM.

The National Team will require a team leader. When team selection occurs the team should nominate a team leader.

Motion 06.10 The CC recommend to the board that the team leader's entry fee be

included in the the team entry fee normally supported by HGFA.  
Moved by Tim Cummings Seconded Chris Fogg Passed unanimously

Action 06.32 Chris Fogg:

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We should provide a uniform. Last year Chris Fogg checked with National Aero Club and AIS if there are any programs in place for producing team uniforms for national teams at international events, but there weren't. Recommend either HGFA apparel with embroidery "Australian National Paragliding Team 2007", or sponsorship by Rip Curl, Quicksilver.

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We discussed what roadblocks were preventing sporting sponsorship. Chris suggested that the lack of a National Team except for the short period of time leading up to the World championships was making it difficult to market to potential sponsors. This can be rectified by putting a definition into cm that the Australian team is the last selected team for the World Championship and will continue to be the team until the next team is selected. Preworlds are ignored because there is no formal team selection process.

Action 06.33 Len Paton: to insert definition into CM.

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SAFETY  
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Chris Fogg will be producing a disaster response plan for clubs. This plan can be used in the coh and obviates the need for action 05.03.

Action 06.34 Chris Fogg / Craig Worth: Include disaster response plan produced for clubs into Competition Organiser's Handbook.

Chris Fogg reported that a European standard now exists for airports helmets. We should use this standard in any recommendations made regarding helmets.

Action 06.35 Len Paton / Chris Fogg: to change the comps manual 3.5.6 to read. "All pilots must wear a helmet. The HGFA recommends helmets satisfy the European standard". The manual did refer to AS2063. Chris Fogg to provide the number of the new standard.

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EVENT MANAGER  
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There is support for the idea. British and PWC models use entry fees to pay (extra \$100 per entry). Most current competitions make a profit. However, this profit goes to the clubs and is generally the incentive for the volunteers to help run the competition. Most comp organisers are happy to continue doing the work themselves rather than collect extra fees to pay a professional. There are no spare funds from HGFA to pay for this position.

There are many functions that could be performed by this person leading up to and during the competition. Functions during competition include checking HGFA membership, advising interpretation of rules. Also assist club development in local comps. Person would have to be a member of comps committee.

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TRIKES  
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Nothing to report.

Action 06.36: The Weightshift Microlight members of HGFA should elect one of their

members so they are once again represented on CC.

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COMPETITIONS MANUAL UPDATES  
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Current PG launch order system penalises visiting pilots on the first day of competition where they are placed behind the first 50 Australians. To make the launch order fair we need to use a fairer pilot seeding than currently exists for Cat2 comps. An open window before the ordered launch can also provide an opportunity for pilots disadvantaged by their seeding.

To seed pilots the following procedure shall be used. All seeding is based on Australian national ladder position (AUS ranking) for the previous year. Foreign pilots are given an equivalent AUS ranking to determine their seeding. The lowest ranked Australian pilot who is ranked 10th or higher on the Australian ladder, is competing in this competition and is also on WPRS is used as the benchmark. The benchmark ratio of AUS ranking to WPRS ranking is the ratio applied to the WPRS ranking of all foreign pilots who don't have an AUS ranking to get their equivalent AUS ranking. If this equivalent AUS ranking is equal to an Australian's AUS ranking, they are seeded behind the Australian. Pilots without an AUS ranking or a WPRS ranking are seeded in order of payment of entry fee.

Motion 06.11 That the above seeding formula be incorporated in CM  
Moved Tim Cummings Seconded Enda Murphy Passed

Motion 06.12 We require a 30 minute open launch on first day of PG competition.  
Moved Enda Murphy Seconded Tim Cummings Passed unanimous

Action 06.37 Len Paton: Modify 3.15.14 regarding launch on first day and seeding (if motion passed). Remove date of entry as random method of seeding disallowed. (CM 3.15.14.1)

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The following typos and updates need to be made to CM. They are not mentioned elsewhere in these minutes.

Cross reference Comp manual to sanction application form in 3.2.2

Consistent point of contact  
Executive Director => General Manager  
Operations Manager => General Manager

6.3.4 Task => task

9.2.3.2 "2" is in italics

3.12 To include reference to 6.5.6.

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end of meeting